



CRAFT

Rain Gauge

[20 min]

Supplies

- “Rain Gauge Instructions” handout (download [here](#))
- empty 16-ounce water bottles (1 per child)
- scissors
- clear packing tape
- permanent markers
- rulers
- 12-inch dowels (1 per child)

Easy Prep

- Make a sample craft to show kids. Refer to the “Rain Gauge Instructions” handout for step-by-step photos.



Make a Rain Gauge

Show kids the sample craft you made. Give each child a water bottle. Set out the remaining supplies to share, and have kids follow the directions on the handout to make rain gauges.

- Cut off the top of the bottle, right below where it starts to curve.
- Turn the bottle top upside down, and push it into the bottle. Tape it in place so you don't have sharp edges exposed.
- Hold a ruler against the bottle, with one end of the ruler at the bottom of the bottle.
- Using a permanent marker, mark every inch all the way to the top of the bottle. Number the lines you made.
- You can also use permanent markers to decorate the bottle, including the point: We fight evil with faith. Also write some of God's promises such as "I'll always be with you," "I'll always love you," "I'll always forgive you," and "I have good plans for you." Just don't color so much that you won't be able to see the water level in your bottle.
- Put a dowel against the bottle so that about half of it extends below the bottle. You'll want the dowel on the opposite side of the bottle as your measurement lines.
- Using packing tape, wrap the bottle well so the dowel is securely attached.

Talk About It

Say: **After the flood was over, God made a promise to Noah. God said he would never again flood the whole earth at once.**

Ask: • **Explain whether you have faith in God's promise to Noah.**

• **What promises did you write on your bottle?** (It's okay if kids only wrote the suggested promises.)

• **How much do you trust those promises?**

Say: **Your rain gauge may get pretty full. It could even overflow! But you can have faith that no matter how much rain we get, God won't flood the whole earth again. Your rain gauge can remind you**

of that and other promises from God, and that you can have faith that God will always do what he says he'll do. When we believe in God's promises, we hold tight to our shield and we fight evil with faith.

Have kids take their rain gauges home and use the dowels to stick them into a garden, a pot, or a grassy area to measure rain. Kids can check the rain measurements and explain to their families how we can have faith in God's promises.