



# Maranatha Weekly Study Guide 10/21 – 10/27

Pick one or more ideas from this sheet to try this week! Or, create your own!

If anyone in your family needs a Bible, please contact the office,  
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**READ:** Genesis 9:8-17 - or -  
"Noah's Ark" on pages 26-33 of The Beginner's Bible



- Who made the colorful bow as a reminder of God's everlasting covenant?
- Who makes the covenant? Who will always remember His covenant?
- Do we need a covenant? If so, why?
- If God is on one side of the covenant, who is He connecting with through His Covenant?

**MEMORIZE:** James 1:19 - 20, "...Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, for man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires."

-OR SHORTEN - James 1:19, "...Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

**HAVE FUN!**

## **Option A: Tasty Science**

1. Gather as many foods of different colors as possible from what is easily available to you.
2. Arrange them around the top half of a round plate like a rainbow.
3. Challenge yourself to learn something new about the beauty of the rainbow.
  - a. Example: Try to memorize the order of the colors...hint: ROY - G - BIV
  - b. Question: What's the difference between the colors indigo and violet?
  - c. Got more time for the love of science? Try to create a rainbow.



## **Option B: A little listen game**

*How to play:*

1. Talk with friends or family around the dinner table or on a virtual online meeting
2. Take turns sharing their high-point/favorite thing and low-point/least favorite thing from the day or week.
3. Then go around again and each person retells someone else's high & low points expressing sympathy. Continue with each person sympathizing with someone who else until all has been retold.

*Rules:*

- Yes, you may use paper and write down notes while others are talking.
- No, don't tell other people what they should do, or think, or feel; no suggestions, opinions, or commentary.
- There is no right or wrong thing to share, just share whatever comes to mind.

## **Option C: Sniff out a promise**

- Look for the oldest book in your house and the newest book in your house and compare how they smell.
- Think of one of God's promises from the Bible in the Old Testament and one from the New Testament.
- Compare and contrast: How are God's promises the same or different in the Old and the New Testament?

## **APPLY IT: Thanksgiving for all seasons**

Write out, or speak out a prayer to God thanking him for His Covenant or one of His promises. Try to think of things God has done to stick to His promises even when we don't live out His ways.

### **Act it out: Bible verse drama**

*\*Start with a group hug\**

*(if with safe friends and family)*

**"Everyone should be..."**

*\*Point over and over, rapidly, at your ears\**

**"...quick to listen,"**

*\*Slowly point at your lips\**

**"...slow to speak,"**

*\*slowly put up your fists\**

**"...and slow to become angry."**

## **Life Enrichment**

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What part of today's lesson encouraged, challenged, or disturbed you? Why?

- What are some of the most common contracts in our society? What are contracts designed to accomplish?
- How are contracts and covenants different?
- What are some ways married couples and families relate to each other through contractual principles?
- How might viewing marriage and family as a covenant improve the ways we relate to each other on a day-to-day basis?
- What potential does covenant thinking hold for conflict resolution?
- Thinking back over your relational history, how would covenant principles prevented some of the heartache you've experienced?
- What are some ways you plan on implementing covenant principle this week?

**Text**

*Genesis 9:8-17, NIV*

**Covenant Versus Contract**

- What's the \_\_\_\_\_?

<b>A contract is...</b>	<b>A covenant is...</b>
... a common, legal document <b>regulated by the state.</b>	... a sacred, moral agreement <b>overseen by God.</b>
... based upon <b>mistrust</b> between two people.	... based upon <b>trust</b> between two people and God.
...written to create limited liability.	... accepted to embrace <b>unlimited responsibility.</b>
... embedded with " <b>opt out</b> " or termination clauses.	... intended to be <b>permanent.</b>
... <b>demand</b> s joy through mutual benefit.	... seeks joy through <b>mutual sacrifice</b>

- At its heart, a contract is a means of \_\_\_\_\_.
  
- A covenant is based on \_\_\_\_\_ intended to bring out the best in the other through mutual sacrifice.

## **Contractual Relationships**

- When we are hurt by others, it is natural to \_\_\_\_\_ (Prov 18:19).

## **Covenant Relationships**

- Covenant minded people view the conflict as an opportunity to \_\_\_\_\_ the relationship.
  
- Covenants thrive on \_\_\_\_\_.