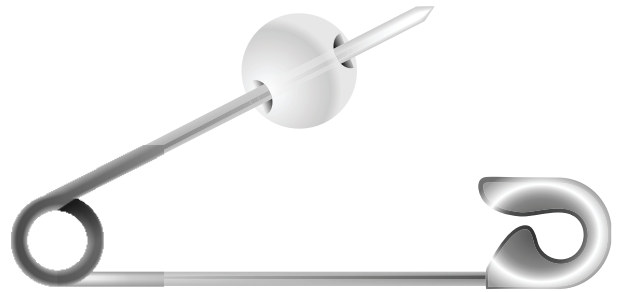


Materials Needed for Display:

- Mini Ziploc Bags
- Jumbo Safety Pins
- Multi-colored Beads (red, orange, yellow, green, blue and purple)

*** Place one jumbo safety pin and one of each color bead in a Ziploc bag - one for each child present. These can either be distributed at the end of the children's moment, or used as a craft project if the children leave for children's church or a similar activity following the children's moment.*



How many of you remember the story of Noah's Ark? In this story, the whole earth is flooded and Noah and his family save two of every animal. It sounds like it might have been a bit scary, but it has a happy ending with a promise from God that can be found in Genesis 9:12-17:

12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: **13** I have set my [rainbow] in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. **14** When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, **15** I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. **16** When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." **17** God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."
[Genesis 9:12-17 (NRSV)]

Have you all heard of Hurricane Harvey or Hurricane Irma? These hurricanes have caused floods that I'm sure are pretty scary for our neighbors impacted by the storm. So where does God's promise come in?

WE are God's promise! We're like the colors of the rainbow- each of us unique in the way we can help! We are called to be the hands and feet of God and that's what makes us the promise! Our church is going to be helping our neighbors in need due to Hurricane Harvey, and each of you is going to be given a packet with a safety pin and beads so can make your own rainbow pin like I'm wearing to remind yourself that you are God's promise and to pray for our neighbors in need!

Prayer: Loving God, we thank you for the promise you gave to us in showing us the rainbow. May we remember that we are called to be that promise- your hands and feet- especially when we see others in need. Amen.

