

## **I. Synopsis**

Throughout the Bible there is a scarlet thread woven in the fabric of truth. This scarlet thread is found in the form of God's promise to us to send One who will restore us to God as our Father. Before humanity was created, God the Son knew He would be the fulfillment of God the Father's promise. Throughout the season of Lent, we reach back thousands of years to explore God's promise.

## **II. Ice Breaker Question**

When you graduated from high school are you able to recall the dreams and aspirations that filled your mind?

## **III. Scripture: Genesis 9:1-17 (ESV)**

## **IV. Discussion Questions**

1. Often the Old and New Testaments are perceived as separate books that only share a binding. Why might this be the perception? How might this perception be confusing to someone who is exploring Christianity?
2. Noah and his family spent about a year on the ark. How do you think they may have felt as they exited the ark?
3. When you see a rainbow in the sky, what are your thoughts? When a new beginning occurs in the Bible, God makes a covenant, which is a binding agreement. The rainbow represents God's covenant with all of humanity. The Hebrew word for rainbow is "bow," symbolic of God hanging his battle weapon in the sky. It is a covenant of peace to bring comfort for all. What do you think Noah and his family thought whenever they saw the rainbow in the sky?
4. Jesus comes to bring us a new beginning. "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" (2 Corinthians 5:17, NIV) Is there a place in your life that is need of a new beginning? How might someone pray for you to take a next in trusting Jesus for a new beginning?