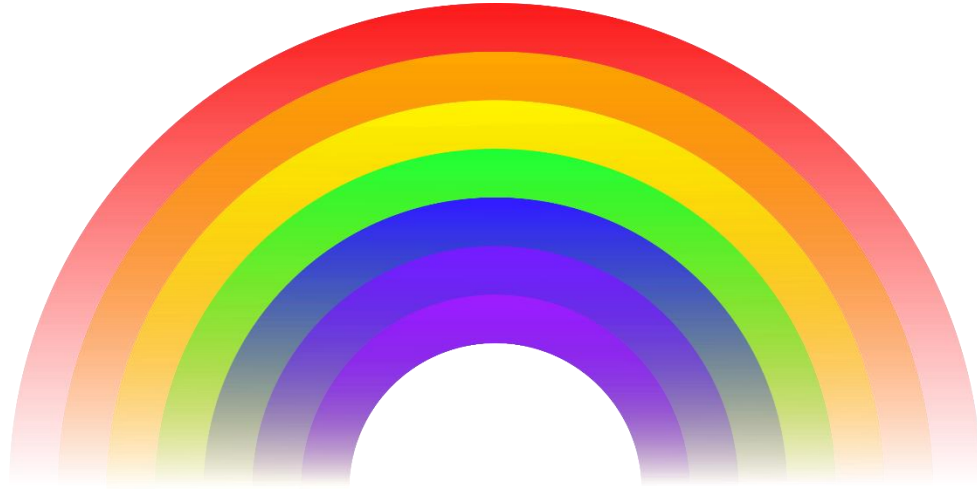


Rainbows of hope



While everyone has been stuck at home, many people have been creating rainbows and putting them in their windows so when people go for a walk or look out at the other windows in the street, they can see them. Rainbows are a symbol of hope as they often appear when the sun appears following heavy rainfall. But rainbows also have a special message in the Bible.

Do you know the first thing Noah did when he and his family came out of the ark? He gave a gift to God. He gave God some animals to thank God for saving his family from the great flood. In return, God promised Noah that he would never destroy the world again by a flood

Soon the land was all dry again and Noah and his family began a new life outside the ark. But later, when people got to hear about the great flood, they were afraid that it would happen again. So God gave something that would remind people of his promise never to flood the whole earth again. Do you know what he gave to remind them? You guessed it, it was a rainbow.

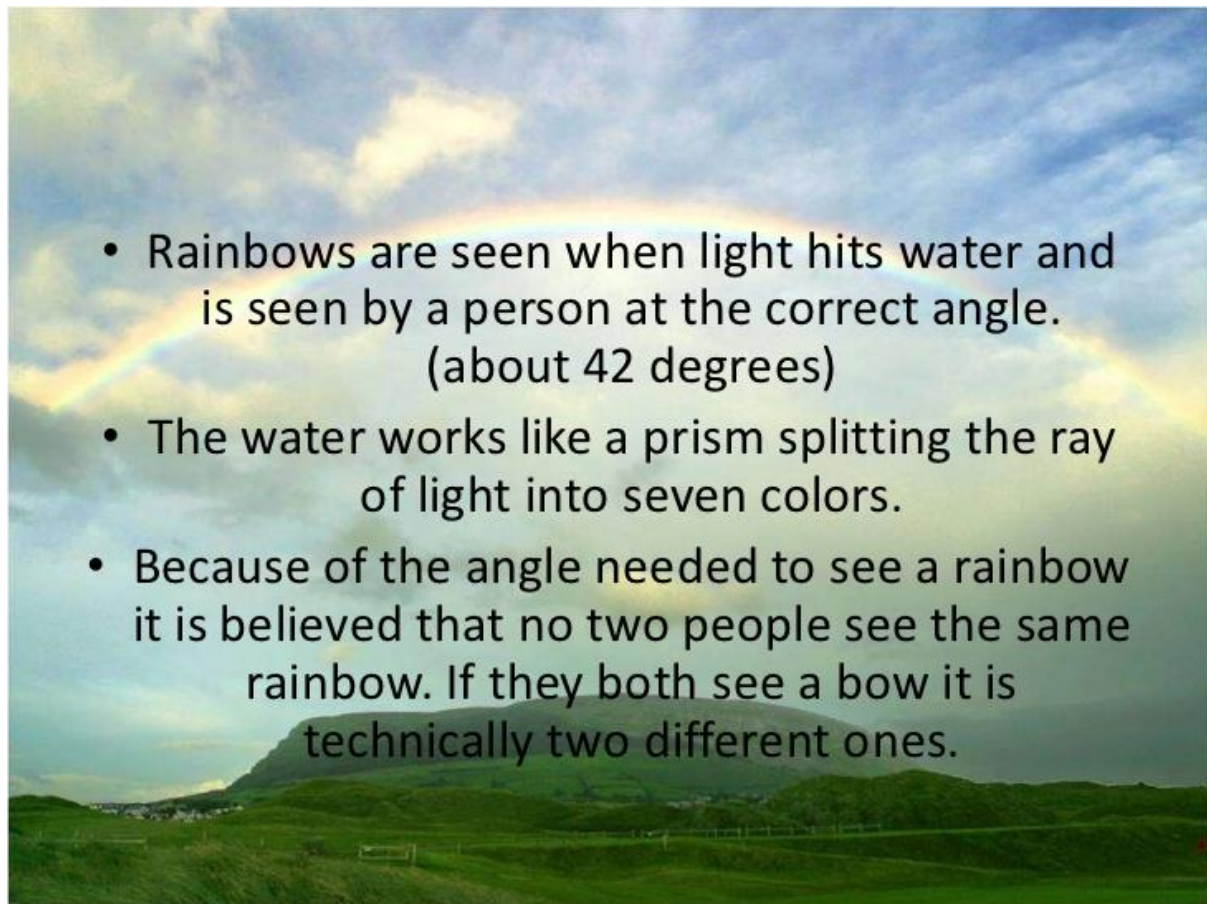
God said, "I am making an agreement between me and you and every living creature that is with you. It will continue from now on. This is the sign: I am putting my rainbow in the clouds. It is the sign of the agreement between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, a rainbow appears in the clouds, then I will remember my agreement. It is between me and you and every living thing." [Genesis 9:12-15]

Spend some time at home talking about promises. What promises do you think can people make to each other at this time?

If you haven't done one already maybe draw/paint a rainbow and stick it in your front window. Draw some smaller rainbows and write your hopes for your family, friends and the World on them.



Below are some rainbow facts. Can you use the internet or books to find out more and make your own factfile?



- Rainbows are seen when light hits water and is seen by a person at the correct angle. (about 42 degrees)
- The water works like a prism splitting the ray of light into seven colors.
- Because of the angle needed to see a rainbow it is believed that no two people see the same rainbow. If they both see a bow it is technically two different ones.