

The Rainbow: A Fulfillment of God's Promise

Sister of Knowledge (Drill Leader) goes to candidate, bows, escorts candidate to position directly in front of W.A. station.

SISTER OF KNOWLEDGE: Worthy Advisor, Sister _____ (*name*) _____ is interested in learning about the origin of the rainbow.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Let us tell you the story of Noah and the ark. Listen carefully to these lessons, my sister, and may they make a lasting impression upon you. The Lord saw that man had become very wicked and their minds and hearts were evil. God said to Noah, 'The end of all flesh is before me. I will destroy all living things on earth because of them; the earth is fulfilled with evil and violence.' So God instructed Noah to build an ark, and He said to Noah, "Come into the ark you and all who are with you. Seven days from now I will cause it to rain upon the earth for 40 days and 40 nights." Thus did God fulfill his purpose to destroy the world. The Sister of Knowledge will lead you to the East, causing you to face the West where you will heed the lessons of the bow, each representing a trait of Noah.

(Leaves east, travel to south, west, north marching lanes to position just past Faith's chair, turns south, marches to position directly in front of Altar facing west.)

WORTHY ADVISOR: (*1 rap of gavel*)

LOVE: (*Love stands, steps one step to her right, walks to Altar*) And it repented the Lord that he had made man on earth and it grieved him at his heart. In the eyes of the Lord, the world had become evil except for the love of Noah. Remember, my sister, in everything Love can be found. I give to you this red flower which represents the love found in Noah.

(Hands flower to candidate. Takes 1 step back on right foot, turns left and leaves Altar to the North, returning to her station entering on the left side of the chair. Applies to all seven Bow stations.)

WORTHY ADVISOR: (*2 raps of gavel*)

RELIGION: (*Religion stands, steps one step to her right, walks to Altar.*) Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord. Noah was just a man and perfect in his generations and Noah walked with God. Noah had placed the Lord in his heart. Remember, my sister, believe in the Lord and He will believe in you. I give to you this orange flower, which represents Noah's belief in God.

WORTHY ADVISOR: *(3 raps of gavel)*

NATURE: *(Nature stands, steps one step to her right, walks to Altar.)* God said, "of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shall thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee." The Lord believed that nature should continue for it was part of Him. Remember, my sister, love of nature is love of the Lord. I give to you this yellow flower, which represents the love that God has placed in nature.

WORTHY ADVISOR: *(4 raps of gavel)*

IMMORTALITY: *(Immortality stands, steps one step to her right, walks to Altar.)* "And they went into the ark, two by two of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life." The Lord saw evil, but yet he found good in life. Remember, my sister, for every evil there is good. I give to you this green flower which represents life eternal.

WORTHY ADVISOR: *(5 raps of gavel)*

FIDELITY: *(Fidelity stands, steps one step to her right, walks to Altar.)* God said, "With thee will establish my covenant." The gift of Fidelity was given to Noah by the Lord, for the rain stopped and the earth reappeared as promised. Remember, my sister, God never breaks a promise. I give to you this blue flower which represents God's promise to man.

WORTHY ADVISOR: *(6 raps of gavel)*

PATRIOTISM: *(Patriotism stands, steps one step to her right, walks to Altar.)* "And Noah began to plant a vineyard." The Lord gave the earth to Noah and Noah believed in it and would protect it always. Remember, my sister, freedom of the land is a reward of the Lord. I give to you this indigo flower, which represents man's love for the land.

WORTHY ADVISOR: *(7 raps of gavel)*

SERVICE: *(Service stands, steps one step to her right, walks to Altar.)* "Thus did Noah, according to all that God commanded him, so did he." Noah served the Lord therefore was rewarded. Remember, my sister, service is its own reward. I give to you this violet flower which represents the rewards found through service.

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister of Knowledge, you will conduct our sister behind the Altar where she will receive the lessons of the Dove, the Olive Leaf, the Earth, Understanding and Reward and Establishment.

SISTER OF KNOWLEDGE: *(Sister of Knowledge says her part while conducting our sister behind the Altar. Takes one step back, turn south (left) to marching lane, march west to position in front of Hope's station, turn right and enter Altar on west side.)* The heaven opened and the rain fell upon the earth 40 days and 40 nights. The waters swelled and lifted the ark above the earth. God remembered Noah and every living creature with him in the ark. God caused the wind to pass over the earth and to quiet the waters.

SISTER OF KNOWLEDGE: Our sister awaits at the altar.

(The line officers will form a line in front of the altar. Line officers stand together, Faith leads line of march. Faith leaves her station to the right, crosses the room to the south, then marches west, Hope steps into position behind Faith, goes to west, WAA steps in behind Hope, then north where Charity steps in line between WAA and Hope. Proceeds to position just past Faith's station, turns north and positions themselves in straight line in front of Altar facing west.)

FAITH: The station of Faith has been chosen to represent the Dove. The Dove represents the faith Noah had that God would keep his promise. But the Dove found no rest for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him into the ark. And again he sent forth the Dove out of the ark. The Dove came back in the evening and in her mouth was an olive leaf. So Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. Remember, my sister, have Faith in all that you do.

HOPE: The station of Hope has been chosen to represent the olive leaf, The olive leaf, brought by the Dove was hope to Noah that soon the water would subside from the earth, And it came to pass that the waters were dried up from off the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark and looked, and behold, the face of the ground was dry. Keep hope in your heart, and always remember that God is forever with you.

CHARITY: The station of Charity has been chosen to represent the Earth. For his troubles and service, Noah found his work worthy. For the storms and floods had passed, The Lord said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground anymore for man's sake, for the imagination of man's heart in evil from his youth. Remember, my sister, charity to the Lord, and all that is upon the earth can make the world a better place.

WAA: The station of Worthy Associate Adviser has been chosen to represent understanding and reward. Noah had undergone much strife and still was able to show faith, hope and charity to the Lord. Because of this, he was rewarded. Thus, he learned the true understanding of man's life and purpose on the earth.

Every moving thing that liveth shall be meant for you even as the green herb have I given you all things. Remember my, sister, through every trial and temptation comes understanding and reward.

(Line officers march to south, west, north, east - dropping off at their respective stations. When all are at their stations, they are seated together.)

WORTHY ADVISOR: Behold, I make my promise to you, and to your children after you, and to every living creature that is with you, and to every living beast of the earth. I promise that never again will all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood. This promise is a covenant which I make between myself and you and every creature that is with you. I set my rainbow in the cloud and this rainbow shall be a token of the covenant between me and the earth. Sons were born unto the sons of Noah after the flood, and they went forth and were the fathers of the nations of the earth. Sister Chaplain you will lead us in prayer.

CHAPLAIN: *(May be given from station in the East or in front of the Altar. If given in front of Altar, Chaplain descends dais, takes 2 side steps to her left, marches to position directly in front of Altar, gives prayer.)* We thank you for our Rainbow which is a symbol of God's trust and faith in Noah. May our love of God make us stronger every day. And may the lessons of the Rainbow go with us throughout our lives. We pray your strength and guidance be with every member of this assembly. This, we ask in the Master's name. Amen. “

ALL: Lord helps us to keep our Promise.

(Chaplain takes three steps back from Altar, turns marches East, takes 2 side steps left and ascends dais.)

WORTHY ADVISOR: *1 Rap of Gavel to seat Assembly*

WORTHY ADVISOR: Sister of Knowledge, you will now return our sister to her place in the assembly room.

(leaves Altar to the North, returns candidate to her place in the Assembly room)

SISTER OF KNOWLEDGE: *(when sister is seated).* Sister _____ *(name)* _____ you have received full knowledge in the meaning behind the Rainbow. Let this knowledge stay with you and help you throughout your life. Always remember its lessons and keep them close to your heart forever.

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