



PROMISES

OVERVIEW

What we are learning

Bible Story: God promises Abraham a son. - Genesis 15

Key Point: God keeps His promises perfectly.

Foundational Truth: God Is in Charge of Everything

NOTE TO PARENTS

How to use this resource: This resource is meant to be used throughout the week to help you consider God as a family. Start by asking the “Time” questions on the way home from church. Then do the “Open the Bible” section one night this week, spending 5–10 minutes opening the Bible as a family and answering the questions! Choose one fun activity from the “Moments” section to do together and tie it back to the Bible, God’s true Word. Lastly, pray the prayer prompt over your family before bed one night.

What are we studying this fall?

All children, ages three years old – 5th grade are studying the promises of God! God’s promises are like gifts, they are not earned or deserved.

Jesus Storybook Bible

Whenever the story we are teaching is included in *The Jesus Storybook Bible* by Sally Lloyd-Jones, we will let you know so you can read that story together as a family. If you need a JSB, let us know & we can provide you with a copy! This week, read “**Son of Laughter**” beginning on pg. 56.

TIME

Centering the home on God’s Word

PRESCHOOL

1. Who did God make a promise to? *Abraham*
2. What did God promise him? *A son*
3. Did God keep that promise? *Yes!*
4. What Foundational Truth did we learn today? *God Is in Charge of Everything*

ELEMENTARY

1. What is a promise? *A promise is when you give your word that you will do something.*
2. What did God promise Abraham? *God promised to be Abraham’s God — to bring him into relationship with Himself. God promised to give Abraham a son, even though he was an old man. God promised that Abraham would have a large family. God promised to give Abraham’s large family a particular land that would be their own.*
3. What word did you learn that describes how God keeps His promises? *Perfectly*
4. How is God’s perfect faithfulness different from our ability to keep promises perfectly?

FAMILY - Read Psalm 33:4 and 145:13 together.

1. What words in this passage do you not recognize or understand?
2. What words describe God’s words and works? Does this surprise you? Why or why not?
3. What examples from the Bible show us that God is faithful to keep His promises?
4. When has it been hard for you to trust God’s faithfulness?
5. As a family, how have we seen God’s faithfulness and kindness? How should we respond?
6. As a family, how can we help each other be confident that God always does what He says He will do?

MOMENTS

Proclaiming the truth as you go

- Get some water beads, put them in a bucket and let them grow! Then, depending on the age of your child, put the numbers “1, 2, 3 and 4” in the tub or find an object to represent “God, a son, family and land” in the bucket of water beads. Search for the items! Afterward, tell them that God made four promises to Abraham. God promised to give Abraham God Himself, a son, family (descendents) and land. God keeps His promises perfectly!
- This week, make your child a promise but don’t fulfill it right away. As they wait, ask them if they trust you to keep your promise and why. Keep your promise by the end of the week and talk together about God’s perfect faithfulness.

SERVE This week ask your kids how you can serve someone in the community! Getting them involved can help them to feel more excited and have more ownership over serving others! Have them make a promise to help in a particular way and you make a promise as well. Once you have served in the way they suggested, follow up. Did everyone keep their promise perfectly?

PRAY TOGETHER AS A FAMILY Praise God that He is faithful! Thank Him for keeping His promises perfectly. Confess that you cannot keep your promises perfectly and need God’s help. Ask Him to help you worship Him this week and to give you a greater love for Jesus.

MEMORY VERSE

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **Hebrews 11:1**