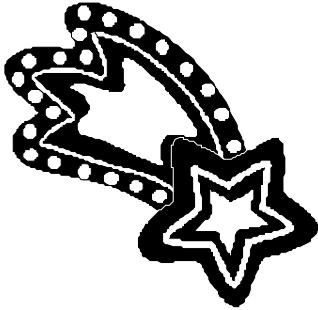


The Great Promises of The Bible



Teacher Introduction

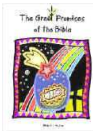
A promise is a vow or pledge of something one will do, or not do, something specified in the near or distant future. Throughout the Scriptures God has made hundreds of promises. For example, the Bible says, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength." (Isaiah 40:30), and "You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart." (Jeremiah 29:13). These are conditional promises, because they are dependent on the receiver's actions: Those who hope in God will have their strength renewed; and those who seek God with all their heart will find him. On the other hand, some of God's promises do not depend on the receiver's actions or responses. "God is love." (1 John 4:16) is a fact, but it is also a promise that God will treat the righteous and the unrighteous with fairness. "I will never leave you or forsake you." (Hebrews 13:5) is a fact, but it is also a promise concerning God's faithfulness to his children, and it does not depend on their response.

The seven great promises of the Bible covered in this series are the "big picture" covenant promises pertaining to God's redemptive history, beginning with the promises God made in the Garden of Eden and extending through to the promise of a new heaven and a new earth for God's people. Some of these great promises are conditional; however most you will discover, reflect the faithfulness of God to redeem his people despite their sinful waywardness.

Each lesson in this series is accompanied with a craft, game, memory verse and song-time suggestions. If you use both the craft and game for each session, it will take seven, two-hour sessions to complete this series. However, if you split each lesson into two sessions (recommended), whereby you present the lesson, memory verse, craft and songs in the first session and the game with lesson review, memory recitation and songs in the next session, it will take fourteen, one-hour sessions to complete this series. At the back of the book, you will find the patterns and memory verses to accompany the lessons.

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Sample Lesson Two: Rainbow Promises

Song Time (Sing one of the song time suggestions or choose from one of your own.)

Theme Memory Verse

"The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made." Psalm 145:13

After God, in his great mercy, sent Adam and Eve out of the Garden of Eden, they obeyed God's command to be fruitful and multiply by having many sons and daughters. One of those sons was named Seth. Seth also had many sons and daughters, and those sons and daughters had sons and daughters too. Eventually one of Adam's great, great, greeeat grandsons was born, and he was named Noah.

Read the story of Noah (Genesis chapters 6-9) from a child-friendly Bible or use the following condensed Bible story skit.

Skit: Mr. & Mrs. Noah

Actors: Narrator 1, Narrator 2, Noah, Mrs. Noah.

Props: Signs to identify actors (optional).

Direction: If possible, give your actors a few minutes before class to practice. Encourage them to "ham it up" when reading their lines. You might consider videotaping your skit and watch it during the lesson review.

Narrator 1: Many generations had come and gone since the time of Adam and Eve. And the LORD looked down on the earth and saw how wicked the people had become.

Narrator 2: Every thought was evil all the time.

Narrator 1: All the time?

Narrator 2: Yes, they were wicked, all the time.

Narrator 1: So the LORD said, "I will wipe these wicked people from the face of the earth--and all the creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air--for I am sorry I made them."

Narrator 2: But there was a righteous man named Noah who pleased God.

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Narrator 1: What does righteous mean?

Narrator 2: Doing what's right. Noah obeyed God.

Narrator 1: So God told Noah to build an ark.

Noah: Ok, I'll take it from here. God told me to build an ark.

Narrator 1: What's an ark?

Noah: A really, really, reeeally big boat.

Mrs. Noah: When I heard that God wanted my husband to build a really, really, reeeally big boat, I couldn't understand why, because we didn't even live near a lake or ocean!

Noah: That's true, but God told me to build it.

Mrs. Noah: And when God tells you to do something, you better do it.

Narrator 2: That is correct, madam!

Noah: God told me there was so much violence and wickedness on the earth that he was sorry he ever created people! In fact, he was so sorry that he decided to destroy the entire earth!

Mrs. Noah: So my Noah did what God told him to do.

Noah: First, God gave me a wonderful promise; he told me he would make an agreement with me and my family. He told me he would save us from being destroyed; and that's why I was supposed to build the ark!

Mrs. Noah: But we still couldn't quite figure out why we needed a boat!

Noah: Yes, that's true, but God told me exactly how to build the ark. And once I finished building it, God told me to bring two of every kind of animal into the ark, and food for us and the animals. He also told me to bring some extra animals for sacrificing.

Mrs. Noah: So Noah did exactly what God told him to do.

Noah: Then it happened. It started raining and God told us to get into the ark.

Mrs. Noah: So we did what God told us to do. Noah and I and our three sons and their wives got into the ark, along with all those animals, and then God shut the door.

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Noah: And the springs under the earth burst open, and the floodgates of heaven poured out. It came down like you've never seen it!

Mrs. Noah: It rained cats and dogs! No, just kidding. The cats and dogs were in the ark. It rained for 40 days and 40 nights until the entire earth was covered with water!

The rest of the skit is available with book purchase.

Discussion

- 1) The story of Noah has two important promises. Can you name them? (1. God would save Noah and his family from being destroyed. 2. God would never destroy the entire earth again with a flood.)
- 2) Why did God spare Noah and his family? (Noah was a righteous man. He obeyed God.)
- 3) What's another reason God spared Noah's life? (To keep his Garden Promise.)

Lesson Two Memory Verse: "...whoever trusts in the LORD is kept safe."
Proverbs 29:25

(Have children cut apart their Memory Verse Bracelet and attach to wrist to take home.)

Choose the following Craft or Yummy Devotion activity to accompany the lesson.

Craft: Rainbow Bracelet (Directions available with book purchase.)

Yummy Devotion: Rainbow Treat (Directions available with book purchase.)

Lesson Review & Questions (Available with book purchase.)

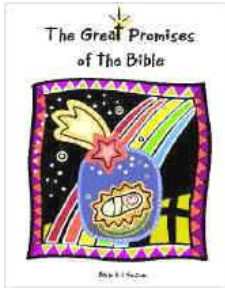
Game: Keep Em' In the Ark (Directions available with book purchase.)

Game: Two By Two (Directions available with book purchase.)



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