

January 9

In person for 3 & under
At home for 4 & up

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES (ISAIAH 9)

RECAP

Christ Connection

God keeps His promises. He remembered His promise to send a Rescuer and sent His Son, Jesus, into the world as a baby. Jesus grew up and provided salvation for sinners by dying on the cross and rising from the dead.

Big Picture Question:

Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.

Key Passage & Phrase:

God keeps His promises. Numbers 23:19

PRESCHOOL REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What did God do after sin entered the world? (*made a promise to send a Rescuer*)
2. Who were the people who received a message from God and then told it to the people? God sometimes spoke to His people through them. (*prophets*)
3. How did God keep His promise? (He sent His Son, Jesus into the world.)
4. What did Jesus do to rescue us? (died on the cross and rose from the dead)
5. **Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises.**

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **What does it mean to say Jesus is the Prince of Peace?** Guide kids to discuss the ways Jesus brings peace to earth. Help them think through Jesus' death and resurrection to bring peace between God and people. Point out the way Christians are empowered to love one another despite any social, cultural, ethnic, or economic differences. Jesus unites all kinds of people to God and one another in peace.
2. **How have you experienced God's faithfulness?** Guide kids to think about the ways God has come through for them or your family. Encourage them to think about the ways God has kept different promises from Scripture, such as the promise to give us joy when we trust Him or the promise to be with us always. Help them think about the ways God provides for their needs, just as Jesus said He would.
3. **What are some reasons you might struggle to trust God's faithfulness?** Allow the kids to offer suggestions of times they have trouble trusting God. Be prepared with examples from your own life. Talk about God's timing; explain that waiting thousands of years for God to fulfill a promise can be difficult. Remind the kids that many people lived and died waiting for Jesus to come the first time, but they had faith in God—they knew He would someday keep His promise, even if they didn't know when. Jesus' promise to return may not happen in our lifetime, but we still have faith that God's timing is perfect.

THE GOSPEL PROJECT @HOME

FAMILY WORSHIP

Consider doing this during a designated time each week or before/after a meal together:

Read all or parts of Isaiah 9 from the Bible, talk about the scripture, pray and do the fun activity or family serve project this week.

In 1969, the Baltimore Colts were highly favored to win Super Bowl III over the New York Jets. Even though his team was the underdog, Jets quarterback Joe Namath guaranteed that his team would win the Super Bowl. It was a bold promise to make, but the Jets did in fact defeat the Colts by a score of 16-7. Joe Namath became famously known as Broadway Joe—the quarterback who made a guarantee and then delivered.

As we read the Bible, we see that God is a promise maker. Even in the garden where Adam and Eve chose to sin and ruined their relationship with their Creator, God guaranteed that a Rescuer would come to battle the serpent and ultimately defeat sin.

Throughout the Old Testament, God continued to remind His people about the promise of a Savior. The prophet Isaiah spoke about a Messiah to be born of a virgin and a king coming from the family of David. Isaiah spoke of how the Messiah would suffer, but also how his suffering would bring peace. For those waiting on a Messiah, Isaiah was giving hope that God would soon deliver on His promise.

Hundreds of years later, Jesus was born of a virgin, born into the family of David, and suffered on the cross to bring peace between God and all who believe. Jesus was the fulfillment of all Isaiah's prophecies, and He is the fulfillment of God's promise to send a rescuer. Not only is God a promise maker, but He is also a promise keeper. When God makes a guarantee, we can always trust that He will deliver.

God keeps His promises. He remembered His promise to send a Rescuer and sent His Son, Jesus, into the world as a baby. Jesus grew up and provided salvation for sinners by dying on the cross and rising from the dead.

***Pray:** God, You are faithful in everything. We can trust You because You always do what You say You will do. We praise You for sending Jesus as Savior and as the fulfillment of Your greatest promise.*

FAMILY PRAYER

Mornings

Praise God for His faithfulness. God will always keep His promises. He cannot lie, so we know He will always do what He said He would do. How does God's faithfulness help your faith to grow?

Evenings

Thank God for sending Jesus as the answer to His greatest promise. God has kept His first and greatest promise. How does this help you to trust Him more? there any limit to God's power? How does God's power give us confidence to ask Him for what we need?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

For Fun

Purchase a small step stool from a hardware store and gather a variety of art supplies. As a family, read Psalm 145:13 and 2 Corinthians 1:20. Discuss how God is faithful in everything He says and does. Remind your kids that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's greatest promise. Use the art supplies to write these verses on the step stool. Remind your kids that we can always stand on the promises of God because they will never fail.

Supplies: small step stool, art supplies

To Serve

Invite a widow or elderly couple into your home for dinner. Help your kids think of ways to make them feel like honored guests. After dinner, ask your guests to share how they have seen God's faithfulness in their lives. Consider writing their stories in a notebook to give to your guests as a reminder of God's faithfulness and to help them continue sharing their stories with others.

Supplies: notebook