

»»» COMMUNITY KIDS «««

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES

Isaiah 9



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- **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?

»»» MAIN IDEAS:

CHRIST CONNECTION

THIS IS THE BIG IDEA OF HOW THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY
POINTS TO JESUS:

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.

>>> CONTINUE THE STORY AT HOME

EXODUS 13-15

Dear Families,

God's faithfulness is present throughout the Bible, but the theme is prominent in the Book of Exodus. God is consistent and unchanging. **Even when the Israelites are faithless, God is faithful.** The Israelites regularly celebrated God's miraculous acts like the Passover and the parting of the Red Sea to remember that God keeps His promises.

As you read and teach from the Old Testament, keep in mind this point on the horizon: God's keeping His ultimate promise to send a Rescuer to deliver His people from sin. God spoke to His people through the prophets to remind them of His good plan.

When would the promised One come? How would He come? Would God's people recognize Him? The prophet Isaiah—who lived hundreds of years before Jesus was born—brought a message of hope to God's people.

Isaiah spoke specifically of the Messiah's birth: "The virgin will conceive, have a son, and name him Immanuel" (Isa. 7:14). He described the birth of a "Prince of Peace"—a Son of David who will reign forever. (Isa. 9:6-7) Isaiah said that He would be a King! (Isa. 11:1-5)

Jesus fulfilled God's promises spoken by the prophet Isaiah. He is the child who came into the world. He is the Wonderful Counselor who leads us with wisdom. He is the Mighty God who fights for and protects us. He is the Eternal Father who loves us. He is the Prince of Peace who brings us into a right relationship with God.

Isaiah's prophecies from God did not speak just to the people of his time; they also speak to us. Hundreds of years before it happened, Isaiah told of how Jesus would be born and how He would suffer and die to take away the sins of His people.

We respond to God's faithfulness with trust, remembering His past miraculous acts and looking forward to the day when King Jesus will come back and rule forever. **Jesus is the promised Messiah. He makes all of God's promises come true.**

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.

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.



UNIT MEMORY VERSE:

God is not a man, that he
might lie, or a son of man,
that he might change his
mind. Does he speak and not
act, or promise and not
fulfill?

Numbers 23:19