

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025 – GRADE 1-5

WONDER TRUTH: God Keeps His Promises

SCRIPTURE: Genesis 18; 21

GOD'S BIG STORY: Messengers from God tell Abraham that Sarah will have a son that year, and she does, for God keeps His promises!

WORD OF WONDER: Before you created the whole world and the mountains were made, from the beginning to the end you are God. —Psalm 90:2

- During the week, look over the lesson plan. Ensure you are familiar with the Bible story, the main theme of the lesson, and what we want the kids to take away this Sunday.

DID YOU KNOW?

WHO?

Abraham was chosen by God as the man through whom He would bless the world. God appeared to Abraham through three messengers to assure him that within the next year, Sarah would deliver a son, Isaac, as He had promised.

WHAT?

Genesis 3:15 reveals that God had a plan for redemption. Through the covenant with Abraham, God would carry out this plan. Through the appearance to Abraham of the men at Mamre, God assured Abraham that he would indeed have a son through Sarah.

WHERE?

Abraham was still living “near the great trees of Mamre” (Genesis 18:1) when he was visited by the Lord through three messengers. This was where Abraham chose to live when he was called by God to Canaan and where he built an altar to the Lord.

WHEN?

The Lord appeared to Abraham through the three messengers approximately 24 years after God had promised Abraham a son. Abraham was 100 years old, and Sarah was 90 when she gave birth to Isaac.

CONNECTING TO GOD'S BIG STORY

God made a covenant with Abraham to build a nation through which He would send a redeemer. Despite Abraham and Sarah's age, God kept His promise, and Sarah gave birth to Isaac. The long list of Isaac's descendants would one day include Jesus—the Redeemer!

LEADER GUIDE

☐ Kid City Meeting (9:15/11:15)

☐ Classroom Team Meeting (9:30 AM / 11:30 AM)

- If you are the lead teacher for that Sunday, please ensure that all tasks are assigned. You can find the job descriptions on your cart when you arrive.
- If you are the helper for the Sunday, please choose one or two volunteer tasks to assist with. We are a team, and it is important that everyone shares the load to ensure things run smoothly.

REMINDERS: When you're not engaged in one of your assigned roles for that morning, please assist in the following areas:

- Sit with the kids and help them engage in the lesson.
- Pay attention to the room:
 - Is the teacher having trouble getting the kids' attention?
Help by sitting with a child who might be disrupting the group.
 - Is the teacher giving out prizes?
Assist by taking the kids aside and helping them choose their prize.
 - Are there any children struggling to sit and participate in the lesson?
Help by guiding them to the calm corner and offering support. Ensure the child feels seen and heard, and check if there is an unmet need.
 - Is a child misbehaving or being disrespectful?
Use a "Fair," "Firm," and "Friendly" voice to remind them of the expectations. If the behaviour escalates and intervention is needed, notify the parents or let the Ministry Lead know so everyone can decide the next course of action.

9:30 AM / 11:30 AM – ATTENDANCE

- One volunteer at the door. Be sure to look over the job description for this task. (Attached to the cart)

9:30 AM / 11:30 AM – WELCOME AND RULES

- One volunteer to do the welcome and rules. Look over the job description for this task. (Attached to the cart)
- Consider putting this question on the whiteboard when the kids walk in.



9:35 AM / 11:35 AM – BIBLE STORY INTRO & VIDEO

At your start time ...

Gather everyone together and let them know you're glad they came to church today. Call on several kids to share their answers to the Welcome Question: **What makes you laugh?**

Today, we're going to hear a true story about a promise God made. It was so unbelievable that someone laughed when she heard it!

I'm curious ...

- When something is funny, we laugh. Are there are other reasons for laughter?
- Have you ever heard something that sounded too good to be true? Tell about it.

There are many reasons people laugh. Sometimes we laugh because something is funny, and sometimes we laugh when we hear something that sounds too amazing to be true!

That's what happened to Sarah in today's part of God's big story. She learned that when God makes a promise, He always keeps it, even if it sounds laughable! Today's Wonder Truth is **GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES**.



Before we watch our video for today, let's say our declaration together. Remember, a declaration is when we say something out loud to God that we really believe or want to stand strong in. It's kind of like:

- Telling the truth about who God is ("God, You are always with me!")
- Reminding ourselves of what God says in the Bible ("I am never alone because You are with me.")

Leader Tip: For *Older Kids*. Have them read it together with you.

Thank You, God, that You are good! (Kids repeat.)

You made me on purpose, for a purpose! (Kids repeat.)

And I am Your Kid (Kids repeat.)

You know me, love me, and lead me. (Kids repeat.)

God, nothing is too hard for You. (Kids repeat.)

Thank You for always keeping Your promises (Kids repeat.)

My life can tell of Your wonder! (Kids repeat.)

Invite kids to turn to Genesis 18 in their Bibles. Explain that the word *Genesis* means "the beginning" and is the very first book in the Bible. **Let's start by reading part of God's big story directly from the Bible. Afterward, we will watch and experience more of the story!**

There are multiple ways for kids to engage with the Bible through the God's Big Story Videos in this series:

1. Use the [Early Childhood Video](#) to help teach elementary kids the Bible story.
2. Show the [Elementary Video](#) to reinforce the Bible story with preteens after they have read the lesson's Scripture passage and/or participated in the Experience It! Script.

Our Wonder Truth today is GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES. Where did you see our Wonder Truth in action in the story? Allow kids to answer freely.



God promised to give Abraham more children than there were stars in the sky and to bless the whole world through Abraham's family. Even though Abraham and Sarah were very old, God kept His promise, and Sarah gave birth to Isaac. Eventually, Isaac had children, and his children had children, and so on until Abraham's family was huge! One of Isaac's descendants—or future relatives—was Jesus, the Saviour of the world!

What amazed you most about this part of God's big story? Be prepared to get your group started by sharing your answer. If needed, prompt kids by listing examples amazing facts from this story. (For example, the messengers knew Sarah's name.)

If you could ask God one question about this story, what would it be? Give the kids a chance to reflect and respond. If time allows, challenge kids to imagine how God would answer.

9:50 AM / 11:50 AM – WORD OF WONDER

Write the Word of Wonder on the White Board. **The Word of Wonder (memory verse) for this month is Psalm 90:2 Today we learned that God kept His promise to Abraham and keeps all His promises! Let's praise God by saying our Word of Wonder together.**

Display the Word of Wonder Slide or watch the Elementary Word of Wonder Video. Then read Psalm 90:2 several times together.

9:55 AM / 11:55 AM – SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

DISCOVER GOD'S WORD

Help the Kids Find the Verse & Read it together: **GENESIS 18:1-2, 10-12, GENESIS 21:1-6**



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- What did God promise Abraham and Sarah? *(They would have a big family.)*
- Who visited Abraham under some large oak trees? *(three men who were messengers from God)*
- God told Abraham through one of the messengers that Sarah would have a baby. How did Sarah respond when she heard this? *(She laughed.)*
- What name did Sarah and Abraham give to their baby? What does the name mean? *(Isaac, which means “laughter”)*
- Do you think anything is too hard for God to do? Why or why not?
- If you were promised a gift but had to wait a very long time for it, how would you feel while you waited?

God loves you more than you can imagine. Even though we won't always understand exactly what God is doing, we can be certain that God loves us and always keeps His promises. Let's take some time to talk to God in prayer.

GRADE 3–5

- What were the three parts to the promise God gave to Abraham? *(Abraham and Sarah would have a big family, their family would be given a new land, and their family would have an important role in restoring the world.)*
- Why did Sarah think it would be difficult for God to keep His promise? *(Abraham and Sarah were already very old and didn't have any children.)*
- God told Abraham through a messenger that Sarah would have a baby. How did Sarah respond when she heard this? *(She laughed.)*
- What name did Sarah and Abraham give to their baby? What does the name mean? *(Isaac, which means “laughter”)*
- Have you ever made a promise to someone and not been able to keep it? What prevented you from keeping it? Would these reasons prevent God from keeping a promise?
- Abraham and Sarah learned that God keeps His promises, even when it seems impossible by human standards. What kind of promises would be impossible for people to keep but are not impossible for God?

Think about a promise that someone made to you, or maybe you made to someone else that couldn't be kept. Unfulfilled promises can be disappointing. However, God is not like us. He will always keep His promises and never leave us disappointed. Let's spend some time in prayer talking to God and thanking Him for His promises.



Make It Inclusive: Some kids in your ministry may have experienced profound disappointment because of unkept promises made by adults in their lives. Some may even be experiencing abuse or neglect. Be sensitive to all kids, assuring them of God's love and creating a space where they feel seen and loved. If a child confides in you about any possible abuse, invite your ministry leader into the conversation.

9:55 AM / 11:55 AM – SMALL GROUP PRAYER TIME

SUPPLIES: note cards (1 per kid), writing utensils (1 per kid)

Remind kids that God always hears their prayers and loves when they talk with Him! Hand out note cards and writing utensils, and invite kids to write or draw a prayer request or a praise on their card along with their name. If kids are comfortable sharing, have them exchange cards with a friend. If they're not comfortable sharing, have them hold onto their own cards. Together, take turns praying aloud for the requests and praises on the cards. Then invite kids to take their friend's note card home as a reminder to pray for her all week.

Leader Tip: Consider allowing a child to pray for the group, or you could ask everyone to say something. Use the following example prayer or consider using your own words.

Example Prayer: **God, thank You for loving us so much! Help us to hear Your Word with our ears and understand it with our hearts. Thank You for always keeping Your promises! In Jesus' name, Amen.**

10:00 AM / 12:05 PM – ACTIVITY TIME

ACTIVITY 1: PROMISES POSTER

SUPPLIES: posterboard or butcher paper, black marker (prep only), masking or painter's tape, colouring utensils, kid-safe scissors, glue sticks, Bibles (optional) **Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Promises Poster Slide, Promises Sheet (1 per kid), [God's Family Elementary Spotify playlist](#)

Ahead of time, print a copy of the Promises Sheet for each kid. Across the top of a posterboard or large sheet of butcher paper, write “God Keeps His Promises!” with a black marker. Leave plenty of space below it for kids to glue promises from the Promises Sheet. If your group is very large, consider preparing an extra large sheet of butcher paper or multiple sheets of posterboard. Tape the posterboard or butcher paper to the wall where kids can reach it.



Gather kids. **Today in God’s big story, God made a promise to Abraham and Sarah. God promised a big family—as numerous as the stars in the sky. God gave the promise of a family many years before Sarah gave birth to Isaac.**

- **How do you think Abraham and Sarah may have felt when they still didn’t have any children and were getting very old?** Allow kids to share openly.
- **Do you ever feel sad or discouraged?** Invite kids to share their stories.

Even though Abraham and Sarah were very old, and it might have seemed impossible for them to have a family, God still kept His promise! Even though they may have felt sad and discouraged, God still kept His promise! God has given all of us promises in the Bible, and we too can be confident that He will keep every single one because God keeps His promises!

Hand out a Promises Sheet to each kid and set out coloring utensils and kid- safe scissors. Place the glue sticks near the posterboard or butcher paper. Read through the five promises on the sheet with the kids.

Here they are for your reference:

God will hear our prayers. (See Proverbs 15:29.)

God will forgive us. (See 1 John 1:9.)

God will always be with us and will never leave us. (See Deuteronomy 31:8.)

God will give us everything we need. (See Philippians 4:19.)

God will always love me. (See Psalm 86:15.)



Encourage kids to choose one or more of their favourite promises from the sheet to colour and decorate. As kids work, play music from the [God’s Family Elementary Spotify playlist](#). Once kids finish decorating their favourite promises, show them the poster on the wall with the Wonder Truth written at the top: God Keeps His Promises! Invite kids to cut out their favourite promises and glue them to the poster. Be available to help younger kids and those with fine motor challenges cut out their promises. If time allows, encourage kids to look up the Bible verse that their favourite promise is based on.

When all the kids have glued their favourite promises to the poster, gather everyone together and stand next to the poster. **Wow! Look at all these amazing promises from God! Read a few of the**



promises from the poster. Whenever we are discouraged or sad or doubt that God is with us, we can remember these promises, and we can remember that God keeps His promises! Let's thank Him now for keeping His promises.

Invite kids to repeat each line of the following prayer after you:

- **God, You are an amazing, promise-keeping God!** Pause for kids to repeat.
- **Thank You for seeing and hearing me.** Pause for kids to repeat.
- **Thank You for loving me and forgiving me.** Pause for kids to repeat.
- **Thank You for being with me and caring for my needs.** Pause for kids to repeat.
- **Thank You for keeping Your promises!** Pause for kids to repeat.
- **In Jesus' name, Amen.** Pause for kids to repeat.

Leader Tip: Keep the Promises Poster up throughout the God's Family series as a reminder to kids that God keeps His promises.

ACTIVITY TWO: PROMISES BAGS

SUPPLIES: Bibles (1 per kid), paper lunch bags (1 per kid), coloring utensils, note cards (5–6 per kid), assortment of stickers (optional) **Wonder Ink RESOURCES:** Promise Bags Slide, Promises Bible Verses Slide, [God's Family Elementary Spotify playlist](#)

Gather kids in a circle. **Today in God's big story, God made a promise to Abraham and Sarah. God promised a big family—as numerous as the stars in the sky. God gave the promise of a family many years before Sarah gave birth to Isaac.**





- Do you think that Abraham and Sarah ever felt sad, discouraged, or like God had forgotten about them while they were waiting on God's promise to be fulfilled? Explain.
- What do you think Sarah and Abraham might have done to stay encouraged and not give up on God's promise?

Give each kid a paper bag. At the center of the circle (or in the front of the room if kids aren't in a circle), place colouring utensils and stickers, if available. **Let's make Promise Bags to help us remember that God keeps His promises. To start, let's write our names on the back of our paper bags and then decorate our bags with designs and pictures that remind us that God loves us and is always faithful.** Encourage kids to have fun while decorating and to talk with each other about promises God made in the Bible and in their lives. Play music from the [God's Family Elementary Spotify playlist](#) as kids work.

Leader Tip: Participate with the kids by making your own Promise Bag. As you create, explain to the kids the different ways you will remember God always keeps His promises. It's OK to admit to kids that sometimes adults have doubts as well, and that's why we all need reminders.

After a couple of minutes, invite kids to hold up their bags. **Wow, what beautiful bags! Now, let's write or draw pictures and words to put in our bags that will help us remember God always keeps His promises.** Give each kid 5–6 note cards or set a pile of cards in the center of the circle (or front of the room) along with Bibles. Invite kids to think about promises God has already answered in their lives or in the lives of people in the Bible.

On each note card, they can draw or write a promise from God, a praise to God, a scene or person from a Bible story, or a Bible verse. Display the Promises Bible Verses Slide and invite three kids to each read one of the verses aloud for the group. Kids can copy any or all of those verses onto their cards or choose other favourite verses from the Bible. Again, play music from the [God's Family Elementary Spotify playlist](#) as kids work.

After several minutes, encourage kids to place their note cards into their Promise Bags. **Let's take our Promise Bags home and set them somewhere we will see often. Then next time you are worried or upset, reach into your Promise Bag and pull out the pictures and encouraging words inside. Let them remind you of what God has already done and build your faith in what He is going to do. God always keeps His promises.**



10:15 AM / 12:15 PM – FREE TIME / PICK UP

- One volunteer per responsibility. Look over the job description for this task. (Attached to the cart)

CLEANING CHECKLIST

- Kids' Supply Bins: Ensure all used bins and supplies are neatly put away.
- Tables & Chairs: Clean and reset the tables and chairs.
- Floors: Vacuum if necessary (vacuum located in Kid City tech booth).



- Green Carts: Return any extra supplies, attendance records, and nametags to Kid City in the green carts.

VIDEO & MUSIC RESOURCES:

[Elementary Word of Wonder Video.](#)



[God's Family Elementary Spotify playlist](#)



[Early Childhood Video](#)



[Elementary Video](#)

