

LESSON 10 SNAPSHOT

BOTTOM LINE:

Jesus was God's fulfillment of the promises He made to us!

OBJECTIVE:

Kids will learn "I can trust God because He keeps His promises."

KEY PASSAGE:

Luke 24:1-35, God's Promises

MEMORY VERSE:

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SUMMARY:

After Jesus' resurrection from the dead, He made a few appearances to His disciples. One of them was on the road to Emmaus. The disciples were talking about Jesus and they did not recognize Him. He asked what they were talking about. Then Jesus explained the events in scripture and how Jesus was the fulfillment of the prophecy. It wasn't until later that they realized it was Jesus who was speaking to them.

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for always keeping your promises and for sending Jesus to give us eternal life!

In Jesus' name,
Amen

MEMORY VERSE

“My goal is that their hearts may be encouraged and strengthened. I want them to be joined together in love. Then their understanding will be rich and complete. They will know the mystery of God. That mystery is Christ. All the treasures of wisdom and knowledge are hidden in him.” Colossians 2:2-3 (NIRV)

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“I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God’s mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Colossians 2:2-3 (NLT)

“That their hearts might be comforted, being knit together in love, and unto all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ; In whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.” Colossians 2:2-3 (KJV)

LARGE GROUP:

Put the memory verse on the big screen. Read it to the kids. Say, “I hope that you have been encouraged and strengthened by coming to church and learning about Jesus and all He has done for you.” Ask kids to stand and hold hands. Then say, “When we join together in love, we can learn so much together at church.” Ask volunteers to raise their hands and share one mystery about God that they have learned in this series. Give them a few reminders to get them started about logs in their eye, pigs and pearls, hand washing, being less grown up, annoying their way to victory by praying, thunder buddies, the rock, nap time with Jesus on the boat, and gnats and camels.

SMALL GROUP:

Give each kid a Bible and the verse reference. Go around in a circle and ask kids to read one word at a time. Continue with each kid reading one word in order until you get to the end of the memory passage. When they are done reading, ask “Was there a word that stood out to you? What does that word mean? What mystery could God be revealing to you about that word? What promise is in this text?”

SKIT

Okay, That's Funny!

ITEMS NEEDED:

Slideshow with pictures of: Rainforest, Desert, Artic, Pine Forest, Meadow, and Mountains

CHARACTERS:

Scott
Bill

CHARACTER BREAKDOWN:

Wilderness expert – Scott
Wilderness expert – Bill

Begin with Scott and Bill standing center stage.

SCOTT: Welcome to our last wilderness class! I'm Scott.

BILL: And I'm Bill. It has been so great having you all.

SCOTT: We hope you've had fun and learned some things too.

BILL: Today is all about exploration.

SCOTT: That's right. The never-ending journey of finding new territory to explore.

BILL: The great thing about God's creation is that there are so many different wonderful places to see.

SCOTT: Caves, beaches, prairies...

BILL: Ocean reefs, rocky plains, savannas.

(The slideshow of pictures turns on and the pictures go as they talk...)

SCOTT: Here are a few places that might be fun to explore.

BILL: The rainforest has beautiful trees, flowers, giant butterflies and beetles, monkeys, toucans, and more!

SCOTT: The desert has sand, cactus, lizards, snacks, and armadillos.

SKIT

BILL: The arctic has snow, ice, penguins, polar bears, and walrus.

SCOTT: The pine forest has deer, beavers, black bears, chipmunks, raspberry bushes, and beautiful pines.

BILL: The meadow has wildflowers, tall grasses, groundhogs, rabbits, bluebirds, and caterpillars.

SCOTT: And the mountains have trees, rocks, mountain goats, eagles, and beautiful views.

BILL: All this to say, there is a whole world out there to explore. So many different kinds of places to see.

SCOTT: As you travel from place to place and check out this wonderful world, think about how God has created it all.

BILL: Each plant, each animal, you, and me.

SCOTT: The waters, the lands, the stars, and the whole universe.

BILL: God created us and he loves us. He has made many promises to us and He always keeps His promise.

SCOTT: One promise God made was to never flood the whole earth again after Noah's ark. And he has kept that promise to us.

BILL: So, as you look around and appreciate the beautiful creation God has made, we can be grateful for all He has given us.

SCOTT: And we can get out there and explore it and enjoy it! He made this world for you and me!

BILL: Thanks for joining us. I can't wait to hear about what adventures you have around this beautiful world.

SCOTT: Bill and I are off on an adventure to the bamboo forests in Asia! Goodbye!

BILL: I hope we get to see a red panda! Goodbye!
End Scene

OBJECT LESSON

ITEMS NEEDED:

Bag of Chips

Hey guys! What's up? I'm off to a picnic. My friend is having a few of us over this afternoon and she asked me to bring chips. So, I've got my chips here. I kept my promise. I wouldn't want to say that I was bringing chips and then not come through for her. After all, she is counting on me to bring chips. She will have other food there, but if people want to be able to eat chips at this picnic, I need to bring them.

What promises have you made? We do our best to keep our promises to one another, but sometimes, unfortunately, we break our promises. We say that we are going to do something, and then we don't. We mean well, but something comes up and plans change. Promises are made so that we follow through. In the Bible, it says to be careful about making promises. We should only promise to do something if we are sure we will be able to do it. Otherwise, we should not promise. It's best not to promise, but to say, "if God wills it". This means, if it works out it is because God's hand was on it. If it didn't work out, it was because God had a different plan. Sometimes it's better to say, "I'll try" instead of "I promise". This way we aren't hurting one another with empty promises that we can't keep.

Even though we aren't always good at keeping our promises, there is someone who is. God! God is perfect. He always keeps His promises. If he says that He will do something, He will. We can trust God because He always does what He says He will do. If you are having a hard time trusting God and knowing that you are safe in His hands, remember that God is not human. He does not make mistakes. He is steadfast and never changing. He can be relied on. We make the mistake of looking at God like we do other people and thinking that He will fail us. But God does not have the same character as people. He has a perfect, loving, faithful character.

Next time you read or hear God's word and a promise that He has made to you, you can take that promise to heart. It is not another empty promise that a person could break. It is a covenant with you and He will follow through. **WE CAN TRUST GOD BECAUSE HE ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES.** Well, I better get going! I don't want to break my promise and not take these chips to the picnic! See you later!

LARGE GROUP GAME

Trust Fall

ITEMS NEEDED:

N/A

INSTRUCTIONS:

Have kids pair up. Let them know that they will be doing a trust fall. This means that they will need to trust one another and they will need to be trustworthy. They need to do their best to take this seriously. Tell each pair to decide who will fall first. Then instruct them to criss cross their arms over their chest and stand up straight. Their partner's job will be to stand directly behind them only about half of a foot away. Then when you tell them to go, they will lean back and fall into their partner's arms. Their partner will need to put their hands up to be ready to catch them. Before you say go, walk around and check to make sure partners are standing close enough so they can catch them as they fall. The closer the better so there is no risk. Once you say go and they fall into their partner's arms, tell the kids to switch places and go through the same instructions again.

Gather kids in a large group and do some follow-up questions. Ask, "What was it like to be the one falling? What was it like to be the one catching? Which one made you feel more nervous? Why is it important to trust before you fall? What can happen if you don't trust? Why is it important to be trustworthy? What can happen if you aren't paying attention?"

VARIATIONS:

N/A

WHAT'S THE POINT?

God is trustworthy and always keeps His promises. We can do our best to trust one another and be trustworthy, but sometimes we make mistakes. When it comes to God, He never makes mistakes. We can count on Him!

LARGE GROUP LESSON

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INTRO:

What's going on?! I hope everybody is doing well today. Have you heard any funny jokes lately? Knock Knock! (Who's there?) Noah. (Noah who?) I keep knocking, but to NOAH Vail. Knock Knock! (Who's there?) Cain. (Cain who?) Cain I come in? It's cold out here!

You might have recognized the name Noah and the name Cain from the Bible. Speaking of Noah, we were talking about Him earlier because God made a promise to Noah to never flood the entire earth again. He sent a rainbow in the clouds as a reminder of His promise. Have you ever seen a rainbow? They are beautiful. And so are God's promises. They are especially beautiful because His promises always come true.

Today we are going to talk about a promise that God made a very long time ago. It was a prophecy that came true. It spoke of how Adam and Eve's offspring would crush the head of the serpent, Satan, how Jesus would save us from our sin and death. And God kept that promise. Jesus came to the earth and did everything the prophets said He would. Everything that God promised us! Let's read about it.

READ LUKE 24:1-35

MAIN POINT:

A lot happened in this story. Let's unpack it. First, the women found Jesus' tomb empty. Then angels appeared to them and told them that Jesus had risen from the dead. They told the disciples but they did not believe them. Later that day two of the disciples were walking on the road to Emmaus and Jesus came walking over. They did not recognize Him. They talked about what happened to Jesus, and Jesus asked what they were talking about.

Okay, that's funny. Everybody was talking about Jesus dying on the cross. They wondered how he could not know what they were talking about. It was the topic of conversation around everyone's table. It was the sad news that everyone was discussing. These disciples couldn't believe he didn't know what they were talking about. Well, the funny thing was, he did. Not only did he know, but HE WAS JESUS.

Jesus went on to explain history and how the prophets had said Jesus would be the Messiah, the son of God. They invited Him back to their house and when he broke the bread

LARGE GROUP LESSON

and gave thanks to God, they recognized Him and realized He was Jesus. Wow! Jesus had been with them. He had risen from the dead. He had defeated sin and death on the cross and had come back to tell them about it!

What a surprise and how funny that interaction must have been. To go from a man they didn't recognize, a man that didn't seem to know what they were discussing, to a man who gave them the full history of the Bible, the prophets, and then revealed Himself as Jesus the one who had come to save them from their sins.

DRIVE IT HOME:

The main point is...God had made these promises through the prophets. He foretold everything that would happen. Many details were described in Isaiah about what Jesus would do. Even though God promised, and told us what would happen, and it was in the Bible, most people did not understand it until it happened. When God promised to send a spotless lamb to save us from our sins, He did what He promised He'd do. He sent his son Jesus to save us from our sins so we could be reunited with God in heaven.

Whatever God says He will do, He does. **WE CAN TRUST GOD BECAUSE HE KEEPS HIS PROMISES. JESUS IS GOD'S FULFILLMENT OF THE PROMISES HE MADE TO US!** We can read the Old Testament and see that everything God did led to His son Jesus coming to the earth. He had a plan all along. The plan started way back in the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve sinned. He made a promise that Adam and Eve's offspring would crush the head of Satan. Jesus did. He defeated Satan.

This is why we can trust God. Because He has had a plan to save us all along. Even though there were consequences for our sins, He loved us so much that He sent His son to die for us. Let's say this together, "I CAN TRUST GOD BECAUSE HE KEEPS HIS PROMISES." I CAN TRUST GOD BECAUSE HE KEEPS HIS PROMISES! I'm so glad that he kept his promise and sent us Jesus. And we can be sure that the promise of heaven is secure when we accept Jesus into our hearts.

CLOSE WITH A SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for always keeping your promises and for sending Jesus to give us eternal life!

In Jesus' name,
Amen

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION K-2ND

ICEBREAKER:

Would you rather someone promise you a day trip to a theme park or a day trip to the beach?

MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY:

Colossians 2:2-3

Give each kid a Bible and the verse reference. Go around in a circle and ask kids to read one word at a time. Continue with each kid reading one word in order until you get to the end of the memory passage. When they are done reading, ask “Was there a word that stood out to you? What does that word mean? What mystery could God be revealing to you about that word? What promise is in this text?”

SMALL GROUP GAME/ACTIVITY:

Play the “What Things Game”. Say, “Jesus said, “What things?” when the disciples were talking about the things that happened to Jesus. Today we are going to play the “What things” game. I’ll say a few things, and you tell me what I’m talking about. The things will be clues that lead you to a story we learned about in the past several weeks. I’ll say the things and you remind me what story I’m talking about!”

1. Sin, judging, eyeball, splinter, log – Parable about getting the log out of your eye instead of judging others for their sin.
2. Words, listen, pigs, pearls – Parable about not wasting words on people who won’t listen
3. Widow, judge, asking, persisting, praying, faith, not giving up – We don’t annoy God with our prayers he wants us to keep praying and asking.
4. Thunder, lightning, punishment, mercy, forgiveness, brothers – John and James learned to have mercy and not wish punishment on others.
5. Nap time, pillow, blanket, boat, storm, anxiety, afraid, peace – Jesus was calm in the storm and taught the disciples to remember to not fear because God is with them.
6. Camel, gnat, majors, minors, big deal, little deal – The parable about keeping the main thing the main thing and not making a big deal about things that don’t matter. Focusing on God’s main law to love God and to love others as you love yourself.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Read Luke 24:1-35

What is a prophecy?

Does God keep His promises? What is an example?

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION K-2ND

How does knowing this help us to trust God now and in the future?

SIMPLE PRAYER:

Dear God,

Thank you for loving us and for always taking care of us. Help us to trust you and let go of our fear because we know you will keep your promises.

In Jesus' name,
Amen

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION 3RD-5TH

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6. Thunder, lightning, punishment, mercy, forgiveness, brothers – John and James learned to have mercy and not wish punishment on others.
7. Emotional, impulsive, lacking faith, new name, the rock, faith – Simon became Peter and his relationship with Jesus changed him to have great faith.
8. Nap time, pillow, blanket, boat, storm, anxiety, afraid, peace – Jesus was calm in the storm and taught the disciples to remember to not fear because God is with them.
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What is God's promise to us about heaven and the future?

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In Jesus' name,
Amen

POWERPOINT REVIEW GAME

Jesus asked the disciples what things they were talking about because He did not know about them.

FALSE

Jesus rose from the dead, conquering sin and death for us on the cross.

TRUE

God had promised long ago that these things would take place through prophets.

TRUE

Sometimes when God promises something, it does not happen.

FALSE

God is trustworthy and good. He is a promise keeper.

TRUE

MAKE IT STICK

OKAY, THAT'S FUNNY LESSON 10

5 SIMPLE WAYS
YOU CAN MAKE
THIS LESSON STICK
WITH YOUR KIDS

THIS WEEK'S LESSON

5 Simple Ways to Make This Week's Lesson Stick



IN THE CAR:

Is Jesus a fulfillment of prophecy? Yes! He is proof that God keeps his promises. All through scripture, there is promise of a savior and then Jesus came and saved us from our sin and death. We can trust God with our future because He is a promise keeper. Luke 24:1-35, God's Promises



HANGING OUT:

Make this week's lesson real:

Ask your kid to read Isaiah 53 with you and see if anything sounds familiar about the story of Jesus.

Ask your kid how this prophecy came true and point to God's promises coming true.



AT DINNER:

Here are some great discussion starters:

What did Jesus explain to the disciples on the road to Emmaus?

Why do you think it is hard to understand prophecies before they come true?

Now that God's promise of Jesus has happened, what hope does that give us for our future?



AT BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this week's memory verse:

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PARENT TIME:

When we talk about God's promises, it helps us to see how much God loves us and looks after us. Encourage your child by writing down some of God's promises in scripture and putting post-its up for them to see around the house. It's important to remind ourselves of God's truth!

Examples of promises from God:

Deut. 31:8 - God is always with us

Isaiah 41:10 - God helps us

1 John 1:9 - God forgives us when we confess our sin

2 Thessalonians 3:3 - God protects us

TAKE HOME

Supplies: White Paper, markers, glitter, and glue

Give each kid a piece of paper. Ask them to draw a rainbow in the clouds or the stars and moon in the night sky. Encourage them to add glitter to make their scene sparkle.

Say, “This rainbow represents the promise God made to Noah all those years ago, to not flood the whole earth. He also made a promise to Abraham that as many stars are in the sky, that is how many descendants in his family there would be. We have another promise of heaven now. That there will be no more crying or pain and heaven will be a place to be with God and there will be no more sin. When you look up at the sky, at the stars, at the rainbows, at the clouds, you can remember God’s promise that if you have Jesus in your heart and follow Him, heaven is your future! You don’t have to fear when You have Jesus in your heart. God keeps his promises. He always has and He always will!”