

Unit 4, Session 4
BIG TRUTH SESSION
God Keeps His Promises (Isaiah 9)



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.

Check out *The Gospel Project At Home* for resources designed to help you lead a family worship experience as well as suggestions for morning and evening prayer times and family activities.

FAMILY TALKING POINTS

CHRIST CONNECTION

This is the big idea of how this week's Bible story points to Jesus.

- **Babies & Toddlers:** God keeps His promises. He sent His Son, Jesus.
- **Younger Preschool:** God keeps His promises. God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world as a baby. Jesus saves sinners.
- **Older Preschool:** God keeps His promises. God promised to send a Rescuer, so He sent His Son, Jesus, into the world as a baby. Jesus saves sinners. He died on the cross and rose from the dead to rescue us.
- **Kids:** 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 & ANSWER

This is an important biblical truth that your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- **Younger Preschool:** Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises.
- **Older Preschool:** Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises.
- **Kids:** Does God keep His promises? Yes, God always keeps His promises because He is faithful.

KEY PASSAGE

This is a Bible verse that relates to what your child will encounter each week of this unit.

- **Babies & Toddlers:** God keeps His promises. — Numbers 23:19
- **Younger Preschool:** God keeps His promises. — Numbers 23:19
- **Older Preschool:** God is not a man, that he might lie ... Does he speak and not act, or promise and not fulfill? — Numbers 23:19
- **Kids:** 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

** **Next week:** God Provided Manna (Exodus 16–17)