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FOR THE LEADER

WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT:

We can depend on God's promises.

THINK ABOUT IT:

- What is a promise?
- When you make a promise, can people depend on you?
- What are some of God's promises to us?



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None

• Notes •

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READ

Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. 2 Peter 1:4

Has anyone ever made a promise to you and then broken it? How did that make you feel? Were you disappointed? Angry? Confused? Have you ever broken a promise? How do you think that made the other person feel? Did it cause an argument? Most of us have broken promises or had a promise made to us broken.

Sometimes promises are broken by choice, while others are broken as a result of circumstances outside of our control. For example, imagine that you promised your girlfriend to be at her volleyball game. While your parents were driving you there, the car ran out of gas which prevented you from getting there before the end of her match. In a case like this, you would have been forced to break your promise because of circumstances outside of your control. Sometimes people break promises because they simply change their mind. Some promises are intended to be kept, but something else comes along that seems more fun or interesting and the promise is broken for the sake of having more fun.

Regardless of how the promise is broken, someone is forced to live with disappointment. Wouldn't it be great if we could find a way to never break promises? How much happier would people be if everyone kept their word so that no one ever had to worry about being let down or disappointed? Fortunately for us, God never breaks His promises. No matter the situation or scenario, when God makes a promise, you can trust that He will keep His word. Every promise that God makes is always kept.

The Bible is filled with God's promises to us. God promised that when we believe on Jesus and confess Him as Lord that He will save us. No matter what you've done wrong or what kind of life you've lived before you met Jesus, God's promise of salvation stands firm. If you've accepted Jesus as your Savior, your salvation is a promise from God that you can count on. God has also promised that anyone who is saved will spend eternity with Him. We don't need to be afraid of death because we are promised eternal life with God after death.

God also promised that He will hear us when we pray. No matter where you are or what is going on in your life, every time that you say a prayer to God it goes straight to Him. The fact that the Holy Spirit is always with us demonstrates God's commitment to His promises. His presence is with you every day, no matter where you go or what you are doing. He is with you and is there to guide you and help you when you call.

All these promises from God, and many more, are trustworthy and will be kept. While people may mess up and break their promises, we serve a God who loves us so much that He is faithful to keep His promises.

PRAYER: God, thank You that I can always trust Your promises. You gave me the promise of salvation and the assurance that You will always be with me. I know that I can trust those promises because they are from You. Please help me to follow Your example and keep my promises to other people. In Jesus' name. Amen.



REFLECT

Along with your group, stand in a circle and turn to face right. Make sure that the circle is tight and that there is very little space between. Then as a group, try to sit down on the lap of the person behind you. If it works, everyone will be supported by the lap of the person behind them, and the whole group will be supporting each other.

To sit like this, the person you are depending on must be trustworthy. Trusting other people can be hard sometimes, but trusting God is easy because He never fails us. When we fall with God, He is always there to help us.



RESPOND

Learn and say 2 Peter 1:4 to your parent, guardian, or Rangers leader.

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- READING Tuesday ·
- PLAN Wednesday ·
- Thursday ·
- Friday ·
- Saturday ·

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