



**"FOR NO MATTER HOW MANY PROMISES GOD HAS MADE, THEY ARE 'YES' IN CHRIST."
2 CORINTHIANS 1:20**

Theme: Promises

Do you get excited when someone makes a promise to you?

What if I made you a promise? What if I said I would come to your house. On Wednesday. I would be wearing a white t-shirt and jeans. I would be holding a gift. The gift would be wrapped in blue paper with a yellow ribbon and a tag on the gift that said, "For You."

Would you look forward to that Wednesday coming? I bet you would. God makes lots of promises to us in the Bible. He always keeps his promises. Always!

At the beginning of time God told us this about one of his best promises:

He would send a savior.

He would be born in Bethlehem.

He would be born of a virgin (have an earthly mother and a heavenly father).

He would spend time in Egypt.

Can you imagine! God said all these things about the savior he would send hundreds of years before the savior was born. That's incredible. No one can predict the future. But God knows all. And he promised us this would happen. And it did.

God knew we would need a savior. He knew we would need someone to offer us forgiveness from our sins. And he did this from love. He wasn't mad at us. He didn't judge us. Out of love he sent his son, Jesus, to earth. At just the right time. The exact time he promised.

Because God fulfilled his promise in sending Jesus, we know he can be trusted with all the other promises he makes to us too.

Family Questions: Ask your children what a promise is and get them to think about why we make promises. Talk to them about how the birth of Jesus proves to us God always keeps the promises he makes.

Family Activity: Go around the room and have each person make just one simple promise to someone else in the room. Promise to give a smile, a hug or pray for someone. Then keep your promise.