



Faithful to All His Promises Overview for Parents



The promises of God are precious. They give us hope when circumstances are difficult, comfort in sorrow, strength when we feel weak, and encouragement when our faith threatens to falter. They are precious and powerful, because behind these promises is the all-powerful, all-knowing, faithful, patient, gracious, unchanging, sovereign Ruler of the universe. God Almighty backs up every one of His promises. He is watching to see that His Word is performed (Jeremiah 1:12).

This year, your child will have the privilege of studying God's precious promises as presented in the curriculum, *Faithful to All His Promises*. Although many specific promises are taught, the greater aim is to lead children to trust in the promises of God. The battle in the Christian life is not just to know God's promises, but to *place confidence* in them.

To that end, we will be “simulating” a faith experience for your child, and modeling for your child the nature of a trustworthy promise giver. Each child has been promised an item decorated with the words, “God Always Keeps His Promises.” However, all of the children will not be receiving this promised item at the same time. Some will wait a few weeks, others a few months—just as we often have to wait a long time for the fulfillment of some of the promises of God. The order of distribution will be random, but those who wait longer

may need to be encouraged to keep trusting in the promise of their teacher. The point of this exercise is to keep trusting, even when it's hard, even when it takes a long time, and even when things don't appear fair.

These are the kinds of “real life” situations our children will face as they grow up—sometimes things are hard, difficult situations last a long time, and life does not seem fair. Our children will face many difficulties as they grow up. Some may even face tragedy and overwhelming problems of various kinds. What will carry them through these situations victoriously is an unshakable faith in the Almighty God who works all things for good for His children (Romans 8:32).

Faith grows by trusting in the promises of God in spite of seemingly impossible odds, and seeing God watch over His Word to perform it (Jeremiah 1:12). As children see a God who is not only almighty to see that His promises are fulfilled, but also faithful to His Word, they will learn that God is who He claims He is.

We pray that in the midst of difficulties, fears, and discomfort, you will lead your child to the promises of God and encourage your child to trust in the God who makes such promises. Our God is worthy to be trusted! May God bless you as you nurture the faith of your child.

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. ⁵You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. ⁶And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. ⁷You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. —Deuteronomy 6:4-7

How are the Growing in Faith Together Pages used?

Each week you will receive a Growing in Faith Together Page corresponding to the lesson. In addition to familiarizing you with the lesson content, this page can be used to help your child respond to the truth taught in class. Putting the living Word of God into practice in everyday life encourages your child to be a “doer” of the Word and not a “hearer” only, and shows God and His Word can be trusted.

Encourage your child to interact with truth and consider its implications in everyday life by talking about the simple discussion questions. Pray that truth and faith will dwell in your child’s heart. Work together on the weekly exercise to encourage response. Help your child memorize the weekly verse and hide God’s Word in his or her heart.

These pages need not be completed in a single sitting. Use the discussion questions as part of your everyday routine. Take the whole week to reinforce and apply the lesson your child learned in class.

Your serious and diligent treatment of these faith-nurturing opportunities will encourage your child to take God’s Word seriously and see God as part of all of life, not just the church experience. May God grant you the grace to walk in His ways as you encourage the faith of your child.

MAIN IDEAS, SCRIPTURE REFERENCES, AND LESSON SUMMARY

This information helps you understand what your child is learning and gives you the opportunity to ask God to make the truth relevant in your own life. The lesson summary ends with suggestions for prayer.

We look forward to partnering with you this year so the next generation may put their trust in God. If we may be of help to you in any way, just let us know.

MEMORY VERSE

We encourage you and your family to join your child in memorizing a Scripture passage each week. Memorizing Scripture is of vital importance in spiritual growth. When the Word is memorized, it is an ever-present counselor and an effective weapon against attacks of the enemy. If you help your child memorize verses at this age, he or she will have hundreds of verses learned by the end of adolescence, an amazing storehouse of truth to access throughout life! May God equip you to cultivate a lifelong habit of Bible memorization in your child.

AS YOU WALK BY THE WAY

These exercises are designed to help you interact with your child about the truths learned in class and study them at a deeper level. Scripture texts and questions are provided to guide your discussion. When answers to these questions seem helpful, they are provided in [brackets] following the questions. Discussing spiritual truth with your young child will encourage an openness to discuss deep faith issues when he or she is older. It is our prayer that this exercise will help you develop a lifetime habit of talking openly with your child about spiritual matters.

ACTIVITY

Each lesson includes activities designed to help with retention and application of the truth learned in the lesson. Although teachers and parents cannot create saving faith in a child (this is the work of the Holy Spirit), we can challenge and encourage a child to rightly respond to biblical truth in his or her own life.



Scope and Sequence

Lesson 1: Promises

Memory Verse: Psalm 145:9

The Bible contains many promises; some are for all people and some are for particular people.

Lesson 2: Promises to Believers

Memory Verse: John 1:12

God has made promises that are only for His children.

Lesson 3: Promises to Unbelievers

Memory Verse: Psalm 1:6

God promises eternal punishment to unbelievers.

Lesson 4: God Always Keeps His Promises

Memory Verse: Numbers 23:19

God ALWAYS keeps His promises; God's character shows that He can be trusted to keep His promises.

Lesson 5: Conditional Promises

Memory Verse: Jeremiah 7:23

Some of God's promises make a requirement of the promise receiver for their fulfillment.

Lesson 6: Promise: Salvation for All Who Call

Memory Verse: Acts 2:21b

God will not turn away anyone who comes to Him.

Lesson 7: Promise: God Will Forgive You

Memory Verse: 1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, God will forgive us.

Lesson 8: Promise: God Will Be With You

Memory Verse: Joshua 1:9

God promises to be with His children wherever they go.

Lesson 9: Promise: Nothing Can Separate You from God's Love

Memory Verses: Romans 8:38-39

God loves believers even when they sin; God will love His people forever because He is faithful.

Lesson 10: Promise: God Will Complete His Work in You

Memory Verse: Philippians 1:6b

God will complete His work in a believer's life, bringing him to maturity.

Lesson 11: Promise: You Will Bear Fruit

Memory Verse: John 15:5

God promises that His followers will bear fruit.

Lesson 12: Promise: God Hears Your Prayers

Memory Verse: Psalm 34:15

God hears the prayers of the righteous and always answers those prayers.

Lesson 13: Promise: The Lord Will Guide You

Memory Verses: Proverbs 3:5-6

God will guide His children; our greatest happiness comes from following God.

Lesson 14: Promise: God Will Provide for Your Needs

Memory Verse: Philippians 4:19

God will provide for all your needs.

Lesson 15: Promise: God Will Not Withhold Any Good Thing

Memory Verse: Psalm 84:11

God will not withhold anything from you that is good for you.

Lesson 16: Promise: God Will Fight for You

Memory Verse: Psalm 46:1

God is our helper; He will fight for us.

Lesson 17: Promise: God is Slow to Anger

Memory Verse: Psalm 86:15

God is slow to anger and patient with His children.

Lesson 18: Promise: God Will Give You Strength

Memory Verse: 2 Chronicles 16:9a

God will give strength to those who trust in Him.

Lesson 19: Promise: Though You Stumble, You Will Not Fall

Memory Verses: Psalm 37:23-24

God sustains the righteous, upholding them with His hand.

Lesson 20: Promise: God Will Discipline You

Memory Verses: Proverbs 3:11-12

God disciplines those He loves.

- Lesson 21: Promise: God Plans Good for You** *Memory Verse: Jeremiah 29:11*
 God's plans for you are to do you good.
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- Lesson 22: Promise: God Will Be With You in the Hard Times** *Memory Verse: Isaiah 43:2a*
 God allows His children to go through hard times because He loves them and wants their faith to grow.
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- Lesson 23: Promise: God Will Not Bring Any Unnecessary Suffering into Your Life** *Memory Verses: Lamentations 3:32-33*
 God does not delight in our difficulties; He brings only necessary suffering into our lives.
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- Lesson 24: Promise: If You Remain Steadfast Under Trial, You Will Be Rewarded** *Memory Verse: James 1:12*
 God will reward steadfast faith.
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- Lesson 25: Promise: The Lord Will Keep You from Harm** *Memory Verse: 2 Timothy 4:18*
 God is your protection from the assaults against your body, mind, and soul.
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- Lesson 26: Promise: God Will Deliver You from All Your Troubles** *Memory Verse: Psalm 34:17*
 God delivers the righteous from their troubles.
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- Lesson 27: Promise: Joy Comes with the Morning!** *Memory Verse: Psalm 30:5b*
 God will end suffering for the righteous.
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- Lesson 28: Promise: All Things Work Together for Good** *Memory Verse: Romans 8:28*
 God has a good purpose for everything in the life of a believer.
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- Lesson 29: Promise: God Will Not Forsake His People** *Memory Verse: Psalm 94:14*
 God will not forsake His people.
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- Lesson 30: Promise: God Will Not Forget His Promises** *Memory Verse: Jeremiah 1:12b*
 God will do what He has promised; He is at work, even when we don't see what He is doing.
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- Lesson 31: Look Up, Not Down** *Memory Verses: 2 Corinthians 4:17-18*
 God is always at work for the good of His children; we have the choice to question God's wisdom and goodness or to trust Him.
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- Lesson 32: God is Accomplishing His Purposes** *Memory Verse: Isaiah 14:24*
 God fulfills His purpose for your life as He works out His eternal purposes.
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- Lesson 33: God is Not Slow in Keeping His Promises** *Memory Verses: Psalm 27:13-14*
 God is not slow in keeping His promises; God's timing is right.
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- Lesson 34: Faithful to All His Promises** *Memory Verse: Isaiah 40:8*
 God is faithful to all His promises.
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- Lesson 35: Trusting in the Promises** *Memory Verse: Hebrews 11:1*
 Obedience to God flows from faith in God.
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- Lesson 36: Failure to Trust in the Promises** *Memory Verse: Romans 14:23b*
 We act according to what we believe; doubting God's promises is wrong and brings consequences.
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- Lesson 37: Fighting the Fight of Faith** *Memory Verses: Ephesians 6:10-11*
 The battle for faith must be fought in the Lord's strength.
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- Lesson 38: Standing on the Promises of God** *Memory Verse: Proverbs 30:5*
 God will protect His reputation as a promise-keeper.
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- Lesson 39: Trusting in the Promises Leads to Obedience** *Memory Verse: Romans 10:17*
 Faith is a gift from God.
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- Lesson 40: Promise: Eternal Life** *Memory Verses: John 14:2-3*
 Those who are trusting in Jesus will live forever in heaven with Him.