



"I came that they may have life and have it abundantly." (John 10:10b)

Dear Parents...

Welcome to Bible Time for Kids. This is a series of daily devotions for children and their families. Our purpose is to supplement our Sunday morning curriculum and give you an opportunity to encourage your children to develop a daily devotional life. We hope you and your family will be blessed as you study God's Word together.

This week we learned about Jesus' resurrection. The lesson title was Jesus is Risen! The theme was "Jesus always keeps His Word!" Jesus made a promise to the disciples. He said that when He would be crucified that on the third day that He would rise again. When He said it His disciples didn't understand it very much. But after He rose again they remembered everything He had said.

Jesus kept His promises. How important it is for us to keep our promises. There are so many promises contained in the Bible. Every single one of them are solid promises that will come true in our lives when we follow Jesus.

The section of scripture that we studied was **Mark 16:1-11**. The following five devotions are based on either the scripture and/or the theme for Sunday's lesson. As a starting point it would be good for you to review these verses with your children.

These devotions are designed to help you reinforce Sunday's lesson throughout the week with your children, provide some more ideas for the application of God's Word in your children's lives and provide a tool to help in family devotions.

Obviously children at various age levels will respond to the devotional in different ways. You may want to add your own ideas to these to make them more age appropriate.

May the Lord bless you as you study His Word together!

# A Promise Made, A Promise Kept

**Text: Mark 9:31:** - "For He taught His disciples and said to them, 'The Son of Man is being betrayed into the hands of men, and they will kill Him. And after He is killed, He will rise the third day.'"

**Also read Mark 9:30-32**

Have you ever had someone break a promise to you? Maybe they said that they would do something for you and then didn't follow through and do it. It can really hurt our feelings when someone does that to us. The Bible tells us that we have a friend that is closer than a brother. He is a friend that will never break any of His promises to us. That is wonderful to know because He has given us a lot of promises.

God cannot break a promise. It is one of the very few things God cannot do. Since Jesus is God, He cannot break any promises either. The Bible contains all of the promises that Jesus made to the disciples and to us. Today we read about a very important promise that Jesus made. He told them that He would die and be raised again from the dead. When Jesus spoke this promise to the disciples they were afraid to ask Him the meaning of it. It must have seemed scary to them that Jesus would die. They didn't want to think about it and didn't listen very well to what Jesus was saying at that time. But later they remembered what He said. They would remember Jesus' words as the best promise He ever made and they wrote it down in the Bible for the whole world to read.

When Jesus kept His promise and rose from the dead, it proved that He really is God in the flesh. No one was there to put breath back into Jesus after He had been crucified. Remember everyone who claimed to be Jesus' friend ran away when He was arrested. There were no hospitals while Jesus was on earth. In those days, there were no wonderful machines to help keep someone alive. Besides, the leaders wanted Jesus to die. They had given Him the death sentence. Guards who were sent to watch the tomb of Jesus wouldn't want to help Him. It was a miracle! He came back to life because He is God. He promised He would do it, and Jesus always keeps His word.

- Can you think of a promise you have kept? What was it?
- Name some other promises you know that Jesus made to us.

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Promise:** A future deed that will be done. Jesus promised He would be dead for three days and would rise again.

# He Always Keeps His Word!

**Text: Gen.9:13** - "I set my rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be for the sign of the covenant between Me and the earth."

**Read Genesis 8:20-22; 9:1-17**

Diana and Jackie were pretty good friends. They often swapped clothes and toys and just about everything else. But there was one item Diana would never loan out to anyone and that was her favorite necklace. Jackie really liked that necklace and wanted to borrow it. She always asked, but Diana wouldn't let her borrow it. It was very special to her.

One day Jackie asked again to borrow Diana's necklace. She wanted to wear it just for a few hours during her birthday party. Jackie said she was going to have some birthday money and she promised she would take Diana skating if she would only let her wear the necklace. This was a tough choice for Diana because she loved to skate. She told Jackie it was okay. After the party Diana got her necklace back, and she waited for Jackie to tell her the day they would go skating. But Jackie never said anything. Finally Diana asked her friend about the promise. Jackie was very sorry. She had spent all of her birthday money and had forgotten about her promise. She asked Diana to forgive her. Diana was disappointed but she forgave her friend. She knew that it was better to forgive Jackie, even though she broke her promise.

Promises are easy to make. Sometimes people really mean what they say, but they may forget, or something will prevent them from keeping their promise. There is Someone who will always keep His promises. We have a whole book of His promises to read. We read today in Genesis about the flood over the earth. He set the rainbow in the sky as a sign that He remembers His covenant or promise that a great flood would never again destroy the earth. The Bible contains special promises from Jesus to you. If you pray and accept Jesus as your Savior, He promises that He will always be with you, no matter what, forever and ever. The Bible tells us of many promises Jesus makes and He will always keep them.

- Did you know that God never breaks His promises?
- Name some promises God has given us. (Hint: Remember the rainbow?)

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Covenant:** A binding agreement. God made covenants with Noah before and after the flood.

Day Three

# He Promises We Will Be With Him

**Text: John 14:2-3** - "In My Father's house are many mansions; if *it were* not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, *there* you may be also."

**Read John 14:1-21**

Steve always played basketball with his dad when he came home from work. No matter how tired his dad was, he always checked to see if Steve was done with his homework and then they would go play ball. One day Steve waited a very long time for his dad. He finished his homework and waited and waited and still his dad was not home. Steve began to worry. He asked his big sister where dad was. She didn't know, but she told Steve to check the bulletin board. Steve remembered his dad always promised to write a note if he planned to be late. Steve found the note his dad left and it was filled with good news. Steve's family had just bought a new house and his dad was there getting it ready to move into. Steve was very happy about the new house and even happier knowing where his father was.

You and I are a lot like Steve. In today's Bible reading, we see Jesus speaking to His disciples and to us. The Bible is our bulletin board filled with messages and notes from our heavenly Father. It was written by the Holy Spirit, so we could know and understand about who God is and what He desires for our lives and future. Isn't it a special comfort to know that Jesus is preparing a place for us, if we love Him and keep His commandments?

Just like Jesus rose from the dead we too will live forever if Jesus is in our hearts. Jesus went to be with the Father and He is getting a special place ready for us to be with Him forever. His promise is sure; we can totally count on Him. Here's something fun to do. The next time you read the Bible as a family count how many promises you can find in the Bible passage.

- How can we go to see God (John 14:6)?
- Where do we find our messages from God?
- Do you believe that Jesus is the Savior of the world?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Bulletin board:** A place to display messages. The Bible is our bulletin board from God.



# He Promises To Come Again

**Text:** **Matt 25:13** - "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour in which the Son of Man is coming."

**Read Matt 25:1-13**

Julie's grandmother was a missionary and she would come and visit every year. Each time she would visit, Julie would know when she was coming. Since she was very young, Julie's grandmother taught her to watch the magnolia tree outside her window. Grandmother said she would come at about the same time the first flower opened. Julie knew this was the sign her grandmother was coming. Julie was always excited to see her grandmother because she would tell wonderful stories of the love of Jesus and how He changed the lives of the people who accepted Him in their heart all over the world. One time, while telling her of the wonderful things Jesus had done, Julie's grandmother asked Julie if she would like to accept Jesus into her heart, too. It was a very special year for both of them. Julie and her grandmother planted a new magnolia tree in their yard to remember the special time.

The Bible tells us that Jesus will return for us. It could be at any time. He teaches in His word that no one knows when He will come, but He promises He will come for those who love Him and keep His commandments. In our scripture today, we learn of 10 women waiting for a groom to come for them. Some of the women were ready. Some of the women were not. They all knew He was coming, but not all of them were ready. We know Jesus always keeps His Word and He promises He will come again.

Just like Julie's grandmother told Julie to watch for the sign that the magnolia tree would give her, Jesus told us to watch the signs that come to pass around us. There are a lot of things happening in the world today that show us that Jesus is getting ready to come back soon. We know that He will fulfill His promise by returning for us. We should always be watching and waiting.

- Are you ready for Jesus to come for you?
- Do you know and trust that Jesus is your Lord and Savior?
- Will you share Jesus with someone who doesn't know Him?

## Kid's Bible Dictionary



**Ready:** Prepared for action. Are you ready for Jesus to come back?

**Expect:** To look forward to. Expect Jesus to come soon.

**Trust:** To put your faith in. We trust in Jesus.

# Promised Eternal Life

**Text: John 6:47** - "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me has everlasting life."

**Also read John 6:37-48**

This week we learned that Jesus always keeps His promises. As we read our Bibles, we see that Jesus said He would die on the cross, be buried and rise again—and He did exactly what He said He would do. We learned that people might break promises, but Jesus never will. We also discovered that Jesus promises that when we believe in Him we will be with Him forever. We learned we need to be ready when Jesus comes back and look forward to His return. Today we learned that Jesus made a promise that anyone who believes in Him can have eternal life in heaven with Him.

How do we know that Jesus will keep His promises to us? We can look in the Bible and see how many promises God made that He kept. Everything in the Bible that Jesus said He would do He has done. We can rely on Him to keep all of His promises because Jesus is perfect, and He is faithful. He will do everything He says.

Did you know that Jesus gave us someone to let us know that He will keep His promises? He sent us the Holy Spirit to live inside of us and to remind us that Jesus is faithful to keep His promises. Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit as a guarantee that everything He says will one day take place (see Ephesians 1:13-14). One day Jesus will call out our names and tell us how much He loves us face to face. There is no one who loves us like Jesus loves us. We were made to love Him forever and ever.

- Where did Jesus come from?
- Why did He come?
- Do you belong to Jesus?

## Kid's Prayer Time



As you pray this week, remember the promises Jesus gave to us. Think about how He came down from heaven just to die on the cross for us. Remember He rose from the grave and He is coming back for His children. Praise God for His great merciful love.

# Memory Verse...

First and Second Grade

**"He is risen!"**

Third Grade and Above

**"He is risen! He is  
not here. See the  
place where they  
laid Him."**

**Mark 16:6b**