

THE OBJECT LESSONS CHANNEL!



God Keeps His Promises

- Best for third grade on up •

Main Point: The world lies to us, but God tells us the truth and keeps His promises.

Bible Story Suggestions: The temptation of Eve (Genesis 3), the temptation of Christ (Matthew 4:1-11).

You can tell either story or both. Either way, point out the lies and false promises made by Satan. In Eve's case, she and Adam gave in to temptation; the results were tragic. But Jesus stayed true to God, trusting the Father's promises. Christ's faithfulness led to a mile-long list of blessings for the world (not to mention He set us free from the results of Adam and Eve's failure to obey God).

Bible Passages to Consider: Numbers 23:19; Titus 1:2.

Instructions: It might be best to start off with the Activity Page if it fits the age group you are working with. If it does not, start with one or both of the suggested Bible stories, talk about the Numbers and Titus passages, then finish with the object lesson.

Object Lesson: Shiny Objects

The object lesson video (link below) describes what happens when a baby is offered a choice between a nice shiny coin of low value and paper money worth much more. Nine times out of ten the baby will choose the coin. Older kids and adults always take the paper money - we understand which of the two items has the highest value.

Show your audience a coin and a paper bill of higher value. Tell the story of the baby. Explain that the world we live in offers all sorts of 'shiny objects' that in the long run often turn out to be worthless. That's especially true when we compare the world's promises to the promises that God gives us in the Bible! God offers us eternal life with Him in paradise! As Jesus said in Matthew 16:26, "What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul?"

Encourage your group to always follow God and to trust His word over anything the world says contrary to the wisdom in the Bible. You might call someone forward to choose between your coin and the good stuff!

Link to the Object Lesson Demonstration Video: <https://youtu.be/-nxA3tWFXVg>

Activity Page: I Promise

This activity is lots of fun to play as a class. It's meant to start a discussion on the value of keeping promises. Follow the instructions on the activity page, then, when ready to play, dump a set of cut apart sentences in the middle of each table where the kids are seated. Explain the object: each player chooses three phrases - the phrases must form a sentence; each player must have a 1, 2 and 3 phrase.

Because the the three phrases are picked randomly, the completed sentences can be hilarious. For example, "I promise you can have my very best shirt if you want to eat it."

As kids read their sentences to the class, you can point out that most of the 'promises' would probably not be kept, a good thing! But God makes wonderful promises and always keeps them.

Tip: Although the activity page instructions says up to eight kids can play with just the one page, it's fun to print a bunch of sets; the more the merrier.

I Promise!

Teacher: Here are eight sentences that make silly promises. But they get even sillier when cut apart and shuffled up! Before you cut this page apart, photocopy it so you can read the original promises to your class when ready to begin. Kids then put random sentences together in numerical order, 1-2-3. One page is good for eight students; make more if you have a larger class.

1 I promise you can use my	2 very best shirt	3 to wipe your nose on.
1 I promise you can ride my	2 favorite skateboard	3 even though you are a klutz.
1 I promise I will give you my	2 favorite lunch	3 if you want to eat it.
1 I promise I will pray for your	2 broken leg	3 because it hurts.
1 I promise you can use my deodorant on your	2 armpit	3 because you stink.
1 I promise I will let you play with my	2 German Shepherd	3 but careful, it bites.
1 I promise you are my	2 very best friend	3 forever and ever.
1 I promise you can have my	2 pet hamster	3 and all the hamster food you want.