



UNIT 4 | SESSION 4

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES**ISAIAH 9**

CHRIST CONNECTION: God keeps His promises. He sent His Son, Jesus.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: God keeps His promises. Numbers 23:19

BABIES GOSPEL GEMS

- God made a promise.
- God told Isaiah He would send His Son, Jesus.
- Jesus would come to earth to help people and keep them safe.

BIBLE STORY FOR TODDLERS:

God made a promise. God told Isaiah, a prophet, what would happen. Prophets gave God's messages to the people. Isaiah wrote down God's message: "A child will be born for us, a son will be given to us." That meant that Jesus was coming. Isaiah said, "He will be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace." Jesus' names tell us who He is and what great things He would do. Jesus was going to come to earth to help people and keep them safe. Isaiah said that Jesus will be a good, fair, and loving King forever.



LEARNING Activities

Engage babies in the following activities during the session. In each activity, provide handheld Bibles for the babies. Open a Bible to Isaiah 9. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage phrase card. Pray for the babies.

1 SING A HYMN

Sing “Standing on the Promises.” If you are unfamiliar with the lyrics or tune, look it up online before the session.

“Standing, standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior
Standing, standing
I’m standing on the promises of God.”

| **SAY** “ God made a promise. God keeps His promises. He sent His Son, Jesus. ”

2 COLORING THE CROWN

Provide crayons and the “Crown” printable. Print each baby’s name on his crown. Say each baby’s name as she decorates her crown. Tell the Bible story.

| **SAY** “ One name for Jesus is Prince of Peace. Even though Jesus did not wear a crown, He is our Prince of Peace and our loving King. Jesus came to earth just as God promised. ”

3 FELT CROWN

Cut a large felt crown and hang it on the wall at the babies’ height. Cut out additional felt pieces shaped as stars, triangles, squares, and circles. Give each baby a felt shape and allow her to place it on the crown. Name the shapes as the babies place them on the crown. Continue until each baby has a turn.

| **SAY** “ Jesus came to earth to help people and keep them safe. God promised to send Jesus as our loving King forever. God keeps His promises. ”

Check diapers, serve bottles if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church’s security guidelines. Give parents today’s big picture card. Repeat the Christ connection, gospel gems, and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.



TODDLER ACTIVITIES

LEARNING Activities

Engage toddlers in the following activities. In each activity, show the Bible story picture as you review the Bible story. Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle.

1 CIRCLE TIME

Open your Bible to Isaiah 9. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the provided toddlers' Bible story. Read the key passage phrase card and guide toddlers to say it. Pray for the toddlers.

2 COLORING THE CROWN

Cut 18-inch strips of poster board (1 per toddler). Allow toddlers to decorate using crayons or other craft items. Form strips into head-shaped rings and staple the ends together. Tape over the staples for safety. Allow toddlers to wear their crowns as you tell the Bible story.

SAY “ God made a promise. God told Isaiah He would send His Son Jesus. God sent His Son, Jesus, as our loving King and our Prince of Peace. ”

3 HELLO, MY NAME IS

Cut shapes from a piece of cardboard. Print each child's name on his shape and allow him to color. Use an electronic device or a book on names and their meanings. If possible, look up the meaning of each child's name. For children with unique names, consider speaking to the parents beforehand for special meanings. Tell the Bible story.

SAY “ God's message to Isaiah meant that Jesus was coming. Isaiah said Jesus would be named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. Jesus' names tell us who He is and what great things He has done. ”

4 NAMES OF JESUS PUZZLE

Write Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace in large bold letters on paper (1 color per name, 1 name per sheet). Cut names into 2-4 jagged puzzle pieces and stack (1 per name). Read and talk through the names of Jesus as toddlers work the puzzles. Tell the Bible story.

SAY “ Jesus was not a puzzle. God told us Jesus' name so we could see the full picture of who He is. God kept His promise to send His Son, Jesus. ”

5 SING A HYMN

Sing “Standing on the Promises.” If you are unfamiliar with the lyrics or tune, look it up online before the session.

SAY “ God made a promise. God keeps His promises. He sent His Son, Jesus. ”

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1 TRANSITION ACTIVITY: TRACE THE NAME

Print the name of each child in large letters on paper. Allow toddlers to trace or decorate their names with different craft materials (such as crayons, colored pencils, paint, markers, water with paint brushes, or play dough). Review the Bible story.

SAY “ God made a promise. God told Isaiah He would send His Son, Jesus. Jesus has many names like Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. ”

2 SING TO A FAMILIAR TUNE

Sing to the tune of “Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star” as the children clap and sing along.

“Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, God and Father who is our King

God made a promise to send His Son, we need to tell everyone

Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, God and Father, Jesus is King!”

3 THE NAME GAME

Gather 3-4 animal pictures or figurines. Choose one picture or figurine and encourage the toddlers to name and describe the animal. Use the description first to rename the animal (for example: brave lion). Repeat for each animal. Review the Bible story.

SAY “ Names tell us about a person or thing. Jesus’ names tell us who He is and what great things He would do. Jesus has many names like Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, and Prince of Peace. ”

4 PROMISE CIRCLE

Sit in a circle and explain that a promise is when you say you will do something you will do. Discuss some promises each child makes in a day. (For example: promise to brush teeth, promise to pick up toys, and promise to be kind.) Take turns acting out and guessing promises. Tell the Bible story.

SAY “ God promised to send His Son, Jesus. God keeps His promises. He sent His Son, Jesus, to keep us safe. ”

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church’s security procedures. Give parents today’s big picture card to reinforce today’s Bible story, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.