

SOME PROMISE

[Scooter walks on stage and starts doing crazy exercises as if he's watching an exercise video.]

Scooter: And one, and two, and kick, and two ...

Beth: [enters] Hi, Scooter! What are you doing?

Scooter: And three, and four, and lift, and kick ... [panting] Oh, hang on just a minute, Beth. I'm EXERCISING!

[Beth stands aside and watches Scooter.]

Scooter: And turn around, and leap, and OW... [Scooter falls down then scrambles up on shaky legs.] Don't worry, Beth, I'm OK!

Beth: Are you sure? That doesn't seem safe.

Scooter: Yeah, I'm fine. I was just doing my exercises.

Beth: Well, exercise is good.

Scooter: I know! And get this, Beth. The box of the Super Kickboxer Extreme DVD says you'll have HUGE muscles after just ONE week of working out.

Beth: Hmm.

Scooter: This is my fourth workout, so I'm going to have HUGE muscles in ... [looks at watch or counts on fingers] THREE days! That is going to be SO cool. I'll look like a bodybuilder [strikes a muscle pose].

Beth: Scooter, you know you can't always believe the promises you read on boxes. The commercial for the shampoo I use shows this girl with long, flowing hair, but my hair won't ever look like that!

Scooter: I'm not going to have huge muscles? [lip quivers]

Beth: Well, you'll get in shape, but you have to think about WHO is making the promise before you believe it.

Scooter: What do you mean?

Beth: If I promised you something, would you believe me?

Scooter: Of course! You're my friend, and if you make a promise you keep it.

Beth: Yeah. You trust me because I'm your friend. But even I can't always keep my promise. Like when I promised you I'd lend you that game, but I accidentally gave it to my cousin.

Scooter: Oh, yeah. I got stuck playing Candy Land with my sister—over and over and over ... [becoming melodramatic] No more Lollipop Princess, I beg you!

Beth: I know. I'm sorry. I didn't keep my promise because I'm human and I make mistakes. But did you know there's someone who NEVER breaks a single promise?

Scooter: Really?

Beth: Yeah! God cannot break a promise; it's impossible. So when he tells you something in his Word, you can count on it! Like when he says, "I will never leave you." You can know for sure he's always with you.

Scooter: That's awesome. [pauses] So, is there anything in the Bible about getting bigger muscles?

[Both smile and exit.]