

## *By His Help*

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**Summary:** A child is studying his junior enrollment pledge for the following Sunday morning enrollment. As she does, she thinks through how each phrase might apply to her.

### **Junior Soldier:**

Alright... I've been putting this off. I am getting enrolled as a Junior Soldier tomorrow. Major is going to ask me to recite the promise, so I better study some more...

**Having asked God for forgiveness, I will trust Him to keep me good.** Hmmmm.... Mom and Dad tell me all the time I'm a good boy (girl). *(Thoughtfully)* I'm good except those times when I'm not so good. I do need help.... Jesus could help me *if* I trust Him to.

**Because Jesus is my Savior from sin, I will be His loving and obedient child....** OK *(sarcastically)* but do I really have to promise to be loving *and* obedient? If I do this, I'll *really* need help! I remember asking Jesus to be my Savior *and* my friend. He promised both...so I will too!

Alright, back to my Junior Soldier Promise. ....**and will try to help others to follow Him.** This part is so hard. I've tried to talk to Billy, Mary and Raheem about Jesus at school, but when I start to talk, my words get all mixed up. I think they know I go to Church.... *(wonders)* Isn't that enough? I think I'll have to work on this part.

OK what's next...**I promise not to use intoxicating drink, harmful drugs and tobacco.** I got this part! Just say NO! This will probably get harder as I get older. It's good to know that Jesus will help me when I really get old like... when I'm 15!

**I promise to pray,** ... Yes, I will...

**...to read my Bible,** .... As much as I can

**....and, by His help, to lead a life that is clean in thought, word and deed...**

this part will be my pleasure. Following Jesus with my head, and my heart! It's a lot to ask of a seven (your age) year old, but I know I can do it!

I can do it—by His help!