Teaching guide - Preschool & Usn

Monthly Theme: All Aboard! Let Jesus Lead the Way

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LESSON - GOD MADE A PROMISE!

All aboard, Victory Kids! Trains need a track and a conductor to get where they're going, and so do we! Jesus is our conductor, and when we follow Him, we're always on the right track. Today, we're going to hear about a promise God made: a very special promise to send a Savior!

A promise is when you tell someone you'll do something, and then you do it. Do you think God keeps His promises? (pause for answers) Yes! God always keeps His promises!

A long, long time ago, before Mary, Joseph, or baby Jesus, God spoke to His people through special helpers called **prophets**. Can you say prophet?

SAY IT: Prophet!

DO IT: Cup your hands around your mouth like you're speaking loudly.

Prophets were God's messengers. They told people what God said. One prophet named Isaiah said, "God will send a child, His Son, who will be called the Prince of Peace." And another prophet named Micah said, "The Savior will be born in Bethlehem." Even though they didn't know when it would happen, the prophets trusted God's promise. God was making a plan, a promise to send His Son, Jesus, to save the world!

SAY IT: God keeps His promises!

DO IT: Point up to God and nod your head yes!

We can see throughout the Bible that God always keeps His promises. Do you remember Noah and the rainbow? (Wait for answers) The rainbow was God's promise that he would not destroy the whole world with a flood.

SAY IT: The rainbow is God's promise

DO IT: Make the shape of a rainbow over your head

Do you remember Abraham and the stars? (Wait for answers) God promised that his family would be more than the stars in the sky.

SAY IT: God promised Abraham

DO IT: Wiggle your fingers above your head like twinkling stars

God kept his promises then and He kept his promise when Jesus was born. The Savior of the World!

SAY IT: God sent Jesus...His promise came true!

DO IT: Pretend to rock baby Jesus gently in your arms.

PRAYER: Dear GOD, thank You for making a promise to send Jesus. Thank You for always keeping Your Word. Help me to trust You every day and follow You wherever You lead. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

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Question 1: Did God make a big promise? (Yes)
Question 2: Did God forget His promise? (No)
Question 3: Did God send His Son, Jesus? (Yes)
Question 4: Can we trust God every day? (Yes)

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Question 1: Who did God use to tell His people about His plan? Prophets, or God's special messengers Question 2: What did the prophets say God would do? Send a Savior or send Jesus or help His people!

Question 3: Did God forget His promise or keep it? He kept it, or He sent Jesus

Question 4: How can we trust God like the prophets did? We can pray, read His Word, and follow Jesus every day.

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ACTIVITY 1: Promise express relay!

Items Needed: Painter's tape (for start and finish lines), 2 train plushies or 2 toy train

Connection: Just like our train stayed on the track, we can stay on track by following God's promises!

Step 1: Divide kids into two "train teams."

Step 2: Line them up behind the start line.

Step 3: When the host shouts, "All aboard!" The first child carries the train to the finish line and back.

Step 4: Then they hand it to the next child, "train car." Continue until all the kids have crossed the finish line and come back.

Step 5: The first team to get all their cars back to the station wins!

ACTIVITY 2: CATCH THE PROMISE BALL!

Items Needed: Soft foam ball, Truths - God loves me, God is always with me, God keeps his promises

Connection: Sharing and remembering God's promises.

Step 1: Kids stand in a circle.

Step 2: Toss the ball to someone and the teacher will say a truth and the children will repeat that truth. Example ("God loves me!")

Step 3: Every child repeats it, and the child holding the ball tosses the ball to another player.

Step 4: The teacher will say a new truth, and the children will repeat it ("God keeps His promises!"). If someone forgets, everyone says it together to help them remember!

ACTIVITY 3: BYBBC PAITY OR STORY TIME

Items Needed: Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

CRAFT OF COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

GOD GIVES GOOD GIFTS MOBILE CRAFT

Items Needed: 5" x 8" Religious Christmas Tree God Gives Good Gifts Mobile Foam Craft Kit

Connection: Every ornament reminds us of a good gift from God, and the best gift is Jesus!

Step 1: Help students write their name on the back with a marker

Step 2: Add title/header across the trunk or across the middle

Step 3: Peel and stick the star to the top of the tree

Step 4: Tie gifts and ornaments under the tree

Step 5: Attach additional ornaments on the tree.

Step 6: Thread the long hanging loop through the top hole of the star or tree and tie a double knot to make the hanger.

GOD'S GIFT COIORING SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Reminds us that God's true gift to us is Jesus Christ

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

