



**Mustard Seed Children's Summary for March 23, 2008  
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**"God Keeps Promises"**

**MEMORY VERSE: "Thou ... hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; ... and hast fulfilled it with thine hand" (2 Chronicles 6:15).**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON TEXT:**

**2 Chronicles 6:12–17**

**12** And he stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands:

**13** For Solomon had made a brazen scaffold, of five cubits long, and five cubits broad, and three cubits high, and had set it in the midst of the court: and upon it he stood, and kneeled down upon his knees before all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven,

**14** And said, O LORD God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and showest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts:

**15** Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

**16** Now therefore, O LORD God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me.

**17** Now then, O LORD God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

**Luke 24:44–49**

**44** And he said unto them, These are the words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and in the prophets, and in the psalms, concerning me.

**45** Then opened he their understanding, that they might understand the Scriptures,

**46** And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day:

**47** And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

**48** And ye are witnesses of these things.

**49** And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

**THE OBJECT IN VIEW:**

Show that we should witness to others about our promise-keeping God.

**TRUTHS TO STRESS:**

1. Solomon witnessed to God's faithfulness in keeping promises.
2. Jesus Christ is God's Son, the promised King and Saviour who died and rose again for our sins.
3. There are many ways we can witness for Jesus.

**PLANNING LESSON AIDS:**

For Beginning the Lesson, you will need a plastic Easter egg. On a piece of paper print "Jesus died for our sins and rose again." Fold the paper and put it in the egg. Put the egg in the mystery box.

For Telling the Lesson, make a paper tulip. On it print "God Keeps Promises." Bring flannelgraph figures or pictures of Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

For Helping to Remember, you will need a plastic egg for each student. On a one-by-six-inch piece of paper, type or print for each student the words to 1 Corinthians 15:3-4. You will need narrow ribbon, small pieces of wrapped candy, and spring stickers.

**TEACHER'S NOTES:**

We should be grateful for a promise-keeping God. Every word God says is true, and He keeps every promise He makes (cf. Proverbs 8:8; 2 Corinthians 1:20).

It is our joy as Sunday school teachers to have the opportunity to witness about our promise-keeping God. In great humility, before all the people, Solomon witnessed to God's faithfulness. He thanked God for kept promises and prayed back to God promises not yet fulfilled.

Have you ever prayed God's promises? When you have a need, you can pray Philippians 4:19. When you need wisdom, you can pray James 1:5. There are many other promises to pray.

God kept the promises He made to David. Solomon did build the temple. God did give David a descendant who would rule the earth forever—the Lord Jesus.

One of God's promises was conditional. If David's sons would obey God, one of them would always be king. Many of the descendants did not obey God. Although David always had a descendant who was qualified to rule, for many years there was no throne. God's people were in exile as punishment for their sin.

Isaiah 53, as well as other Old Testament passages, promised a Saviour who would suffer for our sins. On Easter Sunday we look back to that fulfilled promise and rejoice that Christ died for us and rose again (1 Cor. 15:3-4).

**TELLING THE LESSON:**

King Solomon stood in front of God's altar and spread out his hands to pray. The whole congregation of Israel was there. They could all see Solomon.

King Solomon had made a tall bronze platform. It was 7<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet long and wide and 4<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> feet tall. The platform was in the center of the temple court. Solomon stood on the platform; then he knelt and held his hands up to heaven.

Kneeling means submission to someone greater. Kings did not usually kneel in front of their people. When Solomon knelt before God, he was showing his great love and respect for God. That must have encouraged the people to remember that God was Lord of their lives, as well as Lord of Solomon's life.

Solomon began his prayer by praising God for being the only God. There is no other God in heaven or earth. Solomon praised God for keeping His covenant (promise) of love with those who obey Him with all their hearts.

"You promised David that You would use me to build the temple," Solomon prayed, "and You kept Your promise!" (Tape tulip behind fence.) How grateful and joyful Solomon must have been!

Solomon asked the Lord to keep blessing him, as He had promised to do. God had said that Solomon's descendants would always sit on the throne of Israel if they continued to obey Him. Solomon prayed, "O Lord God, let that promise come true."

Sadly, Solomon and his sons did not continue to obey God. God punished them, but He did keep His promise to David. God had promised David that one from his family would rule as King forever. That Someone is the Lord Jesus. He was born into David's family (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-32).

(Use flannelgraph.) Baby Jesus was related to David on both His mother Mary's side and on her husband Joseph's side. After Jesus died on the cross and rose again, He told His followers that every promise made about Him in the Old Testament must come true.

The Old Testament had said Jesus would be a Prophet (Deuteronomy 18:15-19), that He would suffer and die (Psalm 22; Isaiah 53), and that He would rise from the dead (Ps. 16:9-11; Isa. 53:10-11). Jesus helped His followers understand what the Scriptures said about Him. He explained why He had to suffer and die on the cross and rise again on the third day.

Boys and girls, why did Jesus have to die on the cross? (Read 1 Corinthians 15:3-4.)

God wants the whole world to know that Jesus is the Saviour. Jesus said that His followers should tell the world that He died to take their punishment for sin. He told His followers to begin at Jerusalem and eventually to preach everywhere the good news of forgiveness.

Jesus told His followers that they were His witnesses. A witness tells what he has seen and heard. Jesus promised to send His Holy Spirit to live in His followers and to help them tell others about Him. He told His followers to wait at Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came.

The Old Testament had promised that the Holy Spirit would come (Isa. 44:3; Joel 2:28). Jesus promised His followers that the Holy Spirit would give them power to witness of His death and resurrection (Acts 1:8).

### **TELLING HOW TO LIVE:**

The Holy Spirit will give us power to witness for Jesus. The Holy Spirit enters our hearts when we trust Jesus as Saviour. If you have not asked Jesus to save you from your sin, this Easter Sunday would be a wonderful time for you to accept the gift of eternal life! Would you like to trust Jesus as your Saviour from sin right now?

All Christians can be witnesses for Jesus. We can tell others what Jesus has done for us. We can tell them that Jesus died to take our punishment for sin and that He rose again. Will you tell others about Jesus?

### **HELPING TO REMEMBER (ACTIVITIES):**

Each student may decorate the back of the verse paper with spring stickers. He may roll the paper like a scroll, tie it with ribbon, and put it in the egg along with a piece of candy. He may give the egg to someone who does not know Jesus. Tell students this is one way to witness for Jesus.

A word search containing key words from the lesson is included at the end of this summary.

### **EXPLAINING THE MEMORY VERSE:**

**"Thou ... hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou has promised him; ... and hast fulfilled it with thine hand" (2 Chronicles 6:15).**

God had promised that He would use David's son Solomon to build the temple. God kept His promise. He gave Solomon strength and wisdom to finish that huge job.

God keeps His promises. He promised David a son who would rule forever. Jesus is that Son. He died on the cross to take the punishment for sin and rose again in three days. One day He will return to earth and rule as King forever.

Jesus wants you to tell others about Him. He will give you courage and wisdom to witness.

**ANTICIPATING NEXT WEEK'S LESSON:**

Teachers study Chronicles 34. Next week we will examine how King Josiah brought God's law back to the people.

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Have a Blessed Resurrection Sunday!

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(2 Chronicles 6:12–17; Luke 24:44–49)

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ALTAR

DAVID

HANDS

JERUSALEM

LORD

REPENTANCE

SOLOMON

UNDERSTAND

WITNESSES

CONGREGATION

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(Over, Down, Direction)

ALTAR (15, 15, N)  
CONGREGATION (12, 15, W)  
COVENANT (13, 3, S)  
DAVID (9, 14, E)  
FATHER (15, 8, SW)  
FULFILLED (4, 9, NE)  
HANDS (6, 9, NE)  
HEAVEN (11, 1, S)  
ISRAEL (1, 2, SE)  
JERUSALEM (1, 10, E)  
KNEELED (14, 7, N)  
LAW (4, 3, NW)  
LORD (1, 5, S)  
POWER (8, 2, SE)  
PROMISED (12, 7, SW)  
REPENTANCE (2, 13, N)  
SERVANT (4, 7, NE)  
SINS (15, 7, SW)  
SOLOMON (12, 8, NW)  
STOOD (7, 9, NW)  
THRONE (12, 13, W)  
UNDERSTAND (10, 10, NW)  
VERIFIED (11, 11, W)  
WALK (6, 12, W)  
WITNESSES (6, 4, SE)  
WRITTEN (2, 1, E)