LESSON PLAN

Date:

Lesson Number: 134

Title: Vows

Grade Level: 4-6

Text/Story: Deuteronomy 23:21-23; I Samuel 1:9-18, 24-28; Ecclesiastes 5:2, 4, 5

Main idea: Vows are voluntary promises to God and once they are made, they are not to be broken; therefore vows should not be made rashly.

Key Verse: Psalm 50:14

Time	Activity	Description
	Pre-Lesson Object Lesson	• Show a contract such as a mortgage/loan agreement, credit card application etc. • Discuss the seriousness of such documents; emphasize the signatures of the different parties on the paper signifying the binding nature of such contracts • Discuss the importance of keeping the contract and the consequences of not keeping it • Make a parallel between contracts and vows
	Lesson Story Strips	• Give each student five index cards or slips of paper (3x5) and pencil • Assign the story of Hannah in I Sam. 1:9-18, 24-28 to read (either in groups or partners); for younger children tell the story using flannelgraph or pictures • Each student will write the 5 most important events in the story on their index cards/paper • When completed, discuss their work • Display their cards on a strip of masking tape; tack each strip on the walls or bulletin board
	Post-Lesson Craft: Scroll Making	• Materials: pieces of doweling, calligraphy paper (or colour white paper with tea and dry), calligraphy pens or regular felt pens (thick), glue or scotch tape and piece of ribbon • Each student will write the message about the lesson (e.g., Pay What You Vow) on the calligraphy paper; attach doweling with glue or tape • Roll the scroll together and tie with ribbon

A Vow Is a Vow Is a Vow Is a Vow . . .

Read the following Scriptures. Give the name of the person who made the vow to God, and tell what the vow was.

1. Genesis 28:20 Who: _____ Vow: _____ _____ _____	3. Judges 11:30-35 Who: _____ Vow: _____ _____ _____
2. Numbers 21:2,3 Who: _____ Vow: _____ _____ _____	4. 1 Samuel 1 Who: _____ Vow: _____ _____ _____

5. Explain Ecclesiastes 5:4,5 in your own words.

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6. According to Numbers 30:2, what is the difference between a vow made by a man and a vow made by a woman.

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7. Many people make vows in haste or when in danger. According to Deuteronomy 23:21-23, why would it be better to not even make the vow if we's not going to keep it?

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