

# God Keeps His Promises

**Lesson 21a — God Promises His Son**

**Lesson 21b — God Promises to Be With Us**

**Lesson 21c — God Promises to Take Care of Us**

**Lesson 21d — God Promises Us a Reward If We Finish the Race**

**Lesson 21e — God Promises Us Jesus Will Come Again**

## OVERVIEW

The focus of this unit of study is on the promises of God, with the main point being, of course, the fact that the promises are sure. The initial lesson, the prophecy and fulfillment of the birth of Jesus, opens our study with irrefutable evidence. The possibility of coincidence in the fulfillment of the 60 specific prophecies of Christ's birth, life, death, and resurrection is ruled out by the science of probability. The words of the men who recorded the promises of God may be completely depended upon, for their utterances have the stamp of divine authenticity upon them.

The remaining four lessons of the unit have a dual thrust — first, the fact that the promise was made, and secondly, what action we must take in order to receive the promise. As you teach each lesson, it is vital that

the students understand what action is required on their part. God's promises are not unconditional!

In the second lesson of this unit your students should see that God promises to be with us when we obey His directives. The next lesson brings out that God promises to take care of our needs if we seek Him first. On the following Sunday, we focus on the fact that there is a reward promised for those who finish the race. In the final lesson, we learn that Jesus will come again and that we must make preparation if we are to go to Heaven to be with Him.

This unit is primarily one of action! Make sure this is the emphasis you make.

## GAMES FOR REVIEW

Make a rainbow out of cardboard. Use a different strip of color made from construction paper for each Sunday, five colors in all. Make small holes through it. Put questions on pieces of paper and insert through holes, so that all the questions for each Sunday are on the same strip of color. Let each child pick his own questions, alternating colors if you so desire. Have a small prize for those who guess the right answers.

Cut a piece of plywood approximately 3' x 4'. On it mark 12 spots and screw in cup hooks with point values marked next to them, (5,10,15,20,25,30,35,40,45, 50,55,60). On your paper have 12 questions marked from 5 to 60 depending on their difficulty. Have 12 volunteers come up and toss a canning jar ring to try to hook a point. If they do, they are asked the question that goes with that hook. If they can't answer, have someone from the department give the answer. If they

can't ring a hook, the next person tries. The one who answers the question with the most points wins the grand prize, with the rest of the department getting a small prize such as a balloon.

One at a time, show the children objects: angel, baby, crown, picture of Jesus, cloud, and ask them which promise or memory verse each reminds them of. The correct answer earns a prize.

## CONTEST IDEAS

Make a game board from heavy cardboard (see Patterns). Use small pictures of faces with each child's name on it for their game piece that can be pinned on the board as they move along. They may move up one space for each thing done each Sunday, (attendance, bring Bible, missionary, memory verse, etc.). Sometimes a space may tell them they can receive a prize, a balloon, or a sticker. At the end of the contest those

