

# Will you Keep a Promise?

**Theme:** God keeps His promises. Isaac is born.

**Scripture:** **Genesis 17:15-19** “God said to Abraham, “As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.” Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed, and said to himself, “Can a child be born to a man who is a hundred years old? Can Sarah, who is ninety years old, bear a child?” And Abraham said to God, “O that Ishmael might live in your sight!” God said, “No, but your wife Sarah shall bear you a son, and you shall name him Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him.”



What is a promise? A promise is when you say you will do something, and then you do it. Has anyone ever made you a promise? Did you ever have to wait a while for them to keep their promise? How long did you have to wait? Did you ever have to wait to go on a promised vacation, or to get something on a birthday or at Christmas?

It's HARD to wait; especially for something you really want... and especially if someone has promised it to you and you are ready for it NOW! After all, why not? You think you are ready... so, where is it? And why is it taking so long?

Sometimes when we aren't careful, we can get really impatient! Can't we? We already know that God ALWAYS keeps His promises, but today we'll learn that sometimes we may have to wait on Him to keep His promises at just the right time.

God promised Abraham and Sarah a son. Abraham and Sarah were married, but they had no children. God had promised them a son of their own. Abraham and Sarah knew that God would keep His promise, but they had to wait a long time for God to keep that promise. How many years do you think they had to wait? They waited over 20 years! That's a long time! And, all the while they were waiting, they felt like time was running out. After all they were getting older and older!

But God ALWAYS keeps His promises. At just the right time, God gave Abraham and Sarah a baby boy. His name was Isaac. This was the baby through whom God would keep all of His other promises to Abraham. Those promises were that He would bless Abraham and make him a great nation, and that through him all the nations of the world would be blessed. Later on Isaac would have a son, and he had a son, and he had a son... and much later on... Jesus Christ would be born from descendants! And through Jesus Christ all the people of the earth were blessed!

We can always count on God to love us and to care for us! Sometimes Obeying God is Waiting on God's Timing. Today we have learned that sometimes obeying God also means waiting on God to keep His promise.