

August 2nd, 2020

## GOD'S PROMISES- He is our Shield

**SCRIPTURE:** [Psalm 18:30](#) "God's way is perfect. All the promises of the LORD prove true. He is a shield to all those who look to him for protection."

**STORY VIDEO:** [God Always Keeps His Promises](#)

**WORSHIP SONG:** [Strength and Shield](#)

**MAIN TAKEAWAY:** The Bible is filled with the promises of God. Promises for strength, future joy, justice, protection, guidance and so much more. Psalm 18:30 reminds us that God's promises will never fail. Because His promises are true, He is our shield of protection.

**FAMILY PRAYER:** Dear God, thank You for the many promises in Your word that guard us. You are a shield that will not be broken. Help us to see more of Your promises.

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### 0 - 18 MONTHS

**ACTIVITY:** Take a Bible and hold it up like a shield. Tell them that God's word is filled with promises that are a shield to protect us. Have them throw a stuffed animal or small soft toy at you while holding the Bible. Say, "Shield!" as they throw. Remind them that the Bible or promises are shielding you.

**PRAYER PROJECT:** It is easy to look for other promises to give us hope or protect us. Confess with your baby that we all look to other promises that are broken. Pray together to turn to God's promises that will always be true. Thank God for His word.

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### 18 MONTHS - 3 YEARS

**ACTIVITY:** Take a Bible and hold it up like a shield. Tell them that God's word is filled with promises that are a shield to protect us. Gather some smaller stuffed animals or pillows. Have them throw a stuffed animal or pillow at you while holding the bible. Tell them as you shield yourself, "God's promises are shielding me." Switch spots and let your child hold the Bible up as a shield and say the same phrase.

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## 3 - 5 YEARS

**ACTIVITY:** Ask your child to grab a piece of cardboard from a package that has been delivered or a cereal box. Cut the cardboard into the shape of a shield. Write on the shield, “God’s promises.” Remind them that God’s word is full of promises that will guard you. Crumple up old magazines or paper that can be discarded and have a “paper war”. Set a timer for 1 minute to keep the game on track. Remind them that God’s promises are shielding them from attacks.

**PRAYER PROJECT:** It can be easy to look to promises from other people in our life for hope and protection. When those promises aren’t kept, it can be an opportunity to remember the sure promises of God. Take some time to confess the different lies that you may have believed instead of God’s promises. Pray together to turn to God’s promises for your protection and refuge. His promises will not fail!

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## KINDERGARTEN-4TH GRADE

**ACTIVITY:** Have each family member gather a piece of cardboard to make a shield. Have them write different promises of God on their shield. To brainstorm, click on [this video](#) about God’s Promises. Look at the promises you wrote down and ask your kids, “What are lies that are different from these promises?” for example, you are not loved or you do not belong. Brainstorm other lies and write them down on pieces of paper. Crumple up the pieces of paper after reading them out loud, and set them to the side. After you’ve all written lies on crumpled paper and promises on your shields, find an open space to have a “paper war”. Give equal amounts of paper balls and a shield to each person, set a timer for 1 minute, and say “ATTACK!” to start the “war”. When you successfully deflect a lie from your shield, yell “God’s promises are my shield!” Continue battling for as long as you want, and keep score of how many paper balls are on each side when the timer rings for an added twist to the competition.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:** What are some lies that you have believed? What are some promises that we can use to shield us? *Don’t forget to give your answer as well!*

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## QUESTIONS? NEED RESOURCES/PRAYER?



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