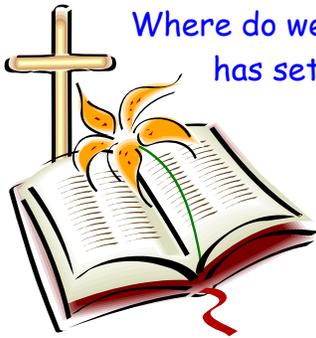


Promises Kept



Has anyone ever made a promise to you, and then broken it? That's so **disappointing**, isn't it? But people are only human. And human beings sometimes can't keep their promises — for all kinds of reasons that they cannot help.

Only God keeps every promise He makes. Every single one! And He has made hundreds. That's really something — how can He do it? He can do it because He controls all the resources of the universe. He has unlimited power, unlimited skill, unlimited knowledge. And because He loves us so much, **He is careful to make good on every promise.**

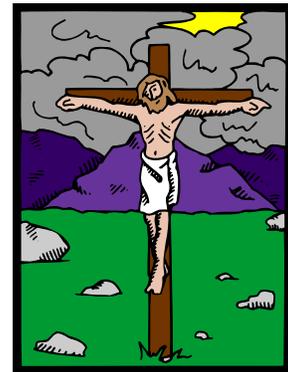


Where do we find God's promises? In the **Bible**. That's where God has set everything down in writing so we can find His promises.

Can you think of the **greatest promise** God ever made? It was to send the **Saviour, Jesus Christ**, to the world, so that all who put their faith and hope in Him would become part of God's special family.

Hundreds of years before the appearance of Jesus on earth, the prophet Isaiah spoke of what Jesus would do for us:

**"But He was pierced for our transgressions,
He was crushed for our iniquities;
the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him,
and by His wounds we are healed." — Isaiah 53:5**



Jesus would suffer and die for us, and then be brought back to life to give us peace and heal our souls. This would take place around the time we now celebrate as

EASTER. It was guaranteed to happen, and that's why Isaiah spoke of it as though it had **already** happened.

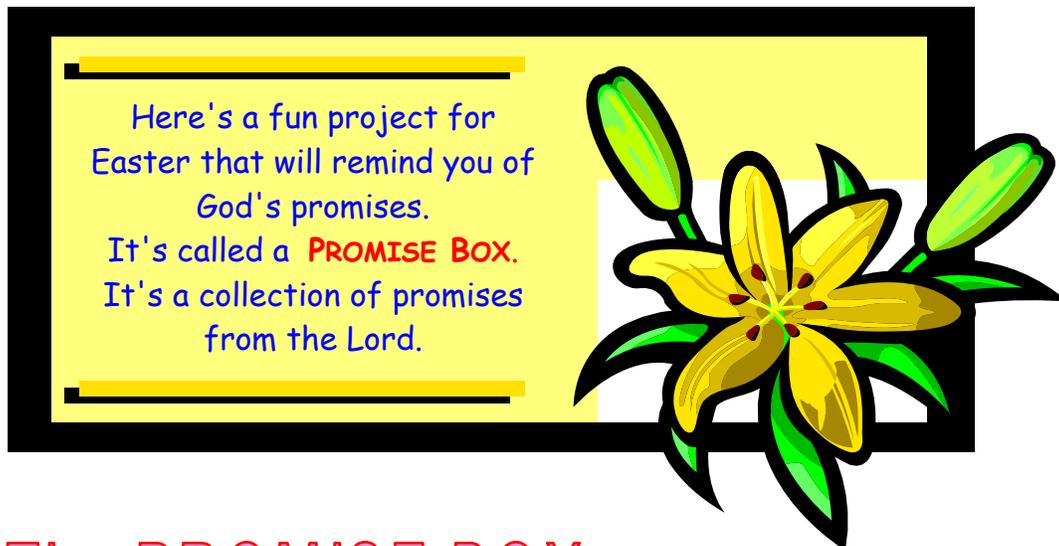
When God promises something, it's as good as done!!

We don't deserve God's blessings because we do so many wrong and bad things. But **Jesus is good**, and He can make us right with God.



At Easter, we remember that Jesus died for each person on earth, so that we could live one day in heaven with God, and have His help while here on earth. **We have that promise if we choose to belong to Christ — but without Him, we have nothing to look forward to.**

It's good to remember God's promises. His promises help us to feel better when we're upset, or depressed, or suffering.



Here's a fun project for Easter that will remind you of God's promises. It's called a **PROMISE BOX**. It's a collection of promises from the Lord.

The PROMISE BOX

- ❖ Print the promises on the next page, and cut out the squares. Roll each one into a little cylinder with the promise hidden inside.
 - ❖ Put all the promises into a box.
- ❖ Whenever you're feeling sad, or frightened, or worried, pick a promise at random. Read it, and it will encourage you.
- ❖ When you're done, tuck the promise back into the box for another time.

Decorate your box with stickers, or markers. Be creative & have fun.

*Enjoy God's promises...
He made them with you in mind!*

**Happy
Easter**

Here are just a few of God's promises to us...

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| <p>And the LORD has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep all his commands. – <i>Deuteronomy 26:18</i></p> | <p>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid. – <i>John 14:27</i></p> | <p>Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." – <i>Acts 2:38</i></p> | <p>I will listen to what God the LORD will say; he promises peace to his people, his saints – but let them not return to folly. – <i>Psalms 85:8</i></p> |
| <p>Blessed are those who have learned to acclaim you, who walk in the light of your presence, O LORD. – <i>Psalms 89:15</i></p> | <p>May your unfailing love come to me, O LORD, your salvation according to your promise. – <i>Psalms 119:41</i></p> | <p>My comfort in my suffering is this: Your promise preserves my life. – <i>Psalms 119:50</i></p> | <p>I have sought your face with all my heart; be gracious to me according to your promise. – <i>Psalms 119:58</i></p> |
| <p>For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first. After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. – <i>1 Thessalonians 4:16-17</i></p> | <p>Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother – which is the first commandment with a promise – that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth. – <i>Ephesians 6: 1-3</i></p> | <p>Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations. The LORD is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made. – <i>Psalms 145:13</i></p> | <p>Exalted to the right hand of God, he has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you now see and hear. – <i>Acts 2:33</i></p> |
| <p>The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off – for all whom the Lord our God will call. – <i>Acts 2:39</i></p> | <p>From this man's [King David's] descendants God has brought to Israel the Saviour Jesus, as he promised. – <i>Acts 13:23</i></p> | <p>He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber. – <i>Psalms 121:3</i></p> | <p>And this is what he promised us – even eternal life. – <i>1 John 2:25</i></p> |
| <p>Sustain me according to your promise, and I will live; do not let my hopes be dashed. – <i>Psalms 119:116</i></p> | <p>For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. – <i>1 Timothy 4:8</i></p> | <p>You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he has promised. – <i>Hebrews 10:36</i></p> | <p>Blessed is the man who perseveres under trial, because when he has stood the test, he will receive the crown of life that God has promised to those who love him. – <i>James 1:12</i></p> |
| <p>Since we have these promises, dear friends, let us purify ourselves from everything that contaminates body and spirit, perfecting holiness out of reverence for God. – <i>2 Corinthians 7:1</i></p> | <p>But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. – <i>Isaiah 40:31</i></p> | <p>Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. – <i>Psalms 23:4</i></p> | <p>Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. – <i>Luke 11:9</i></p> |
| <p>Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him? – <i>James 2:5</i></p> | <p>The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. – <i>2 Peter 3:9</i></p> | <p>And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit... – <i>Ephesians 1:13</i></p> | <p>For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. – <i>John 3:16</i></p> |