

God Keeps His Promises

(sparkler)

Lesson learnt:

God never makes a promise He doesn't keep. If God says something, we can trust that what He said is the truth! We don't always keep the promises we make to others, and we can't always trust that others will keep the promises they make. But we can trust God because He **ALWAYS keeps His promises!**

Items needed:

- Sparklers
- Sticky tape
- A glass jug filled with water
- Lighter or matches
- Wrap two/three of the sparklers in sticky tape all the way up making sure to overlap the tape as you go. Leave a tiny bit of the tip sticking out so you can light it.

Note: This demonstration will need to be practiced before being done in front of an audience. Please use a thicker glass jug and not a drinking glass as the sparkler could burst the glass. Make sure children are kept a distance away from this demonstration and that you have fire safety protocols in place.



Instructions:

Link to video demonstration: <https://youtu.be/efdDkoFGsMw>

Do you know what a promise is? It's when you say that you are going to do something, and you make sure to do it.

So, if I light this sparkler here and I say ... I promise to put this sparkler out in this water ... do you think I could keep my promise? It was easy to believe because we know that water puts out fire. *(Light a sparkler and put it out in the water.)*

Ask: Did I keep my promise? Yes, but it was a pretty easy promise to keep, wasn't it?

What if I said I was going to put this sparkler in water and it would keep on burning. Do you think it would be possible to keep my promise? No, because water puts out fire!

Did you know that the Old Testament is filled with a whole lot of promises about what the Saviour would do and would be like? There are over 300 of these promises.

To keep all these promises would be more impossible than fire burning under water. *(Light the wrapped sparkler and submerge it in the water. It should carry on burning under the water)*

Side note: Should the demonstration not work explain to the children that as people we can often break our promises even if we don't mean to but when it comes to God, He always keeps His promises. You may have a video of this demonstration available for kids to watch.

BUT just like it seemed impossible for me to keep the sparkler lit underwater, it seemed impossible for one person to keep all those promises made in the Old Testament, **but Jesus did!**

Jesus is the only one that kept every single one of the promises made and more!



Note: If your children are interested to know how the sparkler carried on burning under the water, you could explain that it was the sticky tape that kept a tiny layer of air between the sparkler and the water, just enough to allow the fire to keep on burning. And that this promise could only be kept using God's science!