



June

Family Worship Guide 6

"I love you, Mom and Dad. Teach your children about me." – God

Look Up and Read Out Loud

Ecclesiastes 5:5 – Oh my, where is Ecclesiastes? This book is in the Old Testament, which means it was written before _____. (Jesus was born.) Use the Table of Contents if you're not sure where to find Ecclesiastes,

Talk Time

- What is a promise?
- Name some promises that someone has made to you.
- Name some promises you have made to someone else.

When you make a promise, it tells the other person that you will do what you say you will do ... guaranteed! That's the truth and you can count on it.

Keeping a promise tells the other person that you're going to be consistent. If you promise to feed the dog every evening, then you're saying you will be consistent and take care of that chore every day ... not every other day, or only on Saturdays. (Your dog might let you know if you try to skip a day!)

When your mom or dad makes a promise to you, it probably makes you feel safe and that you can count on them. Promises also let you know what they expect. If your parent says, "I promise to get you this gaming station if you help with the hard work all summer," what do you expect at the end of the summer? If your parent says, "If you argue with your brother any more today, I promise to cancel your play date with your friend tomorrow," what do you expect your parent to do if you argue with your brother?

You have to work at keeping your promises, but God always keeps His promises. He promises to go THROUGH everything with you. He promises to listen to you and to talk with you. He promises that you will NEVER be alone. He promises to give you a new life when you believe in Jesus as your Savior.

Play Time

You'll need a balloon. No matter what age you are, everyone loves to play this game! (If you have older kids, they may want to substitute a playground ball for the balloon and take it outdoors.)

Blow up and tie off a balloon, preferably a big one. Gather the family in something that resembles a circle to begin with. (Better move that lamp ... just in case.) Toss the balloon at someone. That person, or anyone else it happens to get close to, will swat the balloon. The object of the game is to keep the balloon in the air as long as possible. Don't let it drop!

Pretty much, everything is fair—diving, running, jumping. The main thing is to try to involve everyone and don't let the balloon hit the floor.

Talk Time

Promises should always be kept ... not dropped.

Some promises are easy to keep, and others are much more difficult to keep. Sometimes the balloon came right at us and we could give it an easy swat. Other times, we had to dive for it, or run at it, and then we barely hit it with our fingertips.

- When has someone broken their promise to you—when have they dropped their promise?
- How did that feel?
- How do you think it makes someone else feel when you break a promise to them—when you drop your promise?
- Why should you keep promises?

Pray Together

Dear God ~ Thank You for always keeping Your promises. They remind me how much You love me. Help me to be better at keeping my promises, so the people around me will know that I love them. Amen.

