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Series: Pass the Promise
Fall Year 1, Lesson 26

Series Review

Take Home Point: *Catch God's promise when it's passed to you.

*Repeat this phrase throughout the lesson.

Bible Event: God passes a promise down through the patriarchs

Key Verse: Hebrews 11:39-40, "All these people were known for their faith, but none of them received what God had promised. God planned to give us something very special so that we would gain eternal life with them."

We will help kids know:

- The promise of Jesus throughout the Old Testament.
- The good news is Jesus came to fulfill God's promise through his death and resurrection on our behalf.
- A review of the main events from Adam and Eve through Joseph.




We will help kids feel:

- Excited about knowing their Bibles, especially what is reviewed today.
- Confident of their relationship with God through faith in Christ

We will help kids do:

- Play games that challenge them to know and remember Bible events.
- Pray and open their hearts to receive the grace of God's forgiveness in Christ.

THIS LESSON'S ROADMAP

| DESTINATION | PAGE # | DISCOVERIES ON YOUR JOURNEY | SUPPLIES NEEDED |
|---|----------------|---|---|
| Small Group Warm-Up  | 3 | Kids play "Who's the Promise For?" to review Bible events from Adam and Eve to Joseph. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • two different sets of 13 tokens for each group • game sheet (see page 12) • "Who's the Promise For?" question list (pages 7-11) |
| Large Group  | 4 13-18 | Overview Puppet Presentation: "Gordy Catches the Promise" | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gordy • Bible • football with a cross on it • chair • hula hoop suspended from the ceiling (used as a target for football throwing contest) |
| Small Group Application  | 4-6 | Continue playing the review game. Everyone should be able to answer the question "Who's the promise for?" (<i>The promise is for ME!</i>) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • same supplies used in Small Group Warm-up |

Small Group Warm-Up: 15 minutes



Purpose: *Get pointed in the right direction! Build relationships and help guests feel at ease. Do the learning readiness activity that will point your group in the right direction for the lesson.*

Play the game, “Who’s the Promise For?” This game is for review of Bible events from Adam and Eve to Joseph. For the game you will need a game sheet and two different sets of 13 tokens. (Tokens could be pennies and nickels or two different types of small candies.)

The object of the the game is for one of the two teams to get four tokens in a row on the gameboard. To be able to place a token on the board, a team must answer their question correctly. Say to the kids:

Today we are going to play the game, “Who’s the Promise For?” At the end of the game, you will answer this question: “Who’s the promise for?” To start the game we will divide into two teams.

Divide the group into two teams. Give each a set of tokens. Explain the rules.

Each team takes turns answering review questions from Bible events covered in previous Kingdom Quest lessons. If a team answers a question correctly, they place a token on the game board. The object of the game is to get four tokens in a row while blocking the opposing team from getting four in a row. (This game is similar to “Connect Four.”)

If an incorrect answer is given, the other team has a chance to answer that same question. If they answer the question correctly, they can place a token on the board and then receive another turn.

One person from each team answers a question. The next time another person answers. Each person on the team takes a turn. Each team is allowed four passes. A pass means that if you don’t know a question, you may pass it to one of your teammates.

Questions for this game start on page seven. This activity is intended to be continued in the small group application, so don’t feel like you need to complete all the questions now. Before going to large group, introduce the take home point for the day.

Today in large group we will learn to **catch God’s promise when it’s passed to you.*

Large Group: 20-30 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids observe what the Bible says. Present the Bible event in creative fashion. Help kids begin to interpret what it means.*

Overview:

Puppet Presentation: “Gordy Catches the Promise”

Kids are included in a “Catch the Promise” game. Reviewed are Bible events in the Old Testament that pass the promise of a coming Savior from generation to generation.

Small Group Application: 20-25 minutes



Purpose: *Help kids map out the meaning of the Bible event in their lives. Use the questions to stimulate discussion but don't feel tied to them. Allow the Holy Spirit to guide you. Include personal examples from your own faith journey. The example of Christ at work in your life will leave lasting impressions of how Christ can work in the children's lives.*

Use your Bibles! Children need to learn how to look up references and follow along when scripture is read aloud. Allow for quality time of prayer at the close of the lesson.

Observation Questions: What happened?

Continue playing the review game using the observation questions. Then ask interpretation questions and application questions as listed below. Conclude with the final question, “Who is the promise for?” The answer is “the promise is for me.”

If any child is unsure of having received the promise of Jesus, ask that child if he trusts Jesus as his Savior. The closing prayer, which can be prayed by all, is a prayer of trust in Jesus.

Interpretation Questions: What does this mean?

What made Joseph choose to do the right thing even when he knew he might go to jail?

Do you think it was easy for Joseph to choose to do the right thing?

Do you think Joseph ever questioned whether God still loved him?

What must it have been like for Joseph to be able to have the power to interpret dreams? *(Joseph said that power “came only from God.” Joseph was faithful and used that power for God.)*

Why do you think Joseph didn't tell his brothers right away who he was? *(He was testing them to make sure they had really changed.)*

Do you think it was difficult for Joseph to forgive his brothers? *(It probably was at first, but Joseph knew God saw the big picture and only wanted what was best for him. He trusted God to take care of everything else.)*

Application Questions: What does this mean to me?

When the devil is attacking you, what do you need to remember? *(Read John 16:33. We live on conquered ground. Jesus has overcome the world.)*

How did we get to live on conquered ground? *(Hebrews 2:14. Jesus died on the cross for us and won the battle against the devil.)*

How do you think the devil feels when he knows he has been conquered? *(He is angry and will try to trick us into believing he has power.)*

How do you feel when you realize Jesus has already won the battle? *(I feel relieved and full of courage because I know Jesus has fought the battle for me.)*

So who receives the promise God first gave to Adam and Eve, to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph? *(Us! The promise of eternal life through Jesus is to all believers in Christ.)*

In Hebrews 11:39-40 the Bible says, "All these people were known for their faith, but none of them received what God had promised. God planned to give us something very special so that we would gain eternal life with them."

The people of the Old Testament did not live to see Jesus, but they believed in God's promise of a Savior. The promise of Jesus was passed throughout the Bible from the Old Testament to the New Testament. We know we can **catch God's promise when it's passed to us.* So who's the promise for? *(The promise is for me.)*

Closing Prayer:

Dear God, thank you for giving us the promise of Jesus. We need Jesus because each one of us has sinned, and we can never do enough to earn our way to heaven or to make ourselves perfect. Thank you that Jesus lived a perfect life in our place and he died to take the punishment of our sin. Thank you that Jesus is alive today

and wants to live in each one of our hearts. Come into our hearts and help us live for you. In Jesus' name, Amen.

NOTE: Shepherd, please bring a sheet or blanket next week as your group will be using it to build a sukkah. You will be able to take the sheet or blanket home when your group is finished with the sukkah.

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“Who’s the Promise For”

Question List

1. **Who were the first two humans God made?** *(Genesis 3:20. Adam and Eve.)*
2. **What tree were Adam and Eve forbidden to eat fruit from?** *(Genesis 2:17. The tree in the middle of the garden or the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.)*
3. **What would happen if they ate the fruit from this tree?** *(Genesis 2:17. They would die.)*
4. **After Adam and Eve ate the fruit, what did they do?** *(Genesis 3:7-8. They both realized they were naked. They sewed fig leaves together and made clothes for themselves. They tried to hide themselves.)*
5. **When God asked Adam what happened, who did Adam blame? When God asked Eve what happened, who did Eve blame?** *(Genesis 3:12-13. Adam blamed Eve, and Eve blamed the snake.)*
6. **What did God do to help fix the problem of their sin?** *(Genesis 3:15. He promised to send a Savior!)*
7. **Who were the first two children of Adam and Eve?** *(Genesis 4:1-2. Cain and Abel.)*
8. **Both Cain and Abel sacrificed to the Lord. Who gave his best and pleased God with his sacrifice?** *(Genesis 4:4. Abel.)*
9. **Which brother did not give his best to the Lord?** *(Genesis 4:5. Cain had not given his best and God was not pleased with his offering. Cain was angry and disappointed.)*
10. **In Genesis 4:7, God gave Cain a warning. He said, “Sin is lying outside your door ready to attack.” Don’t let sin be your _____. (master)**
11. **Sin did master Cain. What did he do because of his jealousy with Abel?** *(Genesis 4:8. Cain killed Abel.)*
12. **When God asked Cain where his brother was, what did Cain say?** *(Genesis 4:9. “Am I my brother’s keeper?” or “Am I supposed to take care of my brother?”)*
13. **What consequence did God give to Cain?** *(Genesis 4:12-15. He made Cain a wanderer. But he also put a mark on him and protected him from anyone else taking revenge on him.)*
14. **Why did God tell Noah he was going to destroy the earth with a flood?** *(Genesis 6:5-7,12. The world was corrupt because the people lived evil lives.)*
15. **Why did God spare Noah and his family?** *(Genesis 6:9. Noah had God’s approval and was a man of honesty among the people of his time. He walked with God.)*
16. **What did God tell Noah to do to be spared from destruction?** *(Genesis 6:13-21. God told Noah to build a ship and fill it with two of every kind of animal.)*

17. **How many days and nights did it rain?** (*Genesis 7:4,12. Forty.*)
18. **God made a promise to never again destroy the earth with water. What sign did he put in the sky to remind us of this promise?** (*Genesis 9:13. A rainbow.*)
19. **The people of Babel wanted to make a name for themselves so they decided to build something very big. What was it?** (*Genesis 11:4. A tower.*)
20. **What did God do to stop them?** (*Genesis 11:7. He mixed up their language so they wouldn't understand each other.*)
21. **Why do you think God did not want the people to build a tower? What's wrong with a tower anyway?** (*Genesis 11:4. The people were proud and wanted to make a name for themselves. They were disobeying God's command to multiply and fill the earth found in Genesis 1:28 and Genesis 9:1. Because they did not want to be scattered over the face of the earth.*)
22. **What are some of the promises God gave Abram?** (*Genesis 12:1-3. Land, descendants, God would make a great nation from Abram, etc.*)
23. **What is the greatest promise God passed on to Abram?** (*Genesis 12:3. The promise that through him all the nations would be blessed. Jesus was born through Abram's family. The Old Testament talks about how this promise was passed down from generation to generation until Jesus was born.*)
24. **Abram started to doubt that God would give him children. God told him to look at the stars. What did he say about the number of stars?** (*Genesis 15:5. He told Abram his descendants would be as many as the stars.*)
25. **God made a covenant with Abram and sealed it in a special ritual. What was that ritual?** (*Genesis 15:9-18. God commanded Abram to bring animals to him, cut them in half, and lay the halves opposite of each other. Then while Abram was in a deep sleep, God passed between the animal pieces as a smoking oven and a flaming torch.*)
26. **God made a promise to Abram and Sarai for many years. What was it?** (*Genesis 17:16. God promised he would give them a baby.*)
27. **God changed Abram's name to a new name that means "Father of Many." What was Abram's new name?** (*Genesis 17:5. Abraham.*)
28. **God gave Sarai a new name that means "Princess." What was her new name?** (*Genesis 17:15. Sarah.*)
29. **What name that means "He Laughs" did God tell Abraham and Sarah to call their son?** (*Genesis 17:19. Isaac.*)
30. **When Isaac was born Abraham was 100 years old. How old was Sarah?** (*Genesis 17:17. Ninety years old.*)
31. **Who were the three visitors that told Abraham and Sarah they would have a son the following year?** (*Genesis 18. Two were angels and the third was either an angel who spoke for the Lord or the Lord himself.*)

32. When Isaac was a young man, God told Abraham to do something that seemed very strange. God was going to test Abraham's faith and his obedience. What strange thing did God ask Abraham to do? Hint: It involved an altar. (*Genesis 22:2. God asked Abraham to sacrifice his son.*)
33. Just when Abraham was ready to sacrifice Isaac, what happened? (*Genesis 22:12-13. God told him to stop. God provided a ram for the sacrifice.*)
34. Abraham and Sarah wanted to find a wife for Isaac when he was older. They could not find a suitable wife among the people where they lived. What was wrong with these women who lived near by? (*Genesis 24:3. They were Canaanites who did not believe in God.*)
35. Abraham sent his servant to his wife's country to get a wife for his son, Isaac. The servant prayed that God would show him which woman would be the right one to bring back as a wife for Isaac. The sign was when the servant asked the young girl for a drink of water, she would let down her jar of water and offer to give the servant a drink for his _____ as well. (*Genesis 24:14. Camels.*)
36. How did Abraham's servant know Rebekah was to be the wife for Isaac? (*Genesis 24:19. After the servant asked her for a drink of water, she offered to give his camels water.*)
37. Isaac and Rebekah had two sons. What were their names? (*Genesis 25:24-26. Jacob and Esau.*)
38. Jacob tricked Esau out of his birthright by offering a trade when Esau was very hungry. Esau traded his birthright for what? (*Genesis 25:31-33. A bowl of soup, or stew.*)
39. Jacob also tricked his father when his father was old and blind. He disguised himself as Esau so he might get a special spoken blessing that was to be given to Esau. His disguise made him feel hairy like Esau. What was Jacob wearing? (*Genesis 27:16. Goat skins.*)
40. Why did Jacob run away from home? (*Genesis 27:41. Esau was angry and wanted to kill Jacob.*)
41. When Jacob stopped for the night to sleep, he had a dream. This dream was a picture of what? (*Genesis 28:12. A stairway going up to heaven with angels on it.*)
42. In Jacob's dream, God promised him something very similar to something he promised Abraham. This promise was that his descendents would occupy this land, that God would be with him, and all people of the world would be blessed through him. Who would be born as one of his descendents in years to come? (*Jesus.*)
43. Jacob worked for his uncle Laban for seven years so he would be given Rachel as his wife. On his wedding day he was tricked. Who did Laban give him for a wife instead? (*Genesis 29:23. Rachel's sister, Leah.*)

44. **After Jacob was tricked, how many more years did he have to work to have Rachel as his wife?** *(Genesis 29:27. Seven years.)*
45. **How did Rachel and Leah get along?** *(Genesis 29:31-30:24. They were jealous of each other. Rachel was jealous that Leah could have children, and Leah was jealous that Jacob loved Rachel more.)*
46. **Jacob decided to leave Laban and return to his homeland. Why was he still afraid of Esau?** *(Genesis 27. Jacob had stolen Esau's birthright and blessing. Esau had hated him and wanted to kill him.)*
47. **On Jacob's return trip to his homeland, he met a stranger and wrestled all night with God in the form of an angel. At the end of this wrestling match, he received a blessing and a new name. What was he to be called?** *(Genesis 32:28. Israel.)*
48. **What did Jacob do when he heard Esau was sending 400 men to meet him?** *(Genesis 32:7-15. He divided his camp in two and then sent Esau many sheep, cattle, and goats. He was trying to bribe Esau.)*
49. **What was Esau's response when he saw Jacob again after so many years?** *(Genesis 33:4. Esau ran to meet Jacob. He hugged and kissed him.)*
50. **Why do you think Esau forgave Jacob? Was it because of the gifts?** *(God had changed Esau's heart and gave him a heart of forgiveness.)*
51. **How many sons did Jacob, now called Israel, have?** *(Genesis 35:22-26. Twelve.)*
52. **Which son was Jacob's favorite and what special gift did he give him?** *(Genesis 37:3. Joseph was the favorite son, and Jacob gave him a coat of many colors.)*
53. **How did Joseph's brothers feel because their father treated Joseph differently than them?** *(Genesis 37:4. They were jealous of Joseph and hated him.)*
54. **Joseph had a dream in which he and his brothers were binding sheaves of grain in the field. (A sheaf is a bundle of wheat tied together.) Joseph's sheaf rose and stood up straight. The others bowed down to him. This dream angered his brothers. What did the dream mean?** *(Genesis 37:5-8. It meant the brothers would someday bow down to Joseph.)*
55. **Joseph's brothers planned to kill him. Instead, they threw him into a well until they could decide what to do with him. What did they end up doing? Hint: They made money on the deal.** *(Genesis 37:25-28. His brothers sold Joseph as a slave to some traveling merchants who were on their way to Egypt.)*
56. **Joseph was sold as a slave in Egypt to a man named Potiphar. Joseph did such a good job for Potiphar that he was put in charge of what?**
a. All of Potiphar's house. *(Genesis 39:2-4)*
b. Potiphar's ice cream factory.
57. **When Joseph was working in Potiphar's house, Potiphar's wife tried to tempt him to sin. Joseph resisted and did what?**
a. Ran out of the room. *(Genesis 39:7-20)*

- b. Told Potifar he had a very naughty wife.
58. **Because Joseph was falsely accused, he was thrown into prison. God still showed blessing to him, and Joseph was put in charge of the other prisoners. There was one special skill Joseph demonstrated to both the baker and the butler of Pharaoh. What was this skill? Hint: He had used it before with his brothers.** *(Genesis 40. Joseph could interpret dreams.)*
59. **Pharaoh needed someone to interpret his dreams years later so Joseph was called. In one dream, how many good cows came up from the river and how many skinny cows came up and ate them?** *(Genesis 41:1-4. Seven good cows and seven skinny cows.)*
60. **In Pharaoh's second dream, how many healthy heads of grain grew on a stalk and how many thin and scorched heads of grain grew that came and ate the healthy grains?** *(Genesis 41:5-7. Seven thin heads of grain ate seven heads of healthy grain.)*
61. **What did Pharaoh's dreams mean?** *(Genesis 41:29-31. Seven years of plenty in the land of Egypt would be followed by seven years of famine.)*
62. **Joseph was soon a high governor working for Pharaoh when the years of famine came across the land. Joseph's long lost brothers came to buy grain. When they saw Joseph what happened?**
a. They were embarrassed because they treated him so badly.
b. *They didn't recognize him. (Genesis 42:8)*
63. **Joseph finally revealed himself to his brothers. Did he try and get back at them for mistreating him?***(Genesis 45. Joseph forgave his brothers and provided for them and his father. He said in Genesis 50:20, "Even though you planned evil against me, God planned good to come out of it.")*

Game Sheet

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Gordy Catches the Promise

Puppet Presentation

Mr. King will need a football with a cross on it. Suspend a hula hoop from the ceiling and put a chair ten feet in front of it. Place a Bible in a location where it looks like Gordy is reading it.

Mr. King: Kids, how many of you are enjoying the game, “Who’s the Promise For?” Fantastic! Let’s check on Gordy and see how he’s doing.

Gordy: *(Enters reading the Bible and continues to do so.)*

Mr. King: Hi, Gordy! Did you enjoy the game, “Who’s the Promise For?”

Gordy: *(No answer.)*

Mr. King: Gordy, I asked, “Did you enjoy the game?”

Gordy: *(No answer.)*

Mr. King: Gordy, I’m talking to you.

Gordy: Oh, yeah-yeah. Did you say something?

Mr. King: Gordy, what are you doing? It looks like you are reading the Bible.

Gordy: Nooo... I'm cheating.

Mr. King: You’re what?

Gordy: I’m cheating. I’m trying to learn some of the answers so I can win the game.

Mr. King: Gordy, I’m surprised at you. It’s not worth cheating. What are you thinking?

Gordy: Gotta, Mr. King. I’m just kidding...But I really do like knowing the answers so I can win the game.

Mr. King: There’s one answer that you could know and it would make you a sure winner.

Gordy: What’s that?

Mr. King: It’s the answer to the question, “Who’s the Promise For?”

Gordy: You mean “four,” like the number four?

Mr. King: No, I mean who’s the promise for? Which person?

Gordy: Isn’t it for all those people in the Old Testament?

Mr. King: That’s true, but there is more to it than that. How about this, Gordy? Let’s play a game right now to learn it. Let’s play the game “Catch the Promise.”

Gordy: Okay. How do you play?

Mr. King: Let me start with the football that has a cross on it.

Gordy: Oh yeah, that reminds us of the promise.

Mr. King: Yes. Read the promise for us from John 3:16.

Gordy: Okay, here it is. “God loved the world this way: He gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him will not die but have eternal life.”

Mr. King: That’s the most important promise in the whole Bible. God sent his Son Jesus. If anyone believes in Jesus, he will go to heaven when he dies.

Gordy: Wow! Did they believe that in the Old Testament?

Mr. King: In the Old Testament Jesus hadn’t been born yet, but God made the promise that he would send a Savior. He passed that promise down from person to person throughout the Old Testament.

Gordy: Did everyone catch it?

Mr. King: Not everyone believed, but God still passed the promise down. Let’s play a game that will help tell the story.

Gordy: Cool. Can we use the football?

Mr. King: Okay. This is how it works. I have a chair up here that is ten feet away from this hula hoop hanging from the ceiling. The boys will be against the girls. If the boys get the answer right, then a boy gets to sit in the chair and try to throw the football through the hula hoop.

Gordy: Cool! Boys rule!

Mr. King: But wait a minute. If the girls get an answer right, they get to sit in the chair and try to throw the football at the target.

Gordy: Do we have to get the question right before we throw?

Mr. King: Yes.

Gordy: Shucks. Sometimes that's harder for boys.

Mr. King: I don't know. We'll see. I'm going to have five boys and five girls sit on the ground up here. I'll take turns asking questions. If you are right, you will get to sit in the chair and see if you can throw the football through the target. The team that gets the most footballs through will be the winner, okay?

Gordy: Do we get to help each other?

Mr. King: If you need help with a question, we'll let you call on one friend to help you.

Gordy: Okay, cool! Let's go! *(Gordy can ad-lib during the game.)*

Mr. King: Here are the questions. *(Questions alternate between the boys and girls.)*

1. God first passed a promise to Adam and Eve after they sinned. God told them that one day an offspring of a woman (that means her child) would crush Satan's head. Many years later, a man was born of a woman, and he crushed Satan's power by dying on the cross to free us from Satan's power of sin. Who was this Savior? *(Jesus.)*
2. Adam and Eve wanted to pass the promise down to their children. But their son Cain did something very bad to his brother Abel. Sin can really hurt a family. That's why all families need the power of God's forgiveness. What did Cain do to his brother Abel? *(He killed him.)*
3. Later when all the world refused to follow God, there was one man named Noah who still loved God and honored him. God passed the promise to Noah. What did he tell Noah to do so Noah wouldn't be destroyed? *(Noah was to build an ark so his family wouldn't be swept away with the wicked people when God flooded the earth.)*
4. After the flood, God passed a promise to Noah that he would never again destroy the earth with water. What sign did God put in the sky to remind us of this promise? *(A rainbow.)*

5. God passed a promise to Abram and Sarai. Even though they were very old, God would give them something they wanted for many years. What was it? (*A baby.*)
6. Through Abraham's son Isaac, God passed the promise that one day there would be a descendant from their family who would be a blessing for all the nations. Who is their descendant that blessed people from every nation? Hint: He's known as Savior of all the nations. (*Jesus.*)
7. To test Abraham's faith in God's promise, God asked Abraham to make a most unusual sacrifice. Who did God ask Abraham to sacrifice? (*His son Isaac.*)
8. God *didn't* make Abraham sacrifice his son, but that *did* remind us of the promise God was passing down through Abraham and Isaac. That promise was that another sacrifice would be made. What sacrifice would one day be made to take away the sin of the world? (*God sacrificed his Son Jesus for us.*)
9. The promise that a descendant would be born to be the Savior of the world was passed down from Isaac to his son. This son tricked his brother Esau out of his birthright and blessing. Though he was a trickster, God passed the promise to him. What was his name? (*Jacob.*)
10. Jacob's name was changed to Israel. He had 12 sons and one of his sons was given a coat of many colors. His brothers were jealous so they sold him into slavery. What was this son's name? (*Joseph.*)
11. Joseph was unfairly sold into slavery and was unjustly put in jail. God still blessed him. Because Joseph could interpret dreams, he became prince of another country. What country did Joseph become prince over? (*Egypt.*) Because of this, the whole family of Israel moved to Egypt where God continued to bless them and passed the promise to them.

Mr. King: (*Tallies score.*) **Gordy, what do you think?**

Gordy: Well, I liked the way the kids threw the football, but I don't see how you can have a winner.

Mr. King: **What do you mean?**

Gordy: Well, there was no one to catch the football.

Mr. King: **I guess you are right, Gordy. In this game there was no one to catch**

the football.

Gordy: So maybe we should just call it a tie.

Mr. King: Wait a minute. I think we can have a real winner here.

Gordy: Oh, I hope it's the boys.

Mr. King: No, Gordy. The real winner is whoever catches the promise.

Gordy: What do you mean?

Mr. King: Well, you know what the promise is, right?

Gordy: Yeah. The promise is that God sent his Son Jesus. That's why we have a cross on the football.

Mr. King: In the Old Testament, this promise was passed through a family. God chose special people like Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Through their family, the Savior would one day be born.

Gordy: Yeah, I know. God made a promise to them, but what does that have to do with me?

Mr. King: You can catch the promise too.

Gordy: But Jesus has already been born.

Mr. King: That's what I mean. If you trust in Jesus as your Savior, the one who was promised from the beginning of the world, then you have caught God's promise to you.

Gordy: I can catch that. I trust in Jesus.

Mr. King: Then you are a winner! You caught the promise and because of that, you are a part of God's family, too. You will live forever with him in heaven.

Gordy: Cool! I've caught the promise! Hey, Mr. King, one more question.

Mr. King: What's that?

Gordy: Do you think they have football in heaven?

Mr. King: Gordy, if you need football to be happy in heaven, believe me, you'll have football.

Gordy: Double cool!

Mr. King: **The best thing about heaven is that you will see Jesus face to face and be his best friend forever.**

Gordy: Well, I hope he likes to play football. Bye, Mr. King!

Mr. King: **Wait a minute. Why don't you say a closing prayer.**

Gordy: Okay. Dear God, thanks for passing the promise through the Old Testament and all those people back then. And thank you for passing it to me today. If there is anyone here that has never caught your promise, please help him or her to trust Jesus as his or her Savior. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Hit me, Mr. King. I'm going long!

Mr. King: *(Throws the football.)* **Bye, Gordy.**