



# Lesson Thirteen

## God Keeps His Word to Send Jesus

### Heart Preparation & Bible Background

God's promise of a Savior is woven throughout the Old Testament. In Genesis 3:15, God made a promise to save a people for himself, pointing to the coming of Christ and his victory over sin and death. According to God's promise, the Redeemer would be a son of Abraham and would be from the house of David.

At just the right time, God sent his Son, the long-awaited child, to be born. And just as God promised, he came forth from the line of Abraham and David (Matthew 1:1). Jesus Christ was the fulfillment of God's promise; he was the One who would restore fellowship with God by offering himself as a sacrifice for the sins of his people.

During the course of this quarter, you and your class have traced God's promise of a Savior to its realization. In so doing, you have outlined the progressive unfolding of God's redemption for your young students. By hearing stories about the families of Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Jacob, Samuel and David—and now as they hear about the coming of Jesus—they are learning that God keeps all his promises to his covenant people. The children are discovering that God loves them and that he is faithful to his own. They are finding out that God's Word is true, that it is *for* them and that it comes *from* God.

This week, as the children learn how God kept his promise of a Savior, you have the opportunity to provide your students with a new way of understanding his birth. Help them grasp that God, who was keeping his promise to send a Savior, brought Jesus into the world. And just as Mary and Joseph acknowledged the miracle of the Savior's coming, may we marvel at his coming also.

In the lesson, focus on the excitement of seeing God fulfill his Word. And throughout the lesson, emphasize this quarter's pivotal truth: God *always* keeps his promises!



#### Bible Truth

*God kept his promise to Adam and Eve and others by sending Jesus, the Savior, to redeem his people.*

#### Scripture

*Matthew 1:1, 18–25*

*Luke 1:26–33; 2:4–7*



#### Lesson Focus

*Just as he promised in his Word, God sent Jesus to save us from our sins.*

#### Goals for the Children

- Recall how God kept his promise of a Savior.
- Tell why they need a Savior.
- Trust Jesus to save them from their sins.
- Thank God for sending Jesus and for keeping his Word.



#### Memory Minute

*Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord.*

*Luke 2:11*