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The Promises of God

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# 1 Kings

LEADERS LESSON OVERVIEW—Lesson 1

**FOR THE LEADER****KEY POINT**

I will trust God to keep His promises.

**KEY VERSE**

The word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. **Psalm 33:4**

*Note: Boys are not required to memorize the Key Point or Key Verse to receive completion credit for this lesson.*

In this lesson, we will examine how God is in the business of making and keeping promises.

For information on how to use Bible merits in a Royal Rangers meeting, refer to the TRaCclub Support section or the *Royal Rangers Leader Manual*.

**REFLECT ANSWERS**

These answers match the questions in the Reflect section of the boys' sheet.

- God promised Solomon that the kingship would be passed down through Solomon's descendants, that God would live among the Israelites, that God's promises to David would be fulfilled through Solomon.
- Solomon was David's son.
- Answers will vary.

**MATERIALS & PREP**

Prepare a copy of the Student Handout for each boy.

Read the lesson in advance, taking note of the main points. Be prepared to present the lesson to your group, but avoid reading it word for word. Include discussion with the group to make it more enjoyable for everyone.

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STUDENT HANDOUT—Lesson 1

**KEY THOUGHTS****KEY POINT**

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**KEY VERSE**The word of the LORD is right and true; he is faithful in all he does. **Psalm 33:4****READ**

The word of the LORD came to Solomon: “As for this temple you are building, if you follow my decrees, observe my laws and keep all my commands and obey them, I will fulfill through you the promise I gave to David your father. And I will live among the Israelites and will not abandon my people Israel.” 1 Kings 6:11–13

Has anyone ever made a promise to you that you really wanted the person to keep? Maybe your dad promised to take you to a baseball game. Maybe your mom promised to buy you a new gadget. Maybe your Royal Rangers leader promised to take you on an upcoming trip. It could even be as simple as a friend promising to come to your house and play after his homework is done.

What about you? Do you ever make promises? Have you ever promised your dad you would mow the lawn? Have you ever promised your mom you would clean your room after your favorite TV show? Ever promised a friend you would share your soda? Ever promised one of

your brothers or sisters you would help them with a school project?

All people make and receive promises. You don’t want to be known for breaking promises. You can’t trust people who break promises.

In the Bible, God makes promises to His people. And His people make promises to Him. In the passage we read, God was talking to Solomon. Solomon was the king of Israel.

Years earlier God had made a promise to Solomon’s father, David. The promise was that Solomon would get to build the temple. The promise also said the throne would be passed down by Solomon.

Later, God made the same promise to Solomon. God also promised to live with the Israelites and not to leave them. But God’s promises come with conditions. Solomon had to obey God’s orders for the temple. Solomon did what God said. And God kept His promise. God’s presence filled the temple.

God offers a similar promise to us. God no longer lives in a building. God wants to live inside of us. However, we must follow some instructions.

We must ask Jesus to forgive our sins and clean our heart. The Holy Spirit then comes and lives inside of us.

After that, we can ask Jesus to baptize us in the Holy Spirit. When we receive the Baptism, we get power to live as witnesses of Jesus' love! Another part of the Spirit baptism is the ability to pray in a language the speaker does not understand. This language is different for different people. It is a special prayer language. It allows us to pray what we need to when we don't know what that is or how to say it. Praying this way is called "speaking in tongues." The baptism in the Holy Spirit also helps us to praise God. What an incredible gift!

God has amazing promises for us. But none is more amazing than salvation. Let's commit to giving our life to God and obeying God's commands.



## REFLECT

As a group, discuss the following questions.

- What did God promise Solomon?
- How was David related to Solomon?
- How do your word choices impact what you're obligated to do? Do the words "I promise" and the words "I will" mean the same things? Do the words "I promise" and the words "I'll try" mean the same things?

Review the Key Point and the Key Verse.

**PRAYER:** Father, thank You for Your promises me. I accept these promises and promise You that I will live my life for You. I accept Your Son Jesus as my Savior. Thank You for Jesus and the forgiveness He gives. I love You. In the name of Jesus. Amen.



## RESPOND

During the next week, think about promises in your life that you want to keep. This list could contain things like "graduate high school," "go to college," "stay pure until marriage," etc. Write your list and put it somewhere that you will see it regularly to remind you.

Remember to read your Bible this week using the Bible reading plan of your choice. The Fire Bible: Student Edition provides a reading plan that follows a two-year design for reading the entire Bible. Follow that reading plan in order to earn the green Bible Reading merit.

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