

Grade 2 Finding God's Promises

Lesson	Sessions	Content Objectives	Learning Objectives	Optional Components
1 Learning from the Bible	A God's Promises	Because God loves us and knows our path, He has given us promises.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look up specific Bible passages using verse references and a Table of Contents Discuss the function of promises to inspire hope Recognize several books of the Bible 	<p>Scripture Memory Hebrews 10:23</p> <p>Character Trait Love</p> <p>Hymn O Happy Day</p>
	B God's Own Word	The Bible represents the work of many different human writers inspired by God.		
	C Searching Scripture	Verse references can help us find specific passages of Scripture.		
2 Themes of the Bible	A Words of Truth	Books of Scripture were originally written in old languages like Hebrew and Greek.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall at least one original language of Scripture Distinguish the Old and New Testaments Describe one general promise that God gave the people of Israel Recognize Jesus as God's manifest love and truth 	<p>Scripture Memory Psalm 119:89</p> <p>Character Trait Determination</p> <p>Hymn O Happy Day</p>
	B The Old Testament	The Old Testament records God's interactions with the people of Israel thousands of years ago.		
	C The New Testament	The New Testament describes the work of Jesus and how believers can follow Him.		
3 Trusting God	A Trusting God's Power	Jesus taught Peter about faith by helping him walk on water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key points from Peter's meeting with Jesus in the storm (Matt. 14:22–33) Define <i>faith</i> as a belief in something we cannot see or prove Define <i>parable</i> as a story that pictures a lesson Explain how the Parable of the Lost Son (Luke 15:11–32) illustrates God's love for people who turn back toward Him 	<p>Scripture Memory Hebrews 11:1</p> <p>Character Trait Faith</p> <p>Hymn O Happy Day</p>
	B Trusting God's Love	In the Parable of the Lost Son, the father pictured God's love by welcoming the son back home.		
	C Faith and Faithfulness	We need faith to follow God and enjoy His gifts.		
4 Creating the World	A A New World	God created the foundations of our world and called it good.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall at least 3–4 things that God created, according to Genesis 1 With some assistance, roughly order the days of Creation Discuss ways that people can practice stewardship of God's creation 	<p>Scripture Memory Genesis 1:1</p> <p>Character Trait Creativity</p> <p>Hymn Count Your Blessings</p>
	B Filling the World	God filled His universe with amazing things, including stars, planets, and animals.		
	C Stewardship	As stewards of God's creation, we should explore it, take care of it, and enjoy it.		

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5 Creating People	A Made in His Image	God created man and woman in His image.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key points in the Genesis 2 narrative describing the creation of Adam and Eve Recognize ways to follow God's example of rest in Genesis 2 Discuss how people can reflect God's character 	<p>Scripture Memory Genesis 1:27</p> <p>Character Trait Reflection</p> <p>Hymn Count Your Blessings</p>
	B A Day of Rest	God rested on the seventh day as an example for us.		
	C Reflecting God	With God's help, we can reflect parts of His character.		
6 The First Sin	A The Forbidden Fruit	In the garden, God gave Adam and Eve one rule to follow.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key points in the temptation narrative of Genesis 3 Define <i>sin</i> as breaking God's law or turning from Him Define <i>tempt</i> as inviting or pressuring someone to do wrong Discuss ways that lies can lead us to sin 	<p>Scripture Memory Romans 6:23</p> <p>Character Trait Honesty</p> <p>Hymn Count Your Blessings</p>
	B The Lying Serpent	After believing the serpent's lies, Adam and Eve chose to eat the fruit forbidden by God.		
	C Lies and Temptation	Truth is the best response to lies and temptation.		
7 The Promised Messiah	A Consequences of the Fall	After the first sin, people faced hardship and suffering.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List at least two consequences of humanity's fall into sin Explain in general terms how Jesus fulfilled the role of God's Messiah Recognize key points in the gospel of Jesus 	<p>Scripture Memory 1 Corinthians 15:22</p> <p>Character Trait Repentance</p> <p>Hymn Count Your Blessings</p>
	B The Promise of Jesus	After humanity's fall, God offered people hope through a Messiah.		
	C The Gospel	Jesus died and rose again to save us from sin and bring us to God.		
8 Noah	A The Ark	God warned Noah about a great flood, and Noah built an ark.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key points in the flood narrative of Genesis 6–9 Define <i>covenant</i> as a binding promise or agreement Explain the promise behind the sign of the rainbow 	<p>Scripture Memory Psalm 97:10a</p> <p>Character Trait Obedience</p> <p>Hymn This Is My Father's World</p>
	B A Flood and a Promise	God kept Noah and his family safe from the flood, then established a covenant with them.		
	C Listening to Warnings	If we listen to God's warnings, we can avoid many problems.		

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9 Abraham and Sarah	A The Promise of a Nation	God promised to form a great nation from Abraham and Sarah's descendants.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall essential parts of God's promise to Abraham in Genesis 12 Recognize the general locations of Canaan, Egypt, and the Mediterranean Sea on a map of the Middle East Define a <i>miracle</i> as a divine intervention within the natural order Recognize the link between God's promises to Abraham and the coming of Jesus Discuss the connection between trust and patience 	<p>Scripture Memory Psalm 145:8</p> <p>Character Trait Trustworthiness</p> <p>Hymn This Is My Father's World</p>
	B The Promise of a Son	God miraculously gave Abraham and Sarah a son.		
	C Waiting and Trusting	God often asks us to wait and trust Him.		
10 Joseph	A The Troubles of Joseph	Joseph's brothers sold him into slavery.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key points in the story of Joseph, especially regarding his relationship with his brothers Define <i>mercy</i> as kindness or compassion to people who may not deserve it Discuss positive and negative responses to mistreatment 	<p>Scripture Memory Romans 8:28a</p> <p>Character Trait Forgiveness</p> <p>Hymn This Is My Father's World</p>
	B The Triumph of Joseph	God remained with Joseph, who continued to do right.		
	C Forgiveness and Mercy	Joseph showed mercy to his brothers.		
11 Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Look up passages in Scripture and discuss key ideas Identify a handful of biblical figures from basic descriptions Recall key events discussed so far Recall key vocabulary discussed so far 	<p>Scripture Memory Review Unit 2 Verses</p> <p>Character Trait N/A</p> <p>Hymn This Is My Father's World</p>
12 Israel in Egypt	A Forgetting Joseph	The Israelites were enslaved by a Pharaoh who did not know about Joseph.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall the Israelites' circumstances before the birth of Moses Define the <i>Exodus</i> as Israel's departure from Egypt Explain how the Hebrew midwives showed courage Discuss ways to endure trouble and hardship 	<p>Scripture Memory Psalm 37:5</p> <p>Character Trait Patience</p> <p>Hymn To God Be the Glory</p>
	B Saving the Children	Two Hebrew midwives showed courage by disobeying Pharaoh's order to kill male infants.		
	C Patience and Endurance	We can encourage patience through trust and focus.		

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13 Moses' Early Life	A The Birth of Moses	Moses survived Pharaoh's edict and grew up in the royal household.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall how Moses survived dangers in his early childhood Describe the events that led to Moses fleeing Egypt Discuss both passive and active compassion 	Scripture Memory Joel 2:32a Character Trait Compassion Hymn To God Be the Glory
	B Escaping Egypt	After killing an Egyptian, Moses escaped to Midian.		
	C God's Compassion	God shows compassion like a good shepherd.		
14 Moses' Calling	A The Burning Bush	After getting Moses' attention with a burning bush, God told him to lead the Israelites out of Egypt.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key points of God's conversation with Moses near the burning bush at Mount Sinai (Horeb) Describe at least one sign that God offered to Moses Define <i>courage</i> as doing right despite our fears Discuss ways to respond to fear 	Scripture Memory Psalm 56:3 Character Trait Courage Hymn To God Be the Glory
	B Signs from God	God gave Moses several signs to demonstrate His power.		
	C Fear and Courage	Courage is the determination to do right despite our fears.		
15 Let My People Go	A Pharaoh Confronted	In Egypt, Moses and Aaron delivered the signs and messages that God had given them.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe Pharaoh's initial response to God's command Describe the Israelites' changing views of Moses and Aaron Discuss ways to encourage others 	Scripture Memory 1 Peter 5:7 Character Trait Encouragement Hymn To God Be the Glory
	B Israel Discouraged	After Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go, he made their labor and suffering worse.		
	C Encouraging Others	We can share joy and love with others by encouraging them.		
16 Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key biblical figures from the early chapters of Exodus Order and describe important events from the early chapters of Exodus Describe how God reintroduced Himself to Israel 	Scripture Memory Review Unit 3 Verses Character Trait N/A Hymn Rejoice, the Lord is King

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17 The First Nine Plagues	A Water into Blood	During the first plague, God turned the water of the Nile into blood.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe Pharaoh's pattern of stubbornness during the ten plagues Recognize some terms related to biblical disasters, including <i>plague</i>, <i>locust</i>, <i>boil</i>, and <i>hail</i> Distinguish attitudes and statements associated with humility or sinful pride 	Scripture Memory James 4:6b Character Trait Humility Hymn Rejoice, the Lord is King
	B Pharaoh's Stubbornness	Despite many plagues, Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites leave Egypt.		
	C Pride and Humility	Humility can help us avoid the consequences that follow stubbornness and pride.		
18 The Passover	A Before the Tenth Plague	God gave Israel instructions to prepare for the tenth plague.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events surrounding the tenth plague Describe one or two practices established at the first Passover List symbolic similarities between the Passover lamb and Jesus Discuss ways to remember or memorialize God's blessings 	Scripture Memory Psalm 103:11 Character Trait Remembrance Hymn Rejoice, the Lord is King
	B Passover Night	On the night of the first Passover, God killed the firstborn child of everyone who did not listen to His warning.		
	C God's Perfect Lamb	The Passover lamb reflects the innocence and grace of Jesus.		
19 The Exodus	A Leaving Egypt	God led the Israelites out of Egypt at just the right time, with everything they needed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Describe how Israel's obedience helped prepare them for a journey in the wilderness Recall one or two ways that God guided Israel through the wilderness Recognize several important locations along Israel's journey through the wilderness Define <i>wisdom</i> as the good use of knowledge Discuss the benefits of seeking advice from many different people 	Scripture Memory Psalm 78:52 Character Trait Attentiveness Hymn Rejoice, the Lord is King
	B Pillars of Cloud and Fire	God led the Israelites through the wilderness with pillars of cloud and fire.		
	C Following God	To follow God, we must pay attention to wisdom and truth.		
20 The Red Sea	A Trapped by the Sea	When the Egyptian army reached the Israelites at the Red Sea, many doubted God's protection.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events surrounding Israel's crossing of the Red Sea Explain God's stated purpose in protecting Israel and defeating Egypt Define <i>psalm</i> as a sacred song or poem, which in Scripture praises God Discuss ways to glorify God, explicitly and implicitly 	Scripture Memory Exodus 15:13a Character Trait Praise Hymn Like a River Glorious
	B A Path Through the Sea	God rescued the Israelites by opening a path through the sea.		
	C Glorifying God	After escaping the Egyptians, the Israelites praised God by singing and dancing.		

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21 In the Wilderness, Part 1	A Water to Drink	At Marah, God provided His people with drinkable water.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall ways that God provided food and water to the Israelites in the wilderness Describe how God used manna to test Israel's obedience Discuss ways to nurture and express gratitude 	Scripture Memory Psalm 107:1 Character Trait Gratitude Hymn Like a River Glorious
	B Food to Eat	In the wilderness beyond Elim, God began providing manna and quail.		
	C Finding Gratitude	Gratitude can strengthen our trust in God.		
22 In the Wilderness, Part 2	A Attacked by Amalek	God gave Israel victory over Amalek while Moses looked on, hands raised.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall how God revealed His power in the battle between Israel and Amalek in the wilderness Explain Jethro's reasons for appointing judges over Israel Define <i>discipline</i> generally as self-control Discuss the importance of discipline and self-control to service 	Scripture Memory Psalm 94:12 Character Trait Discipline / Self-Control Hymn Like a River Glorious
	B Judging the People	Jethro convinced Moses to appoint judges over Israel.		
	C Discipline and Judgment	Personal discipline is important to good judgment and effective leadership.		
23 Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall and order major events surrounding the Exodus from Egypt Recognize major figures in Israel's early history Match key vocabulary words from Unit 4 to their definitions 	Scripture Memory Review Unit 4 Verses Character Trait N/A Hymn Like a River Glorious
24 Ten Commands, Part 1	A Meeting on the Mountain	God revealed His presence to Israel at Mount Sinai.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain one or two signs of God's presence on Mount Sinai List the first and second commands from Exodus 20 Discuss modern forms of idolatry, including unhelpful attitudes toward otherwise good things 	Scripture Memory Matthew 22:37 Character Trait Loyalty Hymn Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
	B The First and Second Commands	God commanded His people to worship Him and reject false gods.		
	C Loyalty and Idolatry	Idolatry is a betrayal of God's love and loyalty to us.		

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25 Ten Commands, Part 2	A The Third and Fourth Commands	God commanded His people to respect His name and the Sabbath day.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List the third, fourth, and fifth commands from Exodus 20 Explain ways to misuse God's name Recognize ways to honor or dishonor parents and guardians Discuss ways to honor parents and guardians even when they make mistakes 	Scripture Memory Matthew 22:39 Character Trait Honor and Respect Hymn Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
	B The Fifth Command	God commanded His people to honor their fathers and mothers.		
	C Respect and Honor	God expects us to show respect to human leaders, if possible.		
26 Ten Commands, Part 3	A The Sixth, Seventh, and Eighth Commands	God commanded His people not to murder, commit adultery, or steal.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> List the sixth, seventh, eighth, ninth, and tenth commands from Exodus 20 Define the terms <i>covet</i> and <i>contentment</i> Explain how the two commands from Matthew 22 support all others 	Scripture Memory 1 John 4:7 Character Trait Contentment Hymn Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
	B The Ninth and Tenth Commands	God commanded His people not to lie about others or covet.		
	C The Greatest Commands	Of all God's commands, the most important is to love God and other people.		
27 The Golden Calf	A Making an Idol	While Moses talked with God on Mount Sinai, the Israelites worshiped a golden calf.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall the events surrounding Israel's worship of the golden calf Discuss Aaron's response to the people's demands Recognize forms of peer pressure Explain one or two positive responses to peer pressure 	Scripture Memory Deuteronomy 6:13 Character Trait Integrity Hymn Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
	B Breaking the Law	Moses responded to the people's idolatry by breaking the tablets with God's Law.		
	C Doing Right Under Pressure	People may pressure us to sin, but with God's help, we can choose to do right.		
28 The Tabernacle	A A Place to Worship	The Tabernacle was a place to worship and meet God.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Define key vocabulary relating to Old Testament ritualistic laws, including <i>Tabernacle</i>, <i>priest</i>, <i>Levite</i>, and <i>sanctify</i> List at least two purposes or functions of the Tabernacle Explain broadly how Jesus' work mirrored rites in the Old Testament 	Scripture Memory Psalm 23:6 Character Trait The Fear of God Hymn Breathe on Me, Breath of God
	B Sin and Sacrifices	Israel offered many sacrifices to express devotion to God.		
	C The Last Sacrifice	Jesus served as the perfect priest and sacrifice.		

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29 Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recognize the Ten Commandments Define key vocabulary from Unit 5 Recall key events from Israel's time camping near Mount Sinai 	<p>Scripture Memory Review Unit 5 Verses</p> <p>Character Trait N/A</p> <p>Hymn Breathe on Me, Breath of God</p>
30 Twelve Spies	A Scouting the Land	Moses sent twelve men to scout out Canaan, and they described a land with great wealth and strong people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain key events from Numbers 13–14, including the spies' report and Israel's rebellion Discuss the usefulness of trust and hope in answering fears Relate encouraging principles from Scripture to relevant personal worries 	<p>Scripture Memory 2 Corinthians 5:7</p> <p>Character Trait Hope</p> <p>Hymn Breathe on Me, Breath of God</p>
	B Rebelling Against God	At Kadesh, the people of Israel rebelled against God.		
	C Hoping in God	We can answer our fears with hope in God's promises.		
31 The Death of Moses	A Water from a Rock	After dishonoring God and striking the rock at Kadesh, Moses was forbidden from entering Canaan.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explain why God prohibited Moses from entering Canaan Describe the broad theme of Moses' final message to Israel Recall the circumstances of Moses' death Discuss characteristics of godly leaders, including exemplary service 	<p>Scripture Memory Joshua 1:9a</p> <p>Character Trait Leadership</p> <p>Hymn Breathe on Me, Breath of God</p>
	B Moses' Final Message	Before his death, Moses reminded the Israelites to obey God.		
	C A Good Leader	Of all the leaders used by God, the best ones encourage people to follow Him first.		
32 The Promised Land	A Out of the Wilderness	Just as He had with Moses, God encouraged Joshua with promises of His presence.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trace the general path Israel took from Egypt to Canaan Recall key events surrounding Israel's crossing of the Jordan Explain the general purpose of the Ark of the Covenant Describe ways that God reminded Israel of His blessings Discuss opportunities to devote gifts toward God and His work 	<p>Scripture Memory Joshua 1:9b</p> <p>Character Trait Devotion</p> <p>Hymn The Lord's My Shepherd</p>
	B Crossing the Jordan	Just as He had with the Red Sea, God stopped the Jordan to allow Israel to cross.		
	C Devotion to God	If we devote ourselves to God, we will show others His love.		

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33 The Fall of Jericho	A Hiding the Spies	Rahab hid the two Israelite spies, then asked them to protect her when Israel took Jericho.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall key events surrounding the fall of Jericho Explain how Rahab demonstrated belief and trust Discuss the relationship between promises, trust, and responsibility 	Scripture Memory Proverbs 3:5 Character Trait Trust Hymn The Lord's My Shepherd
	B Walking Around the City	As Joshua and the Israelites watched, God destroyed the walls of Jericho.		
	C Rewarding Trust	To serve God well, we must trust Him.		
34 God's Promises	A Promises to Israel	God kept His covenant with Israel.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recall in general terms how God kept His promises to Abraham List one or two promises that Christ gave His followers Describe several features of heaven, as described in the Book of Revelation Discuss how God's promises can encourage believers today 	Scripture Memory Philippians 1:6 Character Trait Joy Hymn The Lord's My Shepherd
	B Promises of Christ	Jesus has promised to stay with His followers.		
	C Promises for Eternity	God will care for His people in heaven forever.		
35 Review	Review Activities	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sequence key events surrounding Israel's entry into Canaan Recall the names of important people and places in the Pentateuch 	Scripture Memory Review Unit 6 Verses Character Trait N/A Hymn The Lord's My Shepherd