

May Sharing Time Ideas

Week 3: When I am baptized I make a covenant with God.

Introduce the doctrine:

Object Lesson: Bring 4 candy bars from home (2 for junior, 2 for senior). Call on a volunteer. Tell the child that you PROMISE you will give him this candy bar if he PROMISES to do 10 jumping jacks. Make sure you emphasize the word PROMISE. Once he has completed the task, open the candy bar and take a huge bite out of it. There should be a large gasp of horror from the kids. Ask them why that was wrong? Have the children help teach what a promise is. Tell the child that he can come to you at the end of Primary and receive a candy bar for keeping his promise. Strongly emphasize that Heavenly Father would NEVER go back on His promise. We can completely trust Him. (If time permits I would have someone do a trust fall where you catch them.) Explain that we can always trust Heavenly Father to keep His promises (and to catch us).

Continue by following the official outline to further demonstrate what a promise is by doing the linking arms activity. I have included the signs to hang on the board.

Encourage understanding:

Print and cut out the 5 strips containing a promise and a song selection. Fold them up and place them in a bowl.

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Option 1: Do the activity as listed in the outline. If your primary has not yet learned one of the songs listed, have your pianist play the song while the bowl is being passed, and then once it is finished and the bowl has stopped moving, have the children play "Name That Tune" and guess what the song is. Remember to have them read the promise and place it on the board under *We Promise* or *God Promises*.

Option 2:

Start by explaining that we are going to play "Name that Tune."

• Have your pianist play "Baptism" (CS, 100). Ask the children to raise their hand when they know what the song is.

God

Promise

• Call on a child to guess the song. If she is correct, have her come to the front of the room.

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- Let that child pull a word strip from the bowl. That child then gets to go show it to the pianist, then return to her seat.
- Have the pianist play the next song listed one note at a time until someone can guess the song.
- Once it is guessed, invite the child who guessed it to come up and be our "Guest Conductor" You might want to have a suit coat, or conducting baton for him to use. Have that child lead the rest of the children in singing it together.
- Read the promise listed next to the song you just sang. Ask if this is a promise we make or a
 promise God makes. Call on another child to come forward and to tape the promise under
 the correct sign on the board.
- Repeat this process of playing name that tune until all 5 songs and have been guessed, and the promises have been discussed. If you still need additional material we have a packet called "Baptism." This mainly deals with how to prepare to be baptized. I have used it numerous times for a baptism talk. It would be a great substitute packet if needed.

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"The Church of Jesus Christ" (CS, 77) name of Jesus Christ lake upon us the

Always remember Him

"To Think about Jesus" (CS, 71)

Keep the commandments

"Keep the Commandments" (CS, 146-47)

Have His Spirit to be with us

"The Holy Ghost" (CS, 105)

Return to live with Him

"I Am a Child of God," verse 3 (CS, 2-3)

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