

# Promises

## Puppet Skit—Week 1



*\*\*Needed: An envelope with the words “Promise Inside” and teacher’s name written on the outside. A piece of paper inside the envelope says, “Come to Bible Club today where you will learn about God’s promises for you.” Attach this to Len’s hand.*

Len: *(Comes up.)* Hey, Lucy, come here!

Lucy: *(Comes up.)* Hi, Len, what do you want?

Len: *(Excited.)* I’ve got a letter. *(Shows envelope.)*

Lucy: Big deal!

Len: No, look. It is from (Bible Club teacher’s name), our Bible Club teacher.

Lucy: *(Looks at envelope)* It says, “Promise Inside.” What does that mean?

Len: I don’t know! I didn’t open it yet.

Lucy: LEN, JUST OPEN THE LETTER AND FIND THE PROMISE!

Len: Whoops! I dropped it. *(Len tries to open the envelope but drops it, and goes down to pick it up. He comes up with the letter open. He reads it silently for a moment.)*

Len: Here, Lucy, you read it.

Lucy: *(Lucy reads)* “Come to Bible Club today where you will learn about God’s Promises for you. I promise to listen to your questions and teach you the truth about God and His promises.”

ALL RIGHT! It says Bible Club is starting today and (Bible Club teacher’s name) is promising to teach and listen to us.

Len: What are God’s promises? What does that mean?

Lucy: How would I know? We’d better go to Bible Club and find out, I guess.

Len: Sometimes I promise to do or not do things but I don’t always keep my promises. I wonder what promises God made to us and how He keeps His promises; I didn’t even know He did that!

Lucy: Me too! Hey let’s invite some other kids to come, so they can know about the promises of God!

*(Len and Lucy make excited noises as they exit.)*

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Puppet Skit—Week 2

*\*\*Props: A rubber stamp that has the words “Made by God” taped on the bottom or the side so everyone can see it.*

Lucy: (Lucy is busy stamping everything she can get her hands on)

Len: (*Enters.*) What are you doing, Lucy?

Lucy: I’m trying out my new rubber stamp!

Len: Rubber stamp?

Lucy: Yeah, I bought this at the store yesterday.

Len: What does it say?

Lucy: It says, “Made by God.”

Len: What are you going to do with it?

Lucy: I’m going to stamp everything I can find that God created. I want EVERYBODY to see how great He is.

Len: (*Short pause.*) Lucy, there are two problems with that. One, some of the things God made look better when they aren’t stamped.

Lucy: (*Thoughtfully.*) Yeah, I suppose the Grand Canyon with “Made by God” written in giant letters on one of the walls wouldn’t look so great.

Len: And the other problem is that you will have to stamp everything.

Lucy: (*Disbelief.*) Everything?

Len: Everything.

Lucy: (*Thoughtfully.*) Even you?

Len: (*Backs away from Lucy.*) You stay away from me with that stamp!

Lucy: I suppose stamping everything isn’t such a good idea.

Len: Oh, Lucy, you usually have great ideas but this just isn’t the best way to tell the world how great God is.

Lucy: You’re right, Len. It wasn’t working anyway.

Len: What do you mean?

Lucy: Well, I wanted to give God the credit for the little things He made, too. So I tried stamping all the ants.

Len: (*Amazed.*) The ants!

Lucy: Yeah, it didn’t work so well. First, there were too many of them. Second, there was a lot of hit and miss because they don’t stand still. But the biggest problem was that the ants I did manage to stamp were squashed! (*Pauses.*) I know! I’ll go stamp my brother!! (*Lucy exits.*)

Len: That Lucy! She just doesn’t get it. God doesn’t need her stamp to tell how great He is! (*Len exits.*)



*Lucy appears sniffing as though she has been crying.*

*Len appears, looks around, sees Lucy crying.*

Len: What's the matter, Lucy? Why are you crying?

Lucy: Oh, Len, I've just done something terribly bad! *(She starts crying again.)*

Len: Lucy, what could be so bad? Nothing could be that bad!

Lucy: Well, this is! I feel terrible. I know God will never forgive me.

Len: Lucy, that's not true! God always forgives us when we ask.

Lucy: This is pretty bad. I'm not sure God wants to forgive me.

Len: What is it? What did you do?

Lucy: Well, I got so mad at my brother. He wouldn't play with me, he wouldn't let me ride his bike, he wouldn't even talk to me. He just kept working on his crummy science project. I got so mad at him that when he went out, I went into his room and wrecked it!

Len: You wrecked his room?!

Lucy: No, silly! His science project! I just smashed it to bits.

Len: Oh, Lucy! That is terrible!

Lucy: *(Starts to cry.)* I know! I know! I feel terrible. My brother will never forgive me! And neither will God!

Len: Lucy, you sure are in a mess! But I learned in Bible Club there's a verse in the Bible that says God is good and ready to forgive. He will forgive you if you are sorry and ask him to.

Lucy: I'm really sorry for what I did. I'm going to ask God to forgive me, Len. Thanks for helping me on that one. Say, are there any verses in the Bible that says my brother will forgive me?

Len: Nope, you're on your own with that one. He'll be mad but you'll have to make it up to him.

Lucy: Well, I'd guess I'd better start rebuilding his science project. *(Groans.)* It will take days! I guess I won't be seeing you for a while. *(Lucy leaves.)*

Len: *(To kids.)* I hope her brother will forgive her. But even if he doesn't, God will - that's for sure! If we are sorry for the wrong things we have done and ask God to forgive us, He will! We will learn more about God's promise of forgiveness for us in Bible Club today! Goodbye!

*(Len exits.)*

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Puppet Skit—Week 4

*\*\*BEFORE CLUB: Cut out “Len” and “Lucy” hearts from a scrap paper and glue on small sticks to make “puppets.”*

*Len and Lucy are behind stage - they are not showing.)*

Len: I wonder if Lucy is home. *(make knocking sound behind stage)*

Lucy: Who’s there?

Len: It’s me, Len.

Lucy: Come on in, Len. *(Len comes up, Lucy still behind stage.)*

Len: Lucy, I had to tell you. We won the soccer game! *(Silence.)* LUCY, where ARE you?

Lucy: *(Yells from behind.)* I’M DOING A PROJECT. I’LL BE RIGHT THERE.

Len: *(Paces back and forth)* Dum, de dum, de dum . . . *(Stops suddenly when he sees a red heart with a stick slowly rising with Lucy’s name on it.)*

Lucy: Here I am, Len!

Len: *(Puts hand to head.)* NOW WHAT, Lucy? WHERE are you?

Lucy: THIS is ME. Sometimes in Bible Club we talk about our hearts. When the Bible talks about our hearts it means our whole self. What we think, what we feel, and what we do. It doesn’t mean the heart that pumps my blood. It’s the whole real me. I am going to write a puppet song for Bible Club about our hearts.

Len: You ARE? A puppet SONG?

Lucy: Yes, and I have a stupendous, terrific idea! You can be one of the puppets in the puppet song!

Len: Oh no. *(Looks to audience and mutters)* Why didn’t I stay on the soccer field?

Lucy: Come on, it will be a “quick in a minute and it is over” puppet song.

Len: Oh, I suppose.

Lucy: Len, you are GREAT. Let’s go write it. *(Puppets go down.)*

**Voice:** THE NEXT DAY AT BIBLE CLUB.

*(Len and Lucy stay behind theater. Red hearts come up with faces to the audience and bounce around while Len and Lucy sing this song to the tune of “Skip to my Lou.”)*

Len and Lucy: **\*Hearts, hearts, give Him our hearts,  
Hearts, hearts, give Him our hearts,  
Hearts, hearts, give Him our hearts,  
Give our whole selves to Jesus.**

Len: *(from behind)* Kids how about singing it with us? *(Bible club kids join Len and Lucy in singing it once.)*

Lucy: Kids, listen to the Bible lesson today and you will learn how to give your whole self to Jesus. See you next week. *(Heart puppets go down. Len and Lucy come up and are walking from left to right.)*

Len: Lucy, that was fun. Maybe I’ll be a songwriter instead of a professional soccer player. See you tomorrow at the bus stop.

*(Len goes down. Lucy walks a bit further humming the above tune as she bounces along. Lucy exits.)*



*(Len and Lucy come up and Lucy has a few autumn leaves taped to her.)*

Len: Hey, Lucy, what have YOU been doing?

Lucy: I've been raking leaves. Billions of them. I have about 198 bags full at the curb.

Len: 198?

Lucy: Well, it SEEMS like it. I raked so many leaves. I hope autumn never comes again. I want those leaves to stay green and stay hooked up on the trees!

Len: Hooked up on the trees?

Lucy: Well, maybe sometime it will be summer all year. Swimming, soccer, no coats, no cold . . .

Len: *(Interrupts and says empathetically.)* That will never happen.

Lucy: Maybe someday.

Len: Never. Because God said so.

Lucy: God?

Len: Lucy, remember our verse? As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest . . .

*(Lucy suddenly remembers, hits her hand on her head like she forgot and then finishes saying Gen. 8:22 with Len.)*

Len and Lucy: . . . cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease. Genesis 8:22.

Lucy: OK, I guess I will have to rake up 253 bags next year because the trees will be bigger!

Len: Lucy, you exaggerate!

Lucy: Well, maybe I do, but it SEEMED like that many bags I stuffed full of leaves this morning. Next year YOU can help me, Len.

Len: I'm out of here! *(Len exits quickly.)*

Lucy: *(Speaks slowly while thinking.)* Seedtime and harvest . . . will never cease. That means the autumn season will keep coming around forever. I'll be raking leaves forever, maybe until I am 125 years old!

*(Stops a moment then calls out.)* LEN!

Len: *(Answers from behind stage.)* What, Lucy?

Lucy: *(Looks toward voice and calls out.)* Wait up! I've got something for you to do for the next 115 years!

*(Lucy exits.)*

*Len appears with a shield attached to his hand. (use a toy or make one from scrap paper.) He acts like he is defending himself from something with the shield, turning around from side to side and even turns around. He does this a little while. Lucy comes up and watches him for a minute.*

Lucy: Len!

Len: *(Startled, jumps around to face Lucy.)* Lucy! I didn't know you were here!

Lucy: No kidding! What are you doing anyway, Len?

Len: I'm just pretending I'm in the olden days and I'm protecting myself from the bad guys with my shield.

Lucy: Your what??

Len: My shield. *(Shows Lucy.)* A long time ago people used shields to protect themselves from swords or arrows in a battle or a fight.

Lucy: Oh, so you were imagining you were fighting someone and using your shield to protect yourself?

Len: Yep, with this shield no one could hurt me. I can put it in front of me, or on the side or turn around and it protects me there. See, I was just winning the battle when you came by.

Lucy: Well, Len, shields sure are interesting. But soldiers don't use them today, do they?

Len: No, Lucy. Not many people use them any more. But the Bible talks about them. God says in the Bible He is like a shield so we don't have to be afraid. God will protect us. He says in Genesis 15:1 "Do not be afraid, I am your shield." Pretty great isn't it? Bible teacher's name asked if I would bring mine to Bible Club today. Must be she is going to talk about shields. Hey, I know. Let's make you one. Then you can join me and we can pretend to use the shields together. We can pretend we're in a battle together.

Lucy: OK. Where can we get another one?

Len: We have to make one. C'mon let's get started. I've got some cardboard in the garage. And my mom probably has some tin foil we can use! Let's go!

*(Len and Lucy Exit)*

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Puppet Skit—Week 7

*Attach the Bible symbol from God's Story to the puppet stage. Len and Lucy enter. Len is holding a magnifying glass or if you don't have one, just have them act like they are searching around looking for clues.*

Len: *(Looking around.)* Clues, clues. There has to be one around here.

Lucy: *(Discouraged.)* We have looked everywhere, Detective Len.

Len: We can't give up. We are getting close. I feel it in my bones.

Lucy: How can you feel something in your bones?

Len: I don't know, but that is what my Grandpa said and it worked for him.

Lucy: Was he a detective too?

Len: The best. Detective I. L. Findit. And he did!

Lucy: Did what?

Len: Find it. He always found what he was looking for.

Lucy: Did he teach you how to find clues and solve mysteries?

Len: Yes!

Lucy: What was the best thing he ever taught you?

Len: Never give up. Never, never, never.

Lucy: Well, I am about ready to give up. We can't seem to find the answer to the big question - *(says slowly)* "How do I know God hears me and will answer when I prayer?"

Len: We will find it, Lucy. Be daring, be brave!

Lucy: But we have looked everywhere.

Len: We haven't looked here. *(Walks to Bible symbol and examines it with magnifying glass.)* Hmmmm.

Lucy: *(Goes close to Len.)* What is it?

Len: A Bible. I think it has the answer for us.

Lucy: What does it say?

Len: It says in the Bible in Jeremiah 33:3, "Call to me and I will answer you."

Lucy: That's it?

Len: *(Looks up and jumps joyfully.)* Yes, we found the clue!

Lucy: How do you know?

Len: Because Grandfather Findit taught me that God always keeps His promises and this is a promise that when God's people have trouble they can call on Him and He will help.

Lucy: Sounds like a very good promise to me.

Len: Precisely! It is a promise from God, and God never lies. He always keeps His promises.

Lucy: Then we did find our clue! I know God will hear and answer me when I pray because He promised He would.

Len: And God *always* keeps His promises! *(Lucy nods emphatically.)*

Lucy: Well, Detective Len, another case opened and closed!

Len: Stick with me, kid, and you'll learn a lot more. Just keep your ears open, eyes alert, and your nose to the ground.

Lucy: Right on, Chief. *(Puppets exit.)*



*\*\*Lucy needs an empty candy bar wrapper attached to one of her hands.*

*(Lucy appears from left. Len appears from right.)*

Len: Hi, Lucy. Oh, a candy bar. Got any left?

Lucy: Nope. I just finished it off.

Len: Where did you get it?

Lucy: From my Girl Scout's leader. She said anyone who finished their workbook could have a candy bar. I didn't really finish mine, but she didn't check. When she asked, I said I finished it, so she gave me a candy bar.

Len: Lucy! You told a lie!

Lucy: Oh, c'mon, Len. It was just a little one.

Len: But it's still a lie!

Lucy: It didn't hurt anyone.

Len: Lucy, a lie is a lie. It doesn't matter if your leader will never know, or if you think it was just a little one, or if it doesn't hurt anyone. A lie is a sin against GOD.

Lucy: Oh, Len. I never thought of it that way. I always tell little lies to get my own way. I never thought about God's way. Now that I think about it, I lie quite a bit. I'm going to try not to lie anymore.

Len: Well, that's a good start, Lucy, but you really need to do something more.

Lucy: *(slowly)* Yeah, I know. I need to go tell my leader that I really didn't finish the work book. And I guess I have to tell her I'm sorry for telling a lie.

Len: And . . .

Lucy: Well, I should tell God I'm sorry for lying, too. I guess I have some things to do. I'm really going to try not to lie anymore. And Len, the next candy bar I get for finishing my workbook, I'll share with you.

Len: That would be great!

*(Len and Lucy exit.)*

*\*\*Lucy needs a pencil attached to her hand.*

*(Len and Lucy walk up.)*

Len: Hi, Lucy. Wait until I tell you what happened at the soccer game yesterday.

Lucy: Please do not call me Lucy. My name is Lucille.

Len: LUCILLE! What a high and mighty name for just a girl.

Lucy: *(haughtily)* Len, I am now an author and the name on the cover of my book is going to be Lucille.

Len: What next! YOU are writing a BOOK? About what?

Lucy: Angels.

Len: ANGELS?

Lucy: Yes, there are angels all over the place and people don't know about them.

Len: 'Cause they never see them.

Lucy: Oh yes, they do. They are at Walmart, Meijers, K-mart and . . .

Len: Those are just pictures and stuff, not real angels.

Lucy: I know, but people are mixed up, they don't know who angels are and what they do.

Len: And YOU are going to tell people about angels?

Lucy: *(meekly)* I am going to try.

Len: I don't know, Lucille. I don't think angels will be excited about your book.

Lucy: Why?

Len: Because angels may not want people to think about them too much. They want people to think about God!

Lucy: Oh.

Len: I think the angels say, "Why write about us when you could write about our wonderful God?"

Lucy: But they are God's messenger helpers and I want people to know about them.

Len: I guess you are right, but Lucille, write mostly about how they serve God.

Lucy: Good idea. Maybe I will dedicate my book to you, Len. And Len, you can still call me Lucy.

Len: Whew! Lucille was so not you!

*(Len and Lucy exit.)*

*\*\* (Teacher's Note: Look ahead to your part. Let some kids answer but be prepared to add or clarify their answers. Some suggestions could be: by reading the Bible, praying, talking to other Christians, letting the Holy Spirit tell us what's right and wrong and helping us do what's right, by giving us parents and teachers to obey, etc.)*

*\*\* You will need a piece of rope and an extra copy of this skit for the Bible Club teacher who answers Len and Lucy's question.*

*(Len and Lucy come up. Lucy is holding a piece of rope.)*

Lucy: Got your roller blades on, Len?

Len: Yep!

Lucy: I've got an idea. I found this piece of rope. *(Holds it up.)* Why don't I get on my bike and lead you around on your roller blades?

Len: Uh, no. I don't think so, Lucy.

Lucy: Why not? It'll be a blast!

Len: I don't want to.

Lucy: Why not? Don't you trust me?

Len: Well, actually, NO!

Lucy: Aw, c'mon on. I'll be careful.

Len: No, it's not safe. I don't want to end up wrapped around a light post or something.

Lucy: Oh, alright. But what about other things in your life, Len. Do you trust anyone?

Len: Yeah, I do. I'm learning to trust God to lead me in my life. He does lead, you know.

Lucy: You mean He leads you around with a rope?

Len: No, Lucy. He leads us but we can't see it. He leads us in ways we can't see.

Lucy: Like how?

Len: Oh, I don't know. Maybe Bible Teacher's name will know. Let's go ask her.

*(Len and Lucy pretend to walk over to Bible Club. Teacher comes up to puppet stage.)*

Lucy: Hi, Bible Teacher's name. Len and I were wondering how God leads us when we can't see it.

Teacher: That's a good question, Len and Lucy. Let's ask the boys and girls in Bible Club today to help us answer that question. How does God lead us when we can't see it? *\*\* (children's answers)* There's so many ways He leads us. But the important thing is that we WANT to obey God and follow His plan. We have to trust that His plan is the best one!

Lucy: Thanks, Bible Teacher's name and kids. That really helped us a lot. I guess I need to leave the leading to God. *(Lucy throws rope away.)*

Teacher: Hey, Len and Lucy. It's time for Bible Club.

Len: Yeah, we'll be here right behind the board.

*(Len and Lucy exit.)*

(*Len and Lucy standing waiting for the bus.*)

Lucy: WHEN is that bus coming? I don't like waiting.

Len: I wish the bus would NEVER come.

Lucy: WHAT?

Len: Then we wouldn't have to go to school.

Lucy: Oh, Len. (*Pause*) Hey, maybe our bus is the Magic School Bus and it turned into an airplane. All the kids flew over the ocean and are in Hawaii!

Len: (*Laughs*) At least it could have picked us up first!

Lucy: I don't like waiting time.

Len: Me either.

Lucy: What's your worse waiting time?

Len: (*Thinks*) It's trying to get to sleep when my Mom sends me to bed early which is every night, I think.

Lucy: You could play my game.

Len: What is it?

Lucy: I remember our first Bible Club promise, and I think about it. Then I think of the next one and think of what that one means for a minute. Before I know it, I am asleep.

Len: I have my (activity sheet/coloring book/verse passport) next to my bed, so I can look some up if I get stuck.

Lucy: Good idea. Let's play it backwards from last to first. What was last week's verse?

Len: Isaiah chapter 30 verse 21. Whether you turn to the right or to the left. . .

Lucy: Your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying. . .

Len and Lucy: "This is the way; walk in it."

(Lucy notices their bus coming down the road)

Lucy: Oh, our bus didn't go to Hawaii after all, here it comes. We'll have to finish our game later.

(Len and Lucy exit)

(*Len and Lucy appear together.*)

Lucy: *I can't wait* until Christmas.

Len: Yeah, me too.

Lucy: We're going shopping on Saturday. *I can't wait!*

Len: Really?

Lucy: Then we're going to make cookies and put up the Christmas tree. It's so much fun. *I just can't wait!!*

Len: Lucy, so you know what time it is?

Lucy: It's only (four) o'clock. *I can't wait* to get home and start making my shopping list!

Len: Lucy, it seems like all you ever say is "I can't wait!" But you have to wait for all those things you-can't-wait-for to happen.

Lucy: I know, but waiting for something good that's going to happen is not so easy.

Len: You're right. But think of the people like Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Jacob. They were all promised a Savior but they had to wait - a long time. They even died before God's promise came true.

Lucy: Oh, those poor people. I hope I don't have to wait that long!

Len: You don't! That's the good news! You don't have to wait at all! God's promise has already come true. The Savior of the world came. His name is Jesus! All you need to do is believe it and ask for forgiveness of your sins.

Lucy: I do believe in Jesus. But I do need to ask forgiveness for my sins. When can I do it? *I can't wait!*

Len: NOW, Lucy. You can do it now. You don't have to wait.

Lucy: I get it. Even though some people had to wait a long time - it finally happened. The Savior was born. He died and came to life again. When He died, He gave us forgiveness and a life in heaven with Him. Now I get it. See you later, Len.

Len: Where are you going?

Lucy: Home. I need to talk to God right now. I just can't wait any longer.

(Lucy exits first and Len follows)