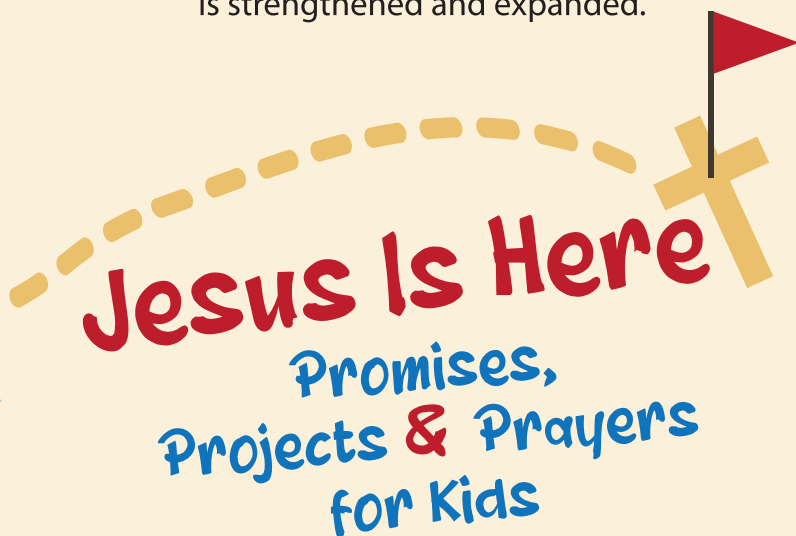


# Jesus Is Here

Promises,  
Projects & Prayers  
for Kids



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Do you know that there is Someone who is with you all the time? He's there when you're awake and when you're sleeping. He's there when you're happy and when you're sad. Even when you feel all alone, he's there!

Do you know who it is? It's Jesus!

Your loving Savior is always right by your side. He's your Best Friend—forever!

He never hides from you. You never have to go searching for him. He is right here, right by your side, always! Listen to what he promises:

**[Jesus said,] I am with you always,  
even to the end of the age.**

**Matthew 28:20**

In this book, you'll get to do a lot of fun activities that teach you more about Jesus. You'll hear about his promises and think about just how much he loves you. You'll also see some ideas for how you can tell others about their Savior, Jesus.

Go ahead and get started now!

**Jesus is here with**

**!**



# Jesus Is Here . . .

## When I Need Somebody to Trust

Jacob was so excited! He was going to sleep over at Ben's house for the first time. Ben was Jacob's best friend. They were going to play video games and eat pizza all night long. It was going to be epic!

But then, Jacob's mom got a phone call. Ben had invited too many friends to his sleepover, and his parents said not all the boys could come. Jacob was crushed. Ben had promised him that he could sleep over. Jacob was really, really looking forward to it, but now, it wouldn't happen.

Has anybody ever broken your trust, made a promise to you and then not kept it? It really hurts when that happens.

Nobody in this world is perfect. Nobody keeps their promises all the time. But God does.

God's Word, the Bible, is 100 percent true! Our heavenly Father keeps his promises, every single one of them. Just like he promised in the very first book of the Bible (Genesis 1), he sent Jesus to be our Savior from sin.

Jesus even said it himself: "I am the way, *the truth*, and the life" (John 14:6, emphasis added). And, he proved it when he kept his promise to die on the cross and rise again!

You can trust Jesus to guide you, to comfort you, and to give you new life—always!





## THINK ABOUT

Why is it important that God is trustworthy and keeps all of his promises? (Hint: Think about what would happen if God didn't keep his promises.)

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## DRAW

Have you heard the story of Noah's ark? One of God's promises came after he flooded the earth for 40 days. With a grown-up or an older sibling, read the story from the Bible (Genesis 7-9) or from a children's Bible to find out about that promise. Then, draw a picture of the story here.

Every promise of the LORD  
your God has come true.

Joshua 23:14



## PRAY

Dear Jesus, I know you are here with me, every day,  
keeping your promises. Help me to trust your promises,  
even when . . .

## PROMISE BOX

### What You'll Need

- A small container (a small shoebox, an old mint container, or a plastic food storage bowl will work)
- Markers, glue, fabric, ribbons, and other decorations
- Glue and tape (ask for an adult's permission if you'd like to use hot glue)
- A few sheets of paper
- Pencil
- Bible



## What You'll Do

1. Use your supplies to decorate your promise box.
2. Work with a grown-up or an older sibling to find promises from God in the Bible. (You can use the Bible verses you read in this book, too!) Write one promise down on each piece of paper. Fold up the papers and put them into your box.
3. Place your box somewhere for safekeeping. This could be under your bed, on your nightstand, or on your bookshelf.
4. Pull out your box each morning when you wake up. Pick a paper and read the promise to remind you that Jesus is here with you, every day!



## SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

Remember the story of Noah's ark? God promised never to flood the earth like that again. He sealed his promise with a rainbow! Now, every time you see a rainbow in the sky, you can remember that you can **always** trust God! Do you know someone who needs a reminder of God's loving promises to us? Make that person a card with a rainbow on the front and a Bible verse inside.



# Jesus Is Here . . .

## When I Am Full of Joy

The Bible tells us stories about God's people. In these stories we learn that, sometimes, life was really difficult for God's children.

In the Book of Exodus, we read about God's people being slaves in Egypt. They worked long, hard hours in the fields and in the cities. The Egyptians were cruel to God's people. Generations of God's people suffered like this for more than 400 years!

Even though they were suffering, God's people trusted in his promise to rescue them. God worked through a man named Moses to lead his people out of Egypt. As they were leaving, Egyptian soldiers chased them to the Red Sea, but God wouldn't let that stop his rescue plan. He gave his people victory over the Egyptians!

After they had crossed the Red Sea, God's people shouted for joy! Can you imagine being free after 400 years of slavery? That must have felt amazing! The people knew that their joy had come because God had kept his promises. They sang out:

*The LORD is my strength and my song; he has given me victory.  
This is my God, and I will praise him.*

*Exodus 15:2*

You have lots of reasons to be joyful, too! Jesus' death on the cross means that you will live forever with him in heaven. He is with you every day on earth and you'll be with him every day in heaven, too. Sing and shout for joy—Jesus is your Savior!