

# Lesson 13: The Baptismal Covenant



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# Purpose

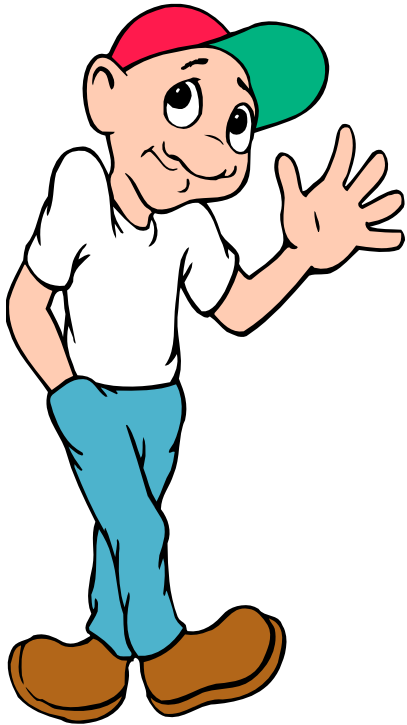
To help the children understand that when they are baptized, they make a covenant with Heavenly Father.

Our opening prayer will be given by



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# Attention Activity

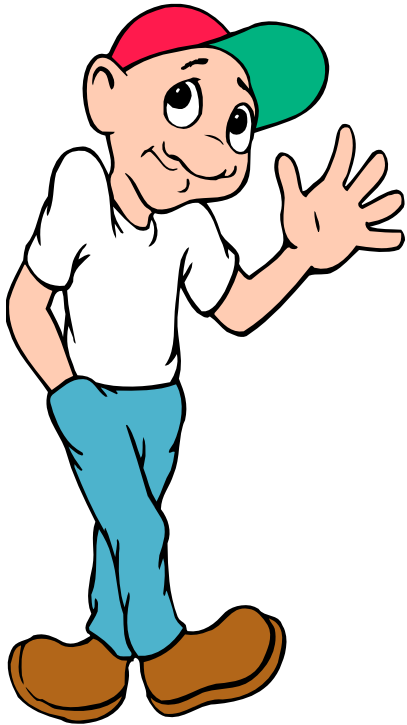


- I need a volunteer, who should it be?
- I will ask you to do something.
- If you do what I ask, I will give you something special.



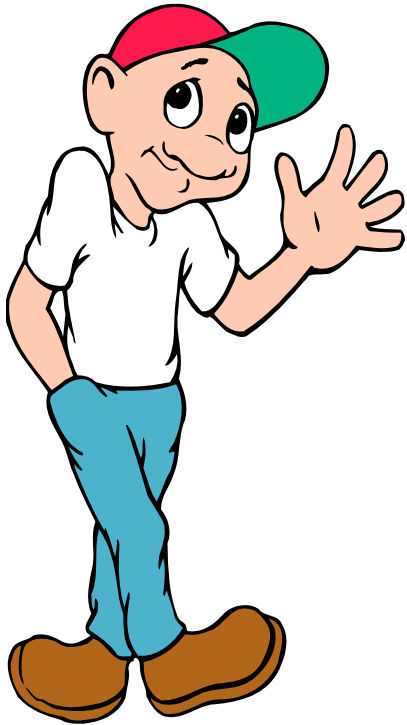
# Attention Activity

- Do you promise to do your best as what I ask you to do?
- I want you to turn around two times then shake your hand for 5 seconds.
- Please do it now.



# Attention Activity

- Now that you have completed what I asked you to do, I will keep my part of the promise and give you something special.



# Attention Activity

- *Here it is!!!*



# Attention Activity

- We both kept our promises.
- What was asked to do was done.
- When it was done, something special was presented.





# Attention Activity



- Would anyone else like to try this task?

# Attention Activity

- What did we each promise to do?



# Attention Activity



**What happened when you kept your promise?**

# Story

- Listen to the following story about a boy named Stephen.



# Story



- Stephen was about to go out to play one morning when his mother handed him a bag of apples.
- “This bag of apples is for Sister Jones down the street. Could you deliver them for me?” she asked.
- “Sure,” said Stephen as he took the bag.



- “Be sure you deliver the apples before you play, and be careful not to drop any on the ground,” cautioned his mother. “Take them right to Sister Jones.”
- “I will. I promise!” said Stephen.



- When Stephen came out of his house with the bag of apples, two of his friends were waiting for him. They were starting up a game and wanted him to play.
- “I’ve got to deliver these apples first,” Stephen replied.
- One of the boys said, “Oh, you can do that later. We can only play for an hour, so we need to get started.”



- “No, I’ll do this first. I promised my mother.”
- As he walked, Stephen began to swing the bag of apples in the air. Then he remembered his promise. If he swung the bag high in the air an apple might fall out and get bruised. He held the bag carefully as he walked the rest of the way to Sister Jones’s house.
- As he handed the bag to Sister Jones, Stephen smiled.





## Story Discussion

- What did Stephen promise his mother?
- How do you think Stephen felt knowing he had kept his promise?

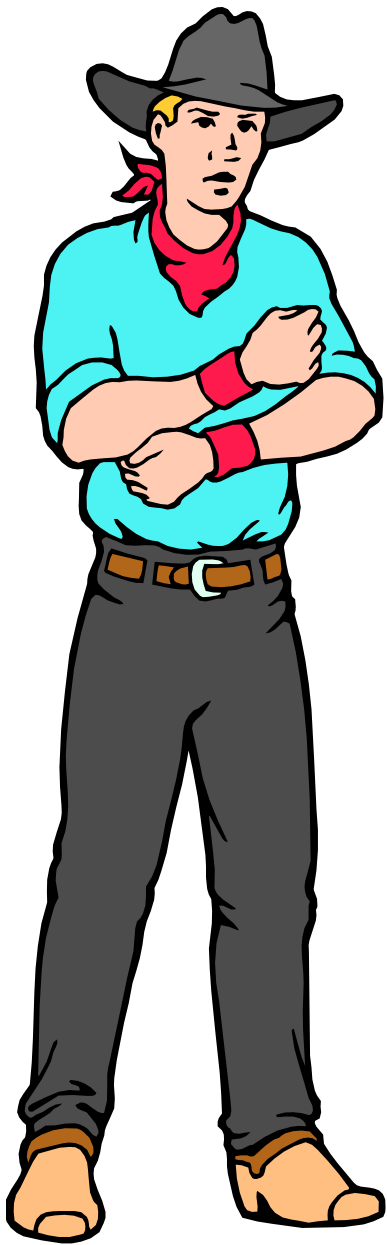
# PROMISE



- What do you think this word means?
- When you agree to do something or say you will do it, you are making a promise.

# Discussion

- There is another kind of promise.
- It's called a "Two-way promise".
- Listen carefully to the following situation.
- See if you can identify what Jean and her father promised each other.



- Jean excitedly told her father that the circus was in town and asked if they could go.





- Father reminded Jean that yesterday the wind had blown lots of loose trash into the yard, and it needed to be cleaned up.
- Jean frowned.





- Father told her that if she cleaned the yard in the morning, he would take her to the circus that afternoon.
- Jean said she would clean the yard.





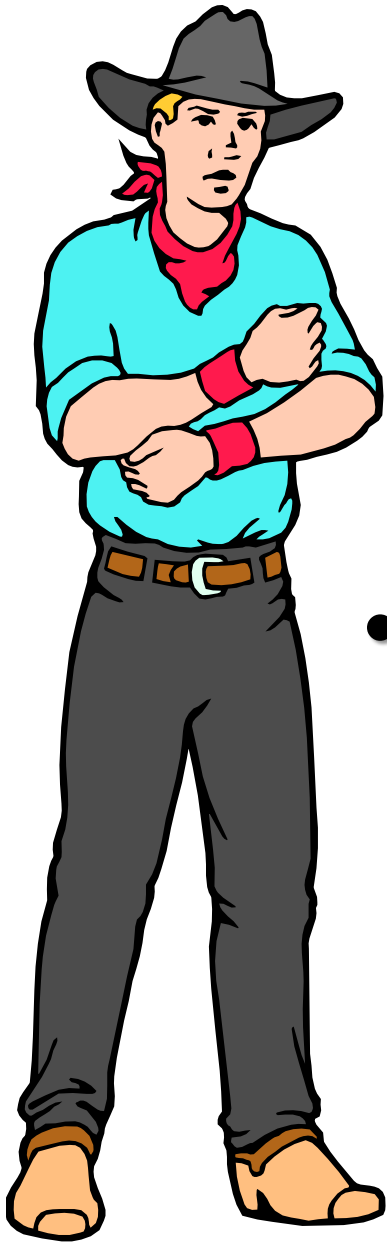
- Both Jean and her father made a promise to each other.



- What was Jean's part of the promise?







- What was her father's part of the promise?

- If Jean broke her part of the promise, would her father still need to keep his part of the promise?

—No



# COVENANT



- What is this word?
- Let's say it all together.

# COVENANT



- What is a covenant?

# COVENANT



- What is a covenant?
  - A covenant is a two-way promise.
  - When you make a covenant with someone, you agree to do certain things and that person agrees to do certain things.



When we are  
baptized,  
we make a  
covenant

# Scripture Discussion

- When you are eight years old, you can make a very important covenant.
- Listen to the following scripture so you can tell with whom the covenant is made and how it is made.

# Scripture Discussion

- Let's read from part of [Alma 7:15](#):
- **“. . .come and go forth, and show unto your God that ye are willing to repent of your sins and enter into a covenant with him to keep his commandments, and witness it unto him this day by going into the waters of baptism.”**



# Scripture Discussion

- According to this scripture, with whom do you make a covenant?

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—Heavenly Father

# Scripture Discussion

- What must you do to show that you make the covenant with Heavenly Father?

# Scripture Discussion

- What must you do to show that you make the covenant with Heavenly Father?
  - Be baptized

# Discussion



- The covenant we are talking about is called the baptismal covenant.

# Discussion



- When we are baptized, we show Heavenly Father that we are making a covenant with him.

# Discussion



- We promise to do something, and Heavenly Father promises to do something.

# Baptism

- Listen to the words of the following song about when Jesus was baptized.



# Baptism

1. Jesus came to John the Baptist,  
In Judea long ago,  
And was baptized by immersion  
In the River Jordan's flow.
2. "To fulfill the law," said Jesus,  
When the Baptist questioned why,  
"And to enter with my Father  
In the kingdom up on high."
3. Now we know that we must also  
Witness faith in Jesus' word,  
Be baptized to show obedience,  
As was Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Words: Mabel Jones Gabbott, 1910-2004. (c) 1969 IRI

Music: Crawford Gates, b. 1921. (c) 1969 IRI. Arr. (c) 1981, 1989 IRI

# Discussion

- When we are baptized, we promise Heavenly Father that we will obey his commandments.

***Obey the commandments***

# Discussion

- What are some of Heavenly Father's commandments?

# Discussion

- What do we promise Heavenly Father when we are baptized?

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- What do we promise Heavenly Father when we are baptized?
  - To obey the commandments
- This is our part of the covenant.

# Discussion

- If we keep our promise, Heavenly Father promises to forgive us when we repent.



***Obey the commandments***

***Forgive Me***

# Discussion

- If we keep our promise, Heavenly Father promises to give us the gift of the Holy Ghost.

***Obey the commandments***

***Forgive Me***

***Gift of the Holy Ghost***

# Discussion

- He promises that we will live with him forever.

***Obey the commandments***

***Forgive Me***

***Gift of the Holy Ghost***

***Live with him forever***

# Discussion

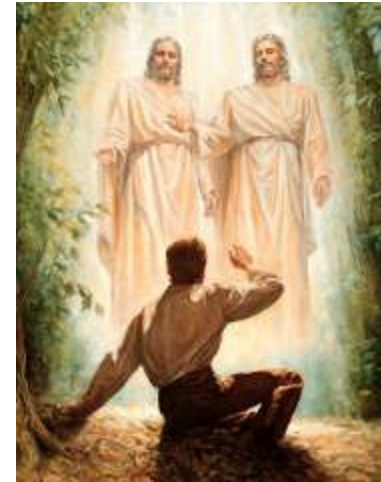
- What is Heavenly Father's part of the covenant?
  - He will forgive us when we repent.
  - He will give us the gift of the Holy Ghost.
  - He will let us live with him forever

# Activity

- On the following slides, we are going to show you some promises that are made at the time you are baptized.
- Tell whether it is something that You promise, or if it's something that heavenly father promises.



I Promise



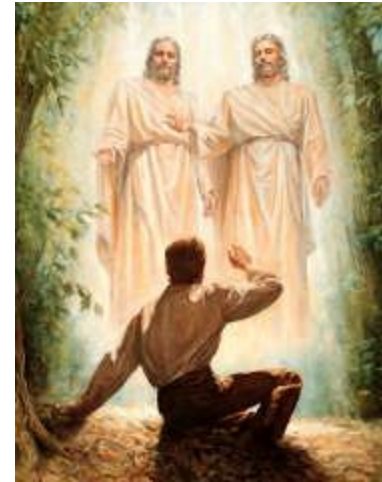
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Promises

***Gift of the Holy Ghost***





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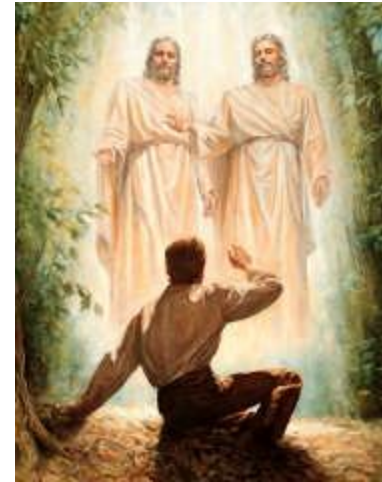


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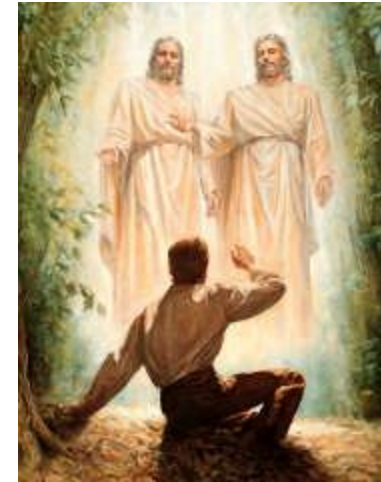
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***Gift of the Holy Ghost***

***Live with Him forever***



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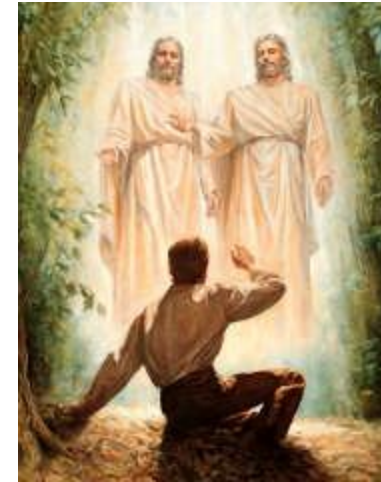
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***Gift of the Holy Ghost***

***Live with him forever***



I Promise



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***Gift of the Holy Ghost***

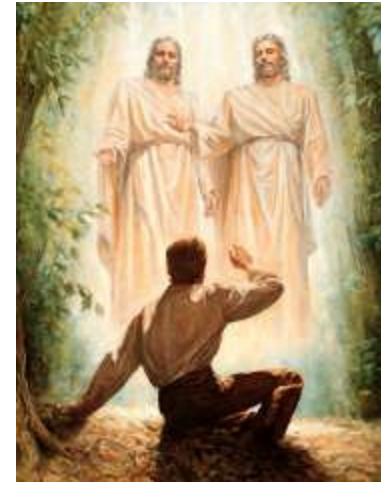
***Live with him forever***

***Obey the commandments***



I Promise

***Obey the commandments***



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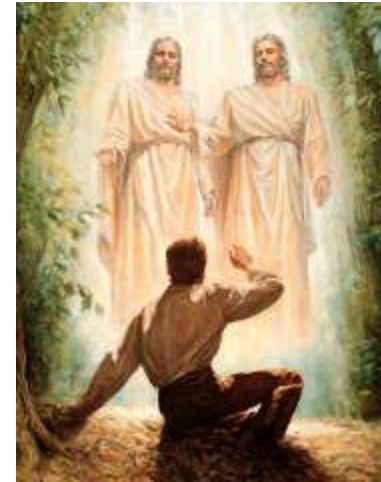
***Gift of the Holy Ghost***

***Live with him forever***



I Promise

*Obey the commandments*



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*Gift of the Holy Ghost*

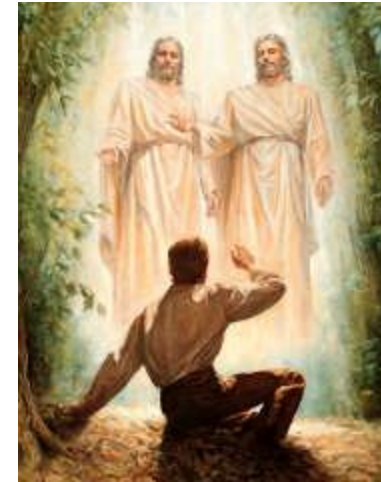
*Live with him forever*

*Forgive Me*



I Promise

*Obey the commandments*



Heavenly  
Father  
Promises

*Forgive Me*

*Gift of the Holy Ghost*

*Live with him forever*

# Discussion

- The commandments we promise to obey include the teachings of Jesus Christ we have learned in Primary and at home.



# Discussion

- What do the following pictures remind you that we should be doing.



Read the Scriptures



**Go to Church**



Pray Daily



Pay Tithing



Loving Others



Choose the Right



- You should remember that being baptized includes promising to keep his commandments.



# Picture Discussion

- Look at your CTR ring and think about keeping their promise to Heavenly Father whenever you look at your ring.





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# MY BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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I, \_\_\_\_\_, promise  
to obey Heavenly Father's commandments.

If I keep my part of this covenant,  
Heavenly Father promises to—

1. Forgive me when I repent.
2. Give me the gift of the Holy Ghost.
3. Let me live with him forever.

# Testimony

- It is important to keep the promises you make, especially those we make with our Heavenly Father.
- I want to bear my testimony that Heavenly Father loves all of us and wants to keep his part of the baptismal covenant.
- I want to encourage you to be prepared to make and keep your baptismal covenant by keeping the promises they make.

Our closing prayer will be given by



(Enter Name Here)

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