When I am president, I will give you free candy every day!

When I am president, I will give you summer vacation all year.

Candidates make many promises they know they can’t keep….

When I president, I will build roller coaster parks that are free to everyone!
Famous Promises

1. President George Bush famously said “Read my lips. No new taxes” and was elected President. But he was forced to raise taxes to prevent deficit spending. He lost his reelection four years later.
2. Every president promises millions of new jobs and a better economy. If jobs are created, it is usually because of things that are out of the control of the president.
3. President Hoover and the Republican Party used the phrase “a chicken in every pot and a car in every garage” to promise prosperity. The Great Depression began in 1929, about one year after he was elected president.
4. Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain of Great Britain famously promised “I have in my hand a piece of paper signed by Mr. Hitler. There will be peace in our time” after meeting with Adolf Hitler and negotiating the loss of some territory of Czechoslovakia to Germany. A short time later, Germany invaded Poland and started World War II.
Always True

God makes many reliable promises in the Bible. Use your Bible to read each of the promises mentioned below and answer the questions. Answers are at the end of the page.

About God Himself...
1. What does God say about himself in Titus 1:2?
   a) That he tells the truth most of the time.
   b) That he does not want to lie.
   c) That he has never lies
   d) That he believes ideas that are currently in style.

2. What does God say about himself in Numbers 23:19?
   a) That God can change his mind if he wants to.
   b) That God needs to change his plans when circumstances change.
   c) That God does not lie nor is capricious.
   d) That God tries his best to do what he says.

About Sin
3. What promise does God make about sin in Genesis 2:17?
   a) That Adam could do whatever he wanted.
   b) That Adam would die if he ate from the tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.
   c) That the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil was poisonous.
   d) That the Tree of Life was off limits.

4. What promise does God make about sin Ezekiel 18:20?
   a) That each of us will be punished for his own sin.
   b) That our parents are responsible for our sin.
   c) That God will overlook small sins
   d) That sin is different for different people.

5. What promise does God make about sin in Romans 2:6-12?
   a) That sin is whatever society says is wrong.
   b) That God prefers some people more than others.
   c) That God will apply the law to everyone equally.
   d) That knowing right from wrong will save a person from his sins.

About Salvation...
6. What promises does God make about salvation in John 3:36?
   a) That trusting in Christ is enough to give eternal life.
   b) That a person needs to work hard to inherit eternal life.
   c) That eternal life is temporary.
   d) That some people are somewhere in between saved and lost.

7. What promises does God make about salvation in 1 John 5:10-13?
   a) That having Christ is equal to having eternal life.
   b) That a person can know for sure that he has eternal life.
   c) That the Bible is written to assure us about eternal life.
   d) All of the previous answers are correct.

8. What promises does God make about salvation in John 10:27-30?
   a) That the sheep are safe in his hands.
   b) That certain sins will cause a sheep to be lost.
   c) That the sheep must work to maintain their salvation.
   d) That the Father might lose some of the sheep.

About Being a Disciple...
9. What promises does God make about being a disciple in Matthew 10:24-25?
   a) That being a disciple is easy.
   a) That disciples have difficulties
   b) That being a Christian will make you rich and always healthy.
   c) That disciples are popular people.
Liar Liar

Suggested discussion

Use the first two pages as talking points for introducing the idea of God's trustworthiness. In addition to the verses on the previous pages, other theological concepts that you could teach including:

1. **Immutable** – God cannot deny himself. That is, he cannot do things that are against his own character. For example, he cannot do evil. He cannot sin. He cannot lie.

2. **Unchangeable** – God is the same in the Old Testament as he is in the New Testament. His personality will not change in the future. (Malachi 3:6)

3. **Eternal** – God exists forever and has always existed. (Psalm 90:2)

4. **Independent** – God does not need anything. He does not depend on anything or anyone to exist. (Acts 17:25)

5. **Truth** – God is not just following the rule “Thou shalt not lie”. He is truth itself. (John 14:6).

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