



EXPLORE THE BIBLE.

Session 2: Freedom Promised
Suggested Week of Use: December 8, 2024
Core Passage: Exodus 5:1-4; 6:2-9

News Story Summary

The citizens of the United States just experienced another election cycle. For months, and even years, we heard promises from candidates about what they would do if elected to various positions. For example, in the presidential race alone, one party's platform listed sixty-three promises, while the other had fifty-one. One website has a "promise meter" that tracks promises kept, broken, or compromised by presidents. Regardless of party affiliation, when Americans vote, they often vote for the candidate they believe will fulfill the promises that resonate with their lives. As Christians, we are obligated to pray for our leaders, regardless of how we voted.

For more about this story, search each party's 2024 platform. You can also search "campaign promise meter" for a non-partisan list of promises "kept" or "broken" in the past.

Engage

To replace the *I Love Lucy* illustration on page 29 of the PSG, share the information about the recent elections in the United States. Facilitate a brief discussion about why we take promises so seriously, both in politics and in everyday life. Invite adults to share stories of how it has felt to have someone fulfill a promise or to break a promise made to them. (NOTE: Be prepared to redirect the conversation if it veers away from personal stories and into politics.) Ask: *How do individuals' track records regarding promises influence how you feel about them?* Share that today's session focuses on God's track record for keeping promises. Emphasize that He is always faithful to fulfill His words to us, even when human leaders let us down.

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, remind the group about the information regarding election promises. Affirm that no politician will ever have a perfect track record of keeping every single promise. Say: *In the same way, none of us has kept every promise we have ever made. Only God has a perfect track record.* Talk about how God kept His promise in today's session. Allow adults to share how they feel knowing that God can be trusted to keep His promises. Encourage them to share stories of God's faithfulness to them, including how He has given them freedom. Challenge them to continue trusting God's promises, even when it's hard.