

# *TEACHER'S NOTES*

6 year olds	<b>OUR HEAVENLY</b>
Chapter 6	<b>A Sad Story</b>
Lesson 4	<b>The Promise of a Saviour</b>

## AIMS

1. Children will be able to understand that because God loves Adam and Eve even after they sinned, He promised to send a Saviour.
2. They will be able to explain that the Saviour would bring back grace to the world and open the gates of Heaven.
3. They will be able to define the word “promise”. They will practice making and keeping a promise.

## STEP 1

1. Review the recent lessons with the children:
  - a. Adam and Eve committed the first sin on earth
  - b. They lost the good gifts God had given them.
  - c. The most important gift they lost was grace.
  - d. Grace is God’s life in our souls.
  - e. They could no longer go the Heaven.
  - f. Adam and Eve were very sorry for their sin.
  - g. But the could not regain grace on their own.

## STEP 2

1. Read the special paragraph in the Children’s Pack with the children.
2. Emphasis that even though Adam and Eve had deeply offended God when they sinned, God still loved them and wanted them, and all of their children, to be able to go to Heaven with Him where they would be perfectly happy. They could not however go there without grace. God decided to send a Saviour Who would bring back grace once again so that man could be with God. The gates of Heaven would be reopened.

## STEP 3

1. Write out the word “promise” and read its definition: to say that you are going to do something and really really mean it.
2. Discuss promise with which the children may be familiar. For examples:
  - a. “I promise not to tell a secret.”
  - b. “I promise not to fight with my brother/sister.”
  - c. “I promise to help mummy lay the table.”
3. Explain that people make promises about thing that are important and difficult, and when we make a promise we must always keep it if we can.

## STEP 4

1. Explain that God made a promise to Adam and Eve and to all their children: He would send a Saviour.
2. Ask the children if God kept His promise.
3. Ask the children if they know Who the Saviour is (God’s own Son, who became a man, Jesus Christ).

### STEP 5

1. Explain that Jesus, our Saviour, brought grace back to the world and reopened the gates of Heaven when He died on the Cross.
2. Remind the children that they learned this when they were learning how to make the Sign of the Cross.
3. Tell them that they will learn more about our Saviours supreme act of love I the lessons to come.
4. Explain hat as terrible as Adam and Eve’s sin was, God’s love was even greater.

### STEP 6

1. Show the children the sentence strip with “I promise to \_\_\_\_\_” written on it in their packs. Tell them that you are going to promise to do one good thing before their next lesson. Then fill in the blank on the “I promise” strip at the end of the teacher’s pack. Explain that you are very serious about keeping your promise.
2. Tell the children to fill in the “I promise” strips in their packs. Tell them to cut them out and take them home to remind them of their promises. Tell them that we will check next lesson to make sure that they have kept their promises.
3. Have the children colour the picture in their packs.

### STEP 7

4. Allow a few minutes for pairs to do memory work on Questions 16-19.
5. Pray the prayer that you wrote together in the last lesson, expressing sorrow for sin. Begin and end with the Sign of the Cross.
6. Sing “On this day, the first of days,” *Adoremus Hymnal*, #610

### PREVIEW

We will se if we kept our promises. We will also review all that we have learned, play a game, and take a quiz.

### PROMISE STRIP

I promise to \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_