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A Spiritual Lesson In Toon Language: (And God Said...: Lessons VIIA, VIIB)

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Series: Superbook, Tom and Jerry, and Smurfs

Episode: That's a Promise (Superbook),  
The Truce Hurts (Tom and Jerry),  
Smurfette's Rose (Smurfs)

Topic: Keeping Promises, Breaking Promises

A Spiritual Lesson In Toon Language (And  
God Said...: Lesson VIIA)—Keeping  
Promises Can Be Hard

I) Opening Prayer

II) Discussion: What is a promise? Have  
you made a promise that you didn't keep?  
Why didn't you keep it? Sometimes  
keeping promises can be hard, as you will  
see in this set of cartoons.

III) Show Tom and Jerry Short “The Truce Hurts”

IV) Discussion: What was the promise made here?

V) Introduction to Bible Study: God takes promises seriously. Read Exodus 20: 16, Deut. 23: 21, Ecclesiastes 5: 1-7

- VI) Bible Study: I will show “That’s A Promise” (Superbook) This covers Judges 10: 6- 11:40 (The Story of Jephtha and his daughter)
- VII) Discussion: What was the promise made here? Do you think it was a good promise? Why or Why not? God required this promise to be kept. Why? God expects our best. A young unmarried girl was and is very valuable. Children are what are

needed to keep a family bloodline going. Jephtha didn't expect such a high price for his victory over his country's enemies. He regretted doing so but made good his promise because it was the right thing to do.

What would you have done if you were Jephtha? I think that this would have taken a lot of guts to do what he did. I would have to pray for a major portion of strength to

make good this promise. Wouldn't  
you?

VIII) Discussion: In the Tom and Jerry  
cartoon, what happened to their  
promise? Was it wrong to break this  
treaty? Sometimes we make  
promises that we break. Breaking  
your word is dangerous because it  
reduces the trust in the promise  
breaker's trustworthiness. Breaking  
these kinds of promises listed here so

far would be wrong, no matter how hard it is not to break them. Breaking your word is like lying in God's sight. What can you do to make better promises than the ones in today's session?

## IX) Closing Prayer