

## Thomas and The Promise

(This children's message is based on the promise of God. It tries to stress the nature of a promise. Look to the OT lesson this week and see how God promised Abraham and Sarah a child, even in their old age – a promise that God kept. The story of Abraham and Sarah is found in Genesis 17)

I want to tell you a story this morning boys and girls, about Thomas. Now Thomas was a little boy, just about as big as you. He was maybe 4 or 5 or 6 years old. Is that how old you are?

Well, anyway this is the story of Thomas  
To his mother, Thomas made a promise.  
Thomas promised to make his bed.  
But the animals on his bed needed to be fed.  
Just as Thomas was starting to make his bed  
All of the animals came together in the middle  
And they began to fuddle and fiddle.  
It wasn't long before rabbit jumped over bear.  
Bear bumped into duck  
Then duck wasn't there.  
He was flying through the air.  
Duck crashed into the wall.  
That's not all.  
Bear kept rolling and rolling  
And fell out of bed  
Right on to his head.  
The bed flipped and the sheets began to fly  
Throwing the animals high into the sky.

"Oh, Thomas! Oh, Thomas!  
Are you keeping your promise?"  
His mother asked.  
"My promise! Oh, my promise?  
I was going to keep my promise,  
I was going to make my bed,  
But the animals needed to be fed!"  
Thomas said.  
His mother was not pleased.  
"Thomas, come here.  
I want you near!

Listen carefully and I will tell you about a promise.

God made me a promise  
and God made you a promise.  
God said he would love us all the time  
Even when things don't turn out quite right  
Like when the animals needed to be fed  
Right in the middle of your bed.  
God will always keep his promise  
To love you Thomas.  
And I will always keep my promise  
To love you Thomas."

So Thomas said to his mother,  
"I need to talk to the animals  
And tell them about the promise.  
That God made to you and me  
That he will love us all the time.  
I am going to make a promise to the animals  
That I will love them all the time  
Even when the animals don't keep their promise  
And mess up my bed instead."

Did Thomas keep his promise?  
He didn't make his bed,  
But he learned about God instead.  
God made a promise  
To always love Thomas.  
And God made a promise  
To always love you.

Let's pray,

Dear God,  
You made a promise to love Thomas  
You made a promise to love us  
And you made a promise to love me  
That will be for all eternity.  
Thank you God.  
I promise to always love you too!.  
Amen.

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