

Chat with the Children

- Something about promises kept
 - pay the bearer on demand?
 - when is the promise actually kept? When you go into the bank, or into a shop, and the promise is honoured...
 - *God will honour his promises because he has honoured his promises in the past*
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Isaac

- God keeps his promises
 - there is laughter, blessing, joy in salvation and in the hope it brings

Hagar and Ishmael: Cost

- There is cost, in turning to God's way even when we are very attached to some other way

Hagar and Ishmael: God will do right

- Yet God will do right, providing, protecting, even when it seems impossible

Conclusion

- Will we trust God's promises?
 - for salvation? for choosing to go his ways, even when we stick out from the world around us?
- Will we recognise the cost of so doing - and embrace it as part of embracing the one who has embraced us at great cost?
- Then we will prove his promises, in time...