

## Promises Are For Keeps!

**Characters** – 2 puppets - *Grandpa & Stormie*

**Props:** Wallet with credit cards, car key and old Promise card

**Grandpa:** (*Looking through wallet, mumbling..*)

Now, where did I put that car key? I know I put it in my wallet somewhere!

**Stormie:** (*Running in*) Hi, Grandpa. Watcha doing today. Can you take me to Kids' Rally?

**Grandpa:** Well if I could just find my car key I was just going to take you there. O dear, where did I put it? Must be under all these cards! Just have so many cards in this wallet I can never find anything.

**Stormie:** Do you want me to help you look? Here let's see if I can find it for you.

**Grandpa:** (*Hands Stormie his wallet*) OK, your eyes are better than mine anyway!

**Stormie:** (*Throwing credit cards to the side.*) Boy! You sure have a lot of cards in here! Hey, what's this one? Should be in the rubbish bin by the looks of it! (*Holds up a WCTU pledge card – Peers at it and reads slowly.*) Trusting in God's help, I PROMISE not to take anything containing alcohol or other harmful drugs. Signed....

**Grandpa:** (*interrupting*) That's the most important card I have in my wallet!

**Stormie:** How come? It doesn't look very important and doesn't look like you can buy anything with it. And it sure is old.. The date here next to your name is March 12, 1942. (*Laughs*) You sure wrote funny back then! Your signature is all wonky!

**Grandpa:** (*Nodding with a dreamy look*) Yeah, that's right. About 65 years ago. I was just 8. About your age, Stormie. That card has bought me so much during the years.

**Stormie:** How come? (*Looks at card and turns it over*) Looks pretty old and tattered to me and doesn't have any swipe bar. How could it buy anything?

**Grandpa:** Well, you see.... it's a promise that I signed and have kept ever since the day I signed it. It's saved me hundred of dollars over the years.

**Stormie:** (*Scratches head*) I don't get it. How's that?

**Grandpa:** Well, that promise has meant that I've been drug free all my life. I've saved money because I don't get sick like people who drink or smoke. My money's not burnt up in cigarettes or used on alcohol or vomited up because I was too drunk.

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**Stormie:** Yuk!

**Grandpa:** I've had a very happy life without any regrets and that's worth a fortune! And what's more, I heard the other day that people on drugs go grey young and age very quickly and I reckon I'm looking pretty good for my age. *(Preens face and hair etc.)* What do you reckon?

**Stormie:** Yeah, you're not looking too bad for an old guy, Gramps! So how come you still have the card?

**Grandpa:** You see, it's such an important promise to make that I wanted to keep it with me. There were times when I thought maybe it would be cool to try some of those things, but then I thought of my promise and knew that I'd be cheating myself if I went back on it. I was always glad afterwards that I'd stuck to my promise! It's a promise that every boy and girl ought to make and keep. It could be worth millions to you! *(Looks carefully at Stormie)* You could make that promise, Stormie? It would sure be worth it!

**Stormie:** Yeah! *(Thinks)* But where could I get a card like that?

**Grandpa:** Well, I reckon I could guarantee that they would have one at Kids Rally. In fact, you can even be part of a Kid's club called Tarpeena's Club these days, and get newsletters and birthday cards, when you sign the promise. *(Sighs)* Wish I was young again!

**Stormie:** You mean I can be part of a club?

**Grandpa:** That's right, but the best part is that they even have cards for all ages – so it doesn't really matter whether you are young or old. There's one for parents to sign to say that they will teach their preschoolers to be drug free - your mum signed one of those when you were little. There's one for school kids, one for youth and even one for the adults. These days you can even laminate the card after you sign it and it wouldn't get all tattered like mine! *(Shakes head)* Couldn't do that in my day. Maybe I should try and laminate this old one – *(picks up tattered card and peers at it)* After all it is rather historic! *(Looks up and clears throat)* Anyway did you find the key?

**Stormie:** *(hunts some more in the wallet)* Oh, here it is. *(Holds up car key)* Okay, let's go. I can't wait to get that card. I want to sign one and keep it just like you have Grandpa!

**Grandpa:** That's my boy! You'll never regret it. Best thing you could ever do. And remember, if you are ever tempted, God is the one who helps you to keep the promise!