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5. Has anyone ever broken a promise to you? What was that like for you to go through that experience?
6. Why would a broken promise point people away from God?
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