Keeping Promises: assembly script

At a glance

Story: Wake Up, Bramble! **For:** Reception and Key Stage 1 (ages 4–7) **Time:** 10–15 mins
You need: the PowerPoint. The same script is in its speaker notes. You don't need any props.
Links: Relationships and health education (primary): caring friendships. EYFS Personal, Social and Emotional Development: Building Relationships.

1. Welcome	Welcome, everybody. Today's assembly is about keeping promises. We're going to hear a story from Thistledown Lane called "Wake Up, Bramble!".
2. Think about it	Ask: What is a promise? Take a few answers. Say: a promise is something we say we will do, and then we really do it. Before her long winter sleep, Bramble's friends promised that they would all still be here in spring.
3. The story, part 1	Read: Bramble is a little hedgehog. All winter long, she was asleep in her nest under the old hedge. One spring morning, the sun was warm. Bramble woke up!
4. The story, part 2	Read: Her legs were wobbly. She was very hungry and very thirsty. Then she remembered a promise. Would her friends still be there?
5. The story, part 3	Read: Bramble wobbled out onto the lane. There were all her friends! "Bramble! You're awake!" said Moss. Old Wren told her all the news.
6. The story, part 4	Read: Moss took Bramble to the old tree stump. He had made a Swap Shop! You swap something you have for something you need. Bramble saw a little wooden toggle. It would hold her scarf on. But she had nothing to swap.
7. The story, part 5	Read: Bramble went home to Mam. She ate the biggest breakfast ever. "I bet you've got a story to tell," said Mam. Then Bramble remembered her wonderful dream.
8. The story, part 6	Read: Bramble went back to the Swap Shop. She told Moss her dream. "Stories count," said Moss. He gave her the toggle. Now her scarf stayed on!

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9. Talk together	Give children half a minute with a partner for each question, then take a few answers. 1. What had Bramble's friends promised? Listen for: that everybody would still be here when she woke up. 2. How do we know they kept their promise? Listen for: they were all there on the lane when she woke up. 3. Bramble had no things to swap. What did she swap? Listen for: a story about her wonderful dream.
10. Have a go	Turn to a partner. Tell them a tiny story: one nice thing that happened to you this week. Then swap, and listen to theirs.
11. Remember	Read it together, slowly. Ask the children to say it back to you.
12. Quiet moment	Invite everybody to sit still, close their eyes if they would like to, and think quietly for half a minute. You can add your own school's prayer or reflection here.
13. This week	Set the challenge for the week. Make one small promise, and keep it. You could ask in your next assembly who had a go.
14. Goodbye	Say goodbye. If you have time, watch the whole episode free at https://thistledownlane.co.uk/episode-wake-up-bramble (no adverts, no sign-in and no tracking).

The lesson

Real friends keep their promises. They'll still be there when you come back.

If you have longer

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