



All Star Kids

May 12, 2019

Kinder – 2nd grade

Happy Mother's Day

Moses' Farewell

Bible Passage: Deuteronomy 31–34

Bottom Line: I can always turn to God for strength and courage to do what is right.

Key Passage: ⁵ Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; ⁶ in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight. **Proverbs 3:5-6**

Big Picture Question: What does it mean to sin? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.

Christ Connection: *Moses was a good leader for God's people. No other prophet in Israel was like Moses—until Jesus came. The Bible says Jesus deserves more glory than Moses. Jesus is our perfect leader. He died and was raised so that Moses and every believer in all of time can enter the promised land of God's kingdom.*

10 Minutes SOCIAL: SETTING THE TONE OF THE EXPERIENCE

Freeze Dance

What You Need: music played on your phone

What You Do:

- Sing a song or play music.
- Instruct kids that they can dance and move to the music while it plays, but they must freeze in place when the music stops.
- Every so often, pause the music.
- Kids who keep dancing will sit down but may continue dancing in their seats when the music plays.
- The last kid dancing while standing up wins.

What You Say "When I paused the music, you had to stop dancing. In this series we are going to hear many stories about God's chosen people and how they make choices about following God. We are going to have fun learning about how God is always there for us and we can trust Him with our whole being because of it.

10 Minutes Worship: CELEBRATING WHAT GOD IS DOING

SONGS, OFFERING AND PRAYER

15 Minutes LARGE GROUP: COMMUNICATING GOD'S TRUTH IN ENGAGING WAYS

CONTEXT

Decades had passed since God used Moses to rescue the Israelites from slavery and lead them toward the promised land. The Israelites had not trusted God then and had refused to enter the land.

After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, the Israelites were once again at the edge of the promised land. But this time, it was a whole new generation of Israelites—many of whom had not even been born when the people left Egypt and came to this land the first time. Their leader, Moses, was 120 years old.

Moses wrote the Book of Deuteronomy to tell the people all that God had done for them and to repeat the laws and instructions that God had given His people. At the end of the book, God told Moses that Moses would soon die, never setting foot in the promised land because of his disobedience. (See Num. 20:12.) Instead, God chose Joshua to lead Israel into the land.

God also revealed to Moses that even though Israel had just endured 40 years of punishment for not trusting Him, the people would abandon God again. Having the laws written out would not be enough to keep the Israelites from breaking their covenant with God. Moses emphasized that obedience would lead to blessing and life, but disobedience would lead to curses—namely, exile from the land.

Moses went up to a mountain where he could see the land that God had promised to give to the descendants of Abraham,



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Isaac, and Jacob. Then Moses died there.

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TEACHING FOCUS (Deuteronomy 31-34)

We see God's love clearly in the one story found throughout the Bible. Three weeks ago, we learned that **Joshua and Caleb trusted God to give His people the promised land**, even when everyone else sinned by doubting God's goodness and love. Then, when God's people believed lies about Him and said untrue things about Him, He sent snakes to punish them. However, He also provided the way to be saved from the snakes. **God told His people to look at the bronze snake to be healed.** When Balak made plans to go against God by cursing God's people, God turned those plans around completely. **God commanded Balaam to bless His people.** This week we will learn about the last things Moses told the Israelites before he died. Our story is called "Moses' Farewell."

The people were finally ready to enter the land God had promised, but they were still sinners moving into land inhabited by other nations. Those nations had false gods and sinful practices. **What does it mean to sin? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God or His commands.**

When surrounded by these other sinful nations, God's people might get distracted from the truth of God and wander away from Him into sin. In fact, God knew they would! That's why Moses kept warning them to be strong and courageous. Moses knew that disobeying God would lead to disaster. So **Moses reminded the people to keep God's covenant.**

TODAY'S TAKEAWAYS

- **Moses told Joshua to be strong and courageous.**
- **It takes strength and courage to trust God and to live for Him.**
- **Strength and courage is needed every day to live for Jesus.**
- **BL: I can always turn to God for strength and courage to do what is right.**

25 Minutes SMALL GROUPS: CREATING A SAFE PLACE TO CONNECT

Discussion Questions:

1. What did Moses tell the people in his farewell? (Be strong and courageous. God will go ahead of you. God will defeat your enemies for you. Do not be afraid, and so forth; Deut. 31:3-6)
2. Whom did God choose to lead the people after Moses? (Joshua, Deut. 31:7-8)
3. What did Moses warn would happen if the people stopped loving and obeying God? (Disaster would come on them; Deut. 31:29; 32:23)
4. Why did Moses tell the people to be strong and courageous? Guide kids to discuss that following God is not always easy. Sometimes we face scary or difficult situations. We are often tempted to distrust God or turn away from Him to do things our own way. But God's ways are always best. It takes strength and courage to obey God.
5. What are some things we may do today that require strength and courage? Guide kids to talk about the difficulty of obeying God even today. We may not fight physical battles, but spiritual warfare still happens all around us. We need strength and courage to obey God just as the Israelites did.

Activity: Mother's Day Art

What You Need: Dandelion Art Print (1 per kid), stamp pads, baby wipes, markers

What You Do:

- Each kid will get a Mother's Day Art print.



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- They are going to use their fingers to make the fronds of a dandelion. They will stamp their finger on the stamp pad and then on the paper.



- It should look similar to this when they are done.

- If a kid says they don't have a mom to give this to, they could give it to another family member or a leader at church.

What You Say We made these today, because Mom's need to be reminded of God's strength and promises. Let's pray for our mom's and then we can keep going.

Moses reminded the people to keep God's covenant. It takes strength and courage to obey God. We cannot obey God using our own human strength and courage. That's why God sent Jesus. Jesus obeyed God perfectly and died for our sin. When we believe in Jesus, He take away our sin and gives us the Holy Spirit who fills us with strength and courage from God.

Activity: Memory Verse Activity

What You Need: Memory Verse Poster, Memory Verse Puzzle (printed and cut apart- 1 set per group)

What You Do:

- Review the Memory Verse as a group together out loud a few times.
- Lay the Memory Verse Puzzle on the floor/table face down.
- Take turns picking up a card at a time and putting the puzzle together.
- Keep going until all of the puzzle is together.
- Read the verse together one more time.

What You Say " Our memory verse reminds us that we need to trust God. He knows better than we do about everything! This passage warns us against trusting our own understanding. God leads us to righteousness in Jesus. Trusting in ourselves for righteousness is sin. God provided a way out of that sin, it is through believing in His Son, Jesus.

Pray and Dismiss:

What You Need: no supplies needed

What You Say:

"God, You know what is best for us. You lead us when we trust You. Apart from You, we are trapped in sin and cannot be saved. Thank You for sending Jesus. Help us trust You and follow You. We know that through Jesus, we can have eternal life and learn to love You and obey You out of that love. Amen.

5 Minutes HOME: PROMPTING ACTION BEYOND THE EXPERIENCE

As adults arrive to pick up, encourage your kids to tell their parents about our Big Picture Questions. What does it mean to sin? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands. BL- **I can always turn to God for strength and courage to do what is right.**