



Zoom

The Book of Deuteronomy

BIG IDEA:	God takes care of us, so we should remember the many things He has done.
BIBLE BASIS:	The Book of Deuteronomy
KEY VERSE:	“Remember the days of long ago. Think about what the LORD did through those many years.” Deuteronomy 32:7a (NirV)

SCHEDULE

ESTIMATES

WELCOME KIDS AND FREETIME

6:15 PM

SMALL GROUP CONNECT

6:30 PM

WORSHIP

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JTS SHOW & DISCUSSION

7:00 PM

SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

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GYM TIME?

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PICK UP TIME AND FREETIME

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LEADER DEVOTIONAL

When I was in high school, my friends and I ventured downtown for a concert one Friday night. Since I'd gotten my license only a few months earlier, the half an hour drive felt to me like a road trip, full of adventure and the sweet sense of freedom. The sound of the radio was blaring in my speakers as we sped down the highway. I was in the middle of belting out a solo when I realized that I had missed the exit into the city.

To my horror, we continued on, into one of the most dangerous neighborhoods not just in the city, but in the country. We ended up turning around in the parking lot of a strip club, of all places, as we searched desperately for road signs that would get us back on course.

That was many years ago, but I still remember the sick feeling in my stomach like it was yesterday.

If I'm being honest, that's not the only time I've gotten off track and ended up somewhere I didn't want to be. More often than I'd like to admit, I've willfully ignored the directions laid out in God's Word. I've chosen to go my own way, rather than to follow Him obediently. I've allowed myself to be distracted by lesser things. I've rejected the very guidance designed to protect and keep me.

Nevertheless, just as He did with the Israelites, God calls me back to Him. He beckons me to remember His perfect law for my life. He calls me to remember that I am chosen and special to Him. He reminds me of the multitude of ways that He has cared and provided for me. And to no surprise, the more I remember His promises and provisions of the past, the more I trust Him with my life in the future.

It's not uncommon to feel "off track" sometimes. If that's you, take some time to remember the many ways God has cared for you in the past. Then praise God that no matter how far off course we stray, there is always a way back.

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SMALL GROUP SKILL BUILDING

Using Kid-friendly Language

It may be true that we've been washed in the blood of Jesus for the atonement of our sins and the redemption of our souls, but you might want to pause before telling that to a kid. The Christian faith is rich with imagery and vocabulary! To a kid, though, some of it might be confusing, overwhelming, and even frightening at times. If you don't want your kids to look at you like you're speaking Klingon, consider the following advice:

Be mindful of your language. The biggest part of solving a problem is recognizing that it exists. For some of us, we don't even realize that the words we're using with kids are a little advanced.

Develop a kid-thesaurus. No — that's not a dinosaur! Begin developing kid-friendly language to replace some of the bigger words you might use. For example, instead of saying "redeemed", you might say "set free." Instead of saying "washed in the blood," you might say "forgiven of our sins."

Be intentional with new words. Not only is it okay to introduce new words to kids, it's instrumental. Part of developing kids into functioning members of the church is helping them understand the language, but be purposeful with your new words instead of just using them haphazardly.

Don't introduce too many new words too quickly. It can take kids a little bit of time to understand and absorb new words and concepts. If you throw too many new words at them too quickly, they may not remember any of them.

Use the word, define the word, use the word. When you introduce kids to a new word, first use it in its right context. Next, define the word using simple and clear language. Finally, use the word multiple times so kids can really digest it. You may even want to have the kids repeat the word after you so they can really familiarize themselves with it.



SMALL GROUP CONNECT

Remind kids about being respectful.

1. **Respect God** - Worship, listen, use kind words
2. **Respect People** - Be kind, share, follow leaders
3. **Respect the Building** - Take care of the space & supplies

Question: Have you ever moved to a different house before? What sort of things did you have to remember for the big move?

ADDITIONAL TIME ACTIVITY — THUMBS UP, THUMBS DOWN

Simply ask the kids in your group to share one good thing that happened this week (thumbs up) and one not-so-good thing (thumbs down). This is a great way for your group to share celebrations and struggles with one another.

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Small Group Lesson | Elementary



★ LARGE GROUP LESSON

Lil Climbers Will Join Us

Open with worship.

Lil Climbers Leave

Leah will introduce the series.

Watch Journey Today Show – There are 3 sections that will pause a couple times for reading and discussion.

1ST VIDEO PAUSE:

Read Deuteronomy 32:7-12

THE BIG BIBLE STORY QUESTIONS

Directions: After reading, answer the following questions:

For Younger Kids:

1. What was your favorite part of the Book of Deuteronomy?
2. What did you learn about God from the Book of Deuteronomy?

For Older Kids:

1. What do you think the Book of Deuteronomy shows us about God?
2. After hearing about the Book of Deuteronomy, how do you think you should live your life differently?

2ND VIDEO PAUSE:

Ask: How has God provided for you, helped you, or protected you in the past?



SMALL GROUP ACTIVITIES

THE REMEMBERING RAINBOW (Application Activity)

Say: In the Book of Deuteronomy, Moses wanted the Israelites to remember all that God did for them. We should still do this today! Let's play a game that will help us remember some of the things God has done for us.

Directions: Give each kid a spoonful of Skittles®, but don't let them eat the candy yet. Each color of candy will correspond to a category (see below). Let the kids choose which color they want to eat first. Go around the circle, and for every kid who has that color, have them answer the corresponding question. After each kid shares, they can eat that color of Skittles®! Repeat with the other colors.

PURPLE: What is something cool that God has done for you?

GREEN: What is something special that God has given you?

RED: What is one of God's rules that you need to remember the most?

ORANGE: What is something God did for the Israelites?

YELLOW: God has done all of these things for us. What is something we can do for God? (*Have a friendship with Him, follow Him, obey His commands, etc.*)

Question: Why do you think it is important to remember what God has done for us in the past?

Question: Why do you think it is important to remember and follow God's perfect rules for our life?