

## OLDER KIDS BIBLE STORY & ACTIVITIES



**BIBLE STORY:** Moses' Farewell Deuteronomy 31-34

**BIG IDEA:** Moses reminded the people to keep God's covenant.

**MEMORY VERSE:** Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV

**THE BIG QUESTION:** What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go, do, think, or say anything that goes against God and His commands.

### Connect

**GATHER** your family together. **WRITE** this 10-digit number on a dry erase board or paper. (Example: 5553017838) **GUIDE** everyone to read the number aloud one time together. Then **COVER** the number to conceal it and challenge each person to say the number from memory. **UNCOVER** the number and allow them to read the number two more times. **COVER** the number again. **REPEAT** as time allows.

**SAY**, "Studies show that when you read something for the first time, you remember 10 to 25 percent of it. When you read it two or three times, you remember up to 90 percent of it. Repetition helps us remember! In today's Bible story, Moses said that the people needed to hear God's law over and over so they would remember it."

### Read the Bible

**SAY:** Each day, we can grow our friendship with God by getting quiet and reading His Word—the Bible.

**READ** from the Bible Numbers 27:15-23

**SAY:** Now that we've read God's Word, let's open up our hearts to God by thinking about what we read. Here are questions we can ask ourselves about this passage:

- What did Moses say God would do for the Israelites? *Guide kids to recall that Moses said God would protect and fight for Israel. With His help, they would defeat their enemies. (Option: Read Deut. 33:29.)*
- Why is it important to remember God's Word? *Guide kids to discuss that by spending time in God's Word, we learn and remember what is true about God and about ourselves. When we forget the truth, we turn away from God and live for ourselves. Scripture gives us hope and compels us to live for Christ. (Option: Read Rom. 15:4.)*
- What do you think is the most important thing you can do in your life? *Allow kids to discuss what they hope to accomplish. Kids might talk about being kind or becoming famous but guide them toward the fact that the most important thing we can do is commit our lives to Jesus and tell others about Him. Our life on earth is temporary, but the work we do for Jesus lasts forever. (Option: Read Eph. 5:15-17.)*
- *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.*

## Memorize

**WHAT YOU NEED:** MEMORY VERSE PAGE, MEMORY VERSE PHRASES, BIBLE, STYROFOAM CUPS

**Trust in the Lord with all you heart. Do not depend on your own understanding.  
In all your ways remember him. Then he will make your paths smooth and straight.  
Proverbs 3:5-6 NIV**

**SET OUT** the memory verse page to use as a reference. **WRITE** the memory verse in chunks or phrases on the lip of each cup. It should take 6-10 cups depending on how you break the verse up. **SET OUT** the cups in a random order for your child. **ASK** your child to stack the cups inside one another so the that when they read the verse from off of the cups they are in the order of the verse. Then **HELP** your child practice saying the verse a few times.

## Let's Practice

**WHAT YOU NEED:** BIBLE, PAPER, PENS OR MARKERS

**EXPLAIN** to your child that prayer can look different to each person. **TELL** them that songs, pictures, and drawings can be a prayer. **ASK** your child to think of 3 things God has blessed their life with: a person, a place, an experience are examples. Then **ENCOURAGE** your child to choose 1 one of the things they thought of and draw, color, or design a picture that tells God thank you for the thing they chose. **SAY:** "Prayer is important for us and important to God. God loves each of us so much and wants us to talk to Him all the time and in lots of different ways."

## Let's Pray

**INVITE** your child to share their prayer requests. **ENCOURAGE** them to share the prayer requests others have told them as well. Take a few minutes to **PRAY** together. **PRAY** for your child and with your child. Pray this prayer together or one like it. "Lord God, You love us. We see in Your Word how You have cared for Your people and provided leaders for them. We pray for the leaders in our church and in our community. We thank You for providing Jesus as not only our perfect leader but also our Savior. We trust in Him and look forward to one day fully entering Your Kingdom to live with You forever. Amen."