

UNIT 7: SESSION 4

ACTIVITY

PREDICTIONS

HELP THE KIDS FORM PAIRS. INSTRUCT THE KIDS TO TAKE TURNS BEING THE LEADER. THE KIDS WILL FACE ONE ANOTHER, AND THE LEADER IN EACH PAIR WILL MAKE MOVEMENTS OR SILLY FACES WHILE HER PARTNER TRIES TO MIMIC HER MOVEMENTS. MAKE SURE THE KIDS SWITCH BACK AND FORTH.

SAY • LEADING BY EXAMPLE IS OFTEN A GREAT STRATEGY FOR HELPING OTHERS. TODAY WE WILL LEARN ABOUT MOSES' FINAL INSTRUCTIONS TO GOD'S PEOPLE BEFORE HE DIED. AFTER THIS, THEY COULDN'T DIRECTLY FOLLOW MOSES' EXAMPLE, SO THEY'D HAVE TO REMEMBER HIS WORDS TO THEM FROM GOD.

PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

PLACE THE KEY PASSAGE MARKER AT PROVERBS 3:5. INVITE A CHILD TO OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO THE KEY PASSAGE. READ THE KEY PASSAGE ALOUD. INVITE A FEW VOLUNTEERS TO STAND, FACE THE GROUP AND SAY THE KEY PASSAGE FROM MEMORY TO THEIR FRIENDS. OFFER HELP AS NEEDED AND PRAISE A CHILD'S EFFORTS.

SAY • MOSES WROTE DOWN A SONG AND TAUGHT IT TO THE PEOPLE. HE WANTED THE PEOPLE TO REMEMBER GOD'S WORDS. LET'S SING A SONG TO HELP US REMEMBER THE KEY PASSAGE AND THAT WE CAN TRUST GOD.

BIBLE STORY

MOSES' FAREWELL – DEUTERONOMY 31–34

MOSES WAS VERY OLD. HE KNEW HE WOULD NOT GO INTO THE PROMISED LAND, SO HE GAVE THE ISRAELITES AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE. MOSES SAID, "THE LORD WILL LEAD YOU. HE WILL OVERPOWER YOUR ENEMIES. AND JOSHUA WILL BE YOUR LEADER." THEN MOSES SAID, "BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE AFRAID. GOD WILL BE WITH YOU, AND HE WILL NOT LEAVE YOU."

MOSES WROTE DOWN GOD'S LAW AND GAVE IT TO THE PRIESTS. HE TOLD THE PRIESTS TO READ THE LAW TO THE PEOPLE EVERY SEVEN YEARS. THIS WAY, THE PEOPLE WOULD LISTEN, OBEY THE LAW, AND TEACH THE LAW TO THEIR CHILDREN. THE PRIESTS PUT THE LAW WITH THE ARK OF THE COVENANT.

GOD TOLD MOSES AND JOSHUA TO GO TO THE TABERNACLE. THE LORD MADE JOSHUA THE ISRAELITES' NEW LEADER. "BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS," GOD SAID TO JOSHUA. "YOU WILL BRING THE ISRAELITES INTO THE PROMISED LAND, AND I WILL BE WITH YOU."

GOD TOLD MOSES TO WRITE DOWN A SONG AND TEACH IT TO THE PEOPLE. THE SONG WAS A WARNING: IF YOU DISOBEY GOD, BAD THINGS WILL HAPPEN. MOSES WROTE DOWN THE SONG AND READ IT TO THE ISRAELITES SO THEY WOULD REMEMBER GOD'S WORDS. MOSES SAID, "THESE WORDS ARE YOUR LIFE."

FINALLY, MOSES BLESSED THE PEOPLE. "HOW HAPPY ARE YOU, ISRAEL!" MOSES SAID. "WHO IS LIKE YOU? THE LORD HAS SAVED YOU. HE PROTECTS YOU AND FIGHTS FOR YOU. YOUR ENEMIES WILL BE AFRAID, AND YOU WILL WIN AGAINST THEM."

MOSES WENT UP TO THE TOP OF A MOUNTAIN WHERE HE COULD LOOK ACROSS THE JORDAN RIVER AND SEE THE PROMISED LAND.

MOSES DIED THERE, AND THE ISRAELITES CRIED. THEN THEY TURNED TO JOSHUA, THEIR NEW LEADER. JOSHUA WOULD TAKE THEM INTO THE LAND GOD PROMISED.

CHRIST CONNECTION: MOSES WAS A GOOD LEADER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE. NO ONE ELSE WAS LIKE MOSES—UNTIL JESUS CAME. THE BIBLE SAYS JESUS IS GREATER THAN MOSES. HE ALONE IS OUR PERFECT LEADER. JESUS DIED AND CAME BACK TO LIFE SO THAT MOSES AND EVERY BELIEVER CAN ENTER THE PROMISED LAND OF GOD'S KINGDOM.

QUESTIONS/REVIEW

WHO DID MOSES REMIND THE PEOPLE WOULD BE WITH THEM AS THEY ENTERED THE LAND? (GOD)

WHO WOULD LEAD THE ISRAELITES INTO THE PROMISED LAND? (JOSHUA)

WHY DID MOSES WANT THE PRIESTS TO READ THE LAW TO THE PEOPLE EVERY SEVEN YEARS?
(SO THEY WOULD OBEY THE LAW AND TEACH THE LAW TO THEIR CHILDREN)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO SIN? TO SIN IS TO GO AGAINST GOD AND HIS COMMANDS.