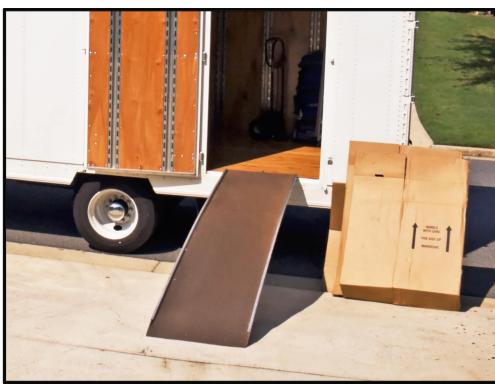
"REMEMBER THE DAYS OF LONG AGO.
THINK ABOUT WHAT
THE LORD DID THROUGH THOSE MANY YEARS."

DEUTERONOMY 32:7

**ZOOM** 









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God sent Joseph, sold as a slave into Egypt. Then God set him up as a ruler to help people.

Count the supplies. (Circle) the correct numbers



Later, God sent Moses and Aaronn to perform His miracles.

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## ISRAEL'S TESTING IN THE WILDERNESS

**Old Testament Lesson #58** 

After 40 years of living in the wilderness of the Sinai peninsula, the people of Israel were finally ready to cross into the Promised Land. As part of Moses' final address to them, he reminded them of how God had cared for them during the wilderness years. He also explained that the difficulties they had encountered were to humble them and to test whether they would keep God's commands.

Hunger taught them that they did not live by bread alone, "but by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." God further taught them to depend on him by providing manna. Also, their clothes and shoes did not wear out during the 40 years they wandered (Deuteronomy 29:5), nor, despite the frequent foot travel, did their feet swell.

Moses then enumerated the blessings of the land that they were going to: a good land, a land of brooks, "a land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates, a land of olive trees and honey, a land where you may eat bread without scarcity...."

Finally, he warned them not to forget God, so that when they experienced the blessings to come, they would not exalt themselves. He cautioned them not to say, "My power and the might of my own hand have gotten me this wealth." He urged the people to remember that it was God who empowered them to do well, and in so doing, he confirmed the covenant he swore to their ancestors (that they would inherit the land forever—Genesis 13:14-17).

#### **POINTS TO CONSIDER:**

- Jesus' temptations in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11) had the same effect: testing whether he would rely on his heavenly Father. One of Jesus' responses to Satan comes from this chapter of Deuteronomy (compare Deuteronomy 8:3 with Matthew 4:4).
- Proverbs 30:8-9 is an example of how bounty can cause a person to forget God.

### **Israel's Testing in the Wilderness**

- I. Moses recalled the experiences of living 40 years in the wilderness.
  - A. He spoke to the Israelites before they entered the Promised Land.
  - B. He reminded them that despite difficult days, God had provided food and clothing.
- II. Moses talked about their future in the Promised Land.
  - A. They will have plenty to eat.
  - B. They must never forget God.
  - C. God will always be the reason for their blessings.

## **ANSWER KEY:**

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HUNGER
FEET; SWELL
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he people of Israel were ready to cross into the Promised Land. Moses spoke to them to remind them of many things.



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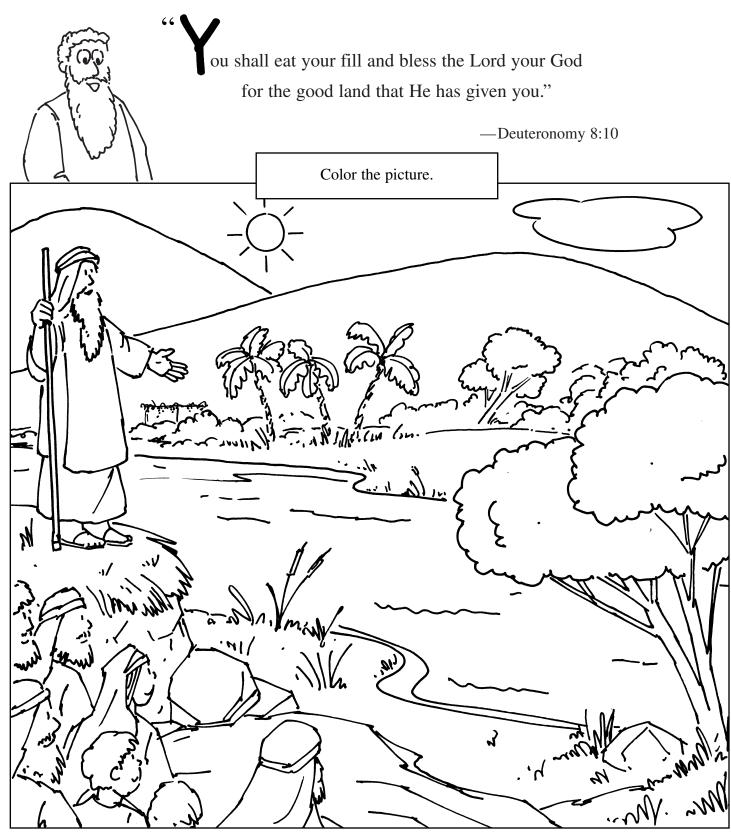
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Name \_\_\_





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Pick a discussion starter. You have all month, so just one will do. Run out? Make some up that fit the theme of the month!

(Oh! And turn off those devices! Live chat means just talking.)

- What do you often need help with?
- How does it feel when someone helps you?
- Who is someone you can help?
- How does it feel when you help someone?
- What are some excuses we use not to help?
- Why is serving others important?

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# The family challenge!

Are you up for the challenge? Determine as a family what the reward will be if you complete the challenge!

YOUR CHALLENGE: Operation Helpfulness! How can your family make a difference in the world? Start with your own neighborhood or church. Look around and see who could use some help. Make a plan and then do it! Does someone need help cleaning? Does a family need meals? Maybe you could volunteer somewhere. Come up with a fun name for your mission! Call it Operation Helpfulness, or name it after the task you choose. Take pictures or video and make a highlight video or poster when you're done to remember the event. You might have so much fun you'll want to do it again! *I double dare ya!* 

# HCLPFULNCSS Monthly Motto:

Who Have you helped Today?

# Make it count!

## Your Secret Mission, should you choose to accept it!

Each family member chooses a way to serve someone in the family but doesn't reveal what it is! They just do it and see if it is noticed. Be on the lookout! If you catch someone helping you, be sure you ask, "Did you just help me?" If they did, they can say, "Oh, you caught me!" If you help them, and they don't catch you, you win! At your next meal you can reveal what you did to help that wasn't caught or noticed!



Name of the Game: Slappy!

Needed: Just your hands!

What you do: Starting with the oldest person, put your right hand palm down in the center of a clear table. The person to their left puts his or her right hand down on top the first person's hand, and so on, continuing around the table. Repeat the procedure with your left hands until you have a stack of hands! Then, on "GO!" the bottom hand pulls out and slaps it onto the top of the stack! As quickly as you can, whoever's hand is now at the bottom pulls out and slaps their hand onto the top of the stack. Continue going as fast as you can, being careful that only the bottom hand pulls out one at a time. There is no "winner" to this game, it is just fun to see how fast and how long you can go before messing up! God loves when we use our hands to serve others!



As a family, memorize the Victory Verse this month. Make helpfulness your priority. Everyone will notice!



Here are some super Bible verses you may want to dig into this month as you explore why helpfulness is important and the difference it can make in your life:

Matthew 25:35-40

P James 2:14-17

Acts 20:35

1 John 3:17

P Hebrews 13:6

P Deuteronomy 15:11

# Think about It

We live in a world where everyone seems to be trying to get ahead. Success is often measured by who is the highest, the richest, the most powerful or the most famous. Some even think the more people who serve you is the best measure of status. Jesus entered our world and turned it all upside down when He said, "Whoever wants to be the greatest must become the servant of all." (Matthew 20:26) And he proved he meant it by helping people, feeding people, and eventually laying down his life for people. He set the example for us to follow. Our motto this month is, "Who have you helped today?" Make it your goal every day to try and serve someone. Look for ways to help someone. Even if it's just in a little way, it will make a big difference!

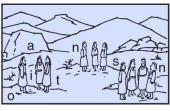


"God brought out Israel, laden with silver and gold. Egypt was glad when they left." What did God do for His people when they were in the wilderness?

Match the pictures to the descriptions. Unscramble the hidden letters and complete the description of that picture.

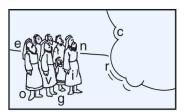
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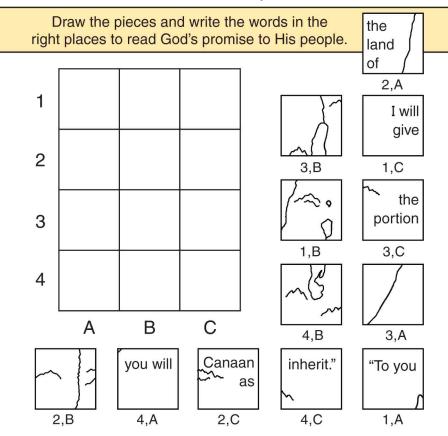


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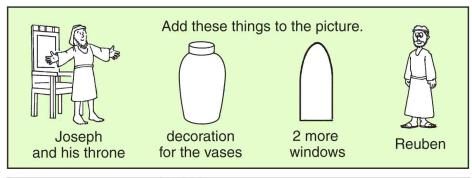
The psalmist said, "Remember the wonders God has done, O descendants of Abraham. He is the Lord our God ... He remembers His covenant forever." What was God's promise to Israel?

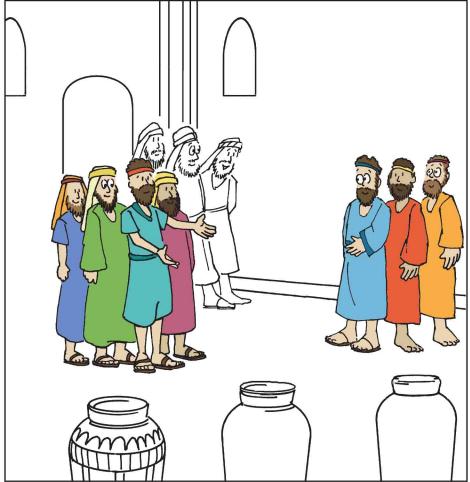


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God allowed Joseph to be sold into Egypt where he was eventually put in charge by Pharaoh. Joseph was then able to help his family, and other people, to have enough food.





God helped His people do well in Egypt, but the Egyptians began to mistreat them. God sent Moses and Aaron to perform His miraculous signs. What were some of the signs God did through Moses and Aaron?

Replace the missing words from the list into the correct spaces.

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