

**"REMEMBER THE
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MANY YEARS."**

DEUTERONOMY 32:7

ZOOM



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 32:7 (NirV)

 **SCHEDULE**
SMALL GROUP 
CONNECT

 **7–15 minutes**
LARGE GROUP
LESSON
30–40 minutes

REFLECT AND RESPOND
STATIONS
7–15 minutes

 **SMALL GROUP**
ACTIVITIES
15–25 minutes

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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

ZOOM CONNECT ACTIVITY

Set up: Print the “Zoom: Moving Truck” picture cards on 8½ x 11 cardstock paper and cut apart.

Say: Today we’re finishing a super fun series called “Zoom.” During “Zoom,” we’ve been zooming in and out of the first 5 books of the Bible—also known as the “Books of Moses.” Do you remember what the first 4 books are? (*Take answers: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers.*) Today, we’re going to zoom in and out of the last “Book of Moses,” but first, we’re going to zoom in and out of something else. Let’s see if you can guess what it is.

Directions: Keep the “Zoom: Moving Truck” pictures turned over until the appropriate time. Each card is numbered 1–4. When ready, turn over the first card and place it in the middle of your group. Ask the kids what they think is pictured and why they think that. After everyone has shared, turn over the second card and repeat. Each card will zoom further out on the mystery picture making it easier to identify. Continue until all four cards have been turned over and the mystery picture is revealed. Congratulate the kids who guessed it right. When finished, ask the following question:

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.

★ LARGE GROUP LESSON

STORY QUESTIONS

Directions: During the Large Group program, kids will be asked to turn briefly to their small group or neighbors and 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?





★ 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?

STONE FACE (Bible Memorization Activity)

Directions: Place the Bible verse sign in the middle of the group and read it carefully with your kids several times so they can begin to memorize it. Today's Bible verse says:

"Remember the days of long ago. Think about what the Lord did through those many years." Deuteronomy 32:7

When ready, remove the Bible verse sign. Tell the kids to recite the verse together while remaining stone faced. They may not laugh or smile. Choose one kid to be the "Face Maker." While the other kids are reciting the verse, the "Face Maker" will make a funny face or do something silly in an attempt to get the other kids to laugh or smile. Keep track of how many kids laugh or smile before the verse has been fully recited and give the "Face Maker" a point for each one. Continue until all of the kids have had a turn being the "Face Maker."

Question: Sometimes it's easy to forget what God has done for us. What can we do to help us remember those things?

ONE WORD PRAYERS (Group Prayer Activity)

Directions: Challenge the kids in your group to remember everyone's name and a prayer request. Select someone to go first and have them share a prayer request. After the first person shares, have the group say their name followed by one or two words that sum up their request. For example, if Brandon needs help not fighting with his brother, say "Brandon, no fighting." After the second person has shared their



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request, say the name of the first person who shared and their request, followed by the second person who shared and their request. For example, “Brandon, no fighting. Connor, patience.” Continue this pattern for everyone in the group until everyone has had a turn. At the end, see if your group can remember everyone’s name and request. Encourage them to remember each other during the week and pray for each other. Finally, close your group by leading them in prayer.



Children's Worship Bulletin™



Ages 3+

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family Table Talker

HELPING families UNPLUG FROM Tech and connect with each other

Live chat!

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.)

- Can you name the Fruit of the Spirit?
- Which of the Fruits is the greatest? Why?
- Which is the easiest for you?
- Which is the hardest for you?
- Share which fruit another family member is great at.
- Which real fruit is your favorite to eat?

GOOFY Game

Name of the Game: Fruit Basket!

Needed: Nothing but imagination!

How to Play: Everyone sits in a circle and takes turns calling names of fruits – but nothing can be repeated! Whenever someone repeats something, they lose and are out. Run out of ideas? Someone can yell “Fruit Basket!” and everyone jumps up and runs around the room and play starts over and everyone is back in. Next, choose a new category: TV shows, famous people, snacks, animals, colors, etc. Play needs to move quickly, If someone takes too long, they are out. Have fun!

fruit

Monthly Motto:

WHERE'S YOUR FRUIT?

Think about It

The Bible talks about fruit a lot. You've probably heard of the Fruit of the Spirit: “Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, etc.” But did you know many people actually misunderstand what the fruits of the Spirit are? When asked, many people say, “They are things we are supposed to work on. You know, we need to be more loving, patient, kind, right?” Wrong! What?!? Don't we need more self-control? Probably. But that's not what the Fruits of the Spirit are. Think of it this way. Does an apple tree need to work on making apples? Does a banana tree have to get better at producing bananas? Nope, they just appear on their branches. The fruit of the Spirit is what appears when someone has the Spirit of God in them! No effort required! Paul was saying that if you have the Spirit of God in you, you'll be more loving, joyful, patient, etc. because GOD will produce those things in you!

Double DaRE ya!

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: As a family, make a poster of the Fruit of the Spirit and display it somewhere in your house where you all will see it often. Let it be a reminder of the traits you'll all display when you are filled with the Spirit of God. When they are missing, don't try harder. Gather as a family and ask God's Spirit to help you all to improve. That's a prayer God will answer!



VICTORY VERSE

As a family, memorize the Victory Verse this month. Make it a goal this month to see these traits grow in your life.

Diggin' DEEPER...

Here are some super Bible verses you may want to dig into this month as you explore how to grow more fruit in your life:

- Matthew 12:33
- John 15:16
- Matthew 3:8
- Colossians 1:10
- Ephesians 5:8-9
- Matthew 7:16-20

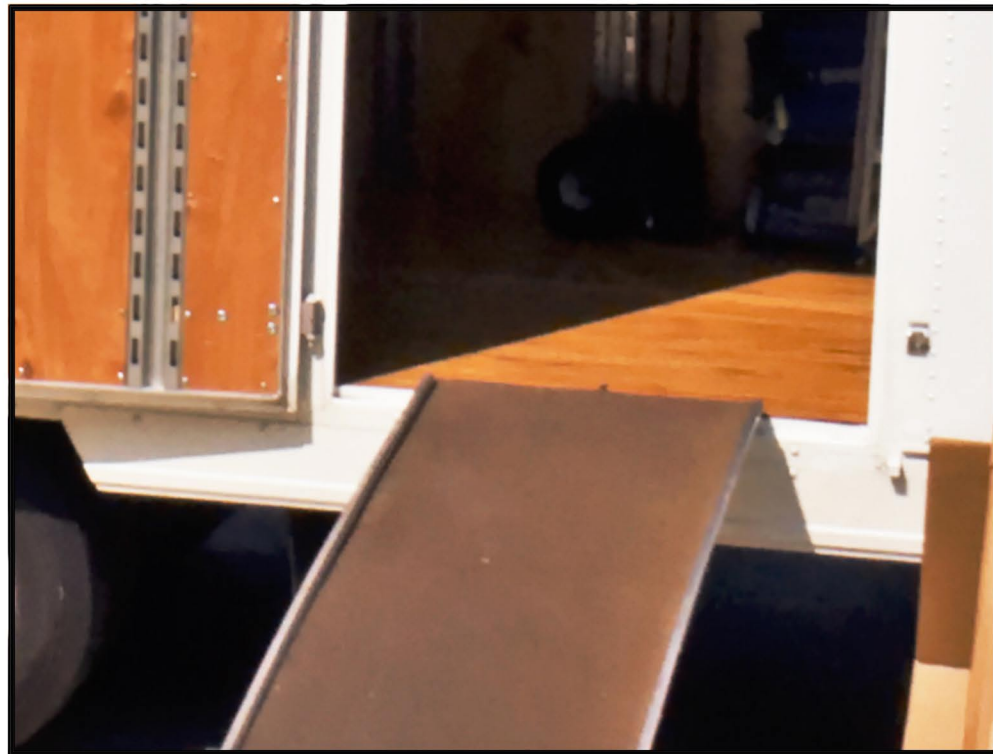
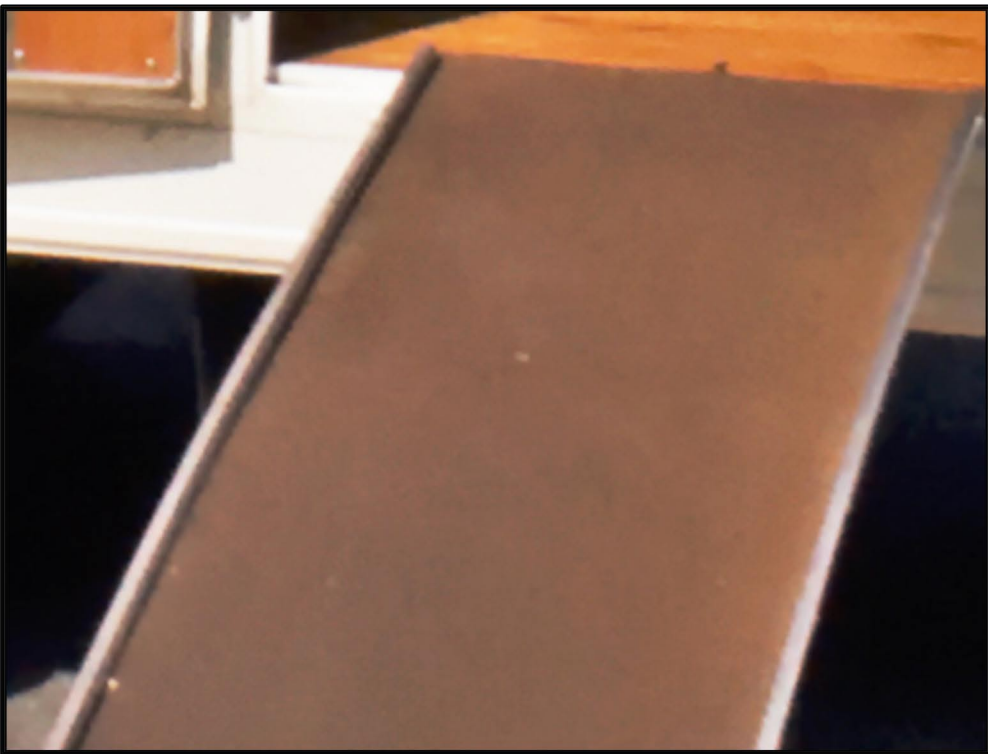
Make it count!

Here is something to think about. There are 9 “Fruits of the Spirits” – but did you ever notice that the word “Fruit” is singular, not plural? The “Fruit” of the Spirit? Why are nine fruits singular? Interestingly, in the Greek, there is an odd use of punctuation. Turns out, the Fruit of the Spirit is love, the Greek word agape. The other eight words are examples of agape love – if you love, you are kind. If you love you are gentle. If you love, you are self-controlled. etc. So, focus on being loving, and you'll end up being all the other “fruits” as well! How cool is that!? That's why God said, “The greatest of these is love.” (1 Cor. 13:13)



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Lesson 1.5

DRAW IT!

Think of one special thing that God has given you or done for you. Draw a picture of it. Tell Him “thanks” while you’re drawing.

JOURNAL IT!

Think of how God has cared for you and given you all the things you need. Write them down and thank God for His faithfulness!

This week we learned

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READ IT!

Deuteronomy 30:11-20. Write down your favorite verse or draw a picture of it.

PRAY IT!

Do you remember anything cool God has done for you? Write a prayer and praise Him for it.

Next week's lesson

RAHAB HELPS THE SPIES

BIG IDEA: God wants us to put our faith into action.

BIBLE BASIS: Joshua 2

KEY VERSE: "It is the same with faith. If it doesn't cause us to do something, it's dead." James 2:17 (NIRV)