

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

**DEUTERONOMY 32:7**

**ZOOM**





# HOMEGUIDE

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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

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 (NIV)

# 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)



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## Zoom

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 **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.



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.)

- What is your favorite button on the TV remote and why?
- What is one thing you hope will be different this year?
- If you could change one thing about your life what would it be?
- If you could have one major "do over" in life, what would it be?
- What do you wish you could go back and start over again?
- How can we help each other start over fresh this year?

GOOfy Game

**Name of the Game:** Face Off!

**Needed:** Cookies or pretzels!

**What you do:** Start with the oldest and take turns down to the youngest. Stand up! Place a cookie or pretzel on your forehead. Yes, you'll need to lean back. (Way back!) Place your hands behind your back. The goal is to get the treat into your mouth by only moving your head and facial muscles. It's harder than it sounds. If the cookie falls, start over! After a minute, it's the next person's turn to try. The younger players get extra time, of course! The best part of the game is you get to eat the treat when you finally get it in your mouth!

# Starting Over Monthly Motto:

EVERY DAY IS A NEW OPPORTUNITY TO START OVER!

Think about It

Our world is full of amazing technology. Some of it makes our lives easier by washing our clothes or dishes. Some of it gets us around town or even across the country. Some of it just helps us have fun watching movies or playing games. We use it to connect with family and friends and to meet new people. But no technology can ever replace talking or connection with people face to face. Make sure you never allow devices to replace real relationships. What's real is what's left when the power goes out. As you start a new year, think about how you can sure those connections can get stronger and grow!

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:** In the New Year, we usually focus on how the next year can be better for ourselves. Instead, prayerfully choose a family you know that is going through a tough time and think of a way that you can bless them in a real tangible way - more than just giving them money. Choose the family, identify the need, determine how you can help them, and then plan what you'll do. Bonus credit if they never find out who it was who blessed them! Are you ready?

**I double dare ya!**



As a family, memorize the Victory Verse this month. God lets us start over as many times as we need to! We all make mistakes, but the good news is, we can always start over. Even several times a day!

Diggin' Deeper...

The New Year is a perfect time to remind ourselves that we have a loving God who doesn't hold grudges. He is quick to forgive and is focused on the future. His mercies are new every morning! Here are some super Bible verses you may want to dig into this month as you start a brand new year!

- Lamentations 3:22-23
- Proverbs 3:5-6
- Jeremiah 29:11

- 1 Peter 5:7
- Isaiah 43:18-19
- Proverbs 16:9

make it count!

**Here's an idea!** Have each family member write a letter to themselves about how they hope this new year will turn out. Toss in some silly predictions for fun. Seal each in an envelope and write your name on the front. A parent can mail them mid-year! Should be a fun reminder of what you were thinking at the beginning of the year!

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