



STORY

8/23/06

The Last Days of Moses – Numbers 20:1-13, 27:12-23; Deuteronomy 6-8, 18:15-18, 31-34

TEACHER PRAYER

Thank You Lord for giving me the privilege of sharing Your Word with the children entrusted into my care in this class. I pray that You will give me Your Spirit and that Your loving will for us all will be clearly presented. I pray that through Your Word You will enter the hearts of these Your children by Your Spirit. Pour Your grace upon them that their relationship with You will grow ever stronger. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior I pray. Amen.

VOCABULARY

Mount Abarim (Numbers 27:12) - "A mountain east of Jordan. Nebo, Peor, and Pisgah belong to this range." (Rupprecht Bible History References Vol. 1, p. 226)

Urim and Thummim (Numbers 27:21, Deuteronomy 33:8) - "Beneath the breastplate - in order that it might be on the high priest's heart when he 'went in before the Lord' - was the Urim and Thummim ('lights and perfections'), the crowning glory of the Levite tribe, but nowhere described in Scripture. With the Urim and Thummim the will of the Lord concerning judicial matters was learned, not only in the Sanctuary of where the Ark of the Covenant was, but in any place, provided the authorized priest with the ephod was present." (Rupprecht Bible History References Vol. 1, p. 202)

OUTER AIM

Moses prepares God's people for his death.

INNER AIM

God's blessing on His people continues as they are prepared to enter the promised land.

BACKGROUND

(*Rupprecht Bible History References Vol. 1, pp. 226-230*)

The 120 years of the life of Moses can be neatly divided into three equal sections. The first 40 years were spent in Egypt. The second 40 years were spent in Midian. The final 40 years were spent leading the people of Israel in the desert toward the land of promise.

Numbers 20:1-13

Because of a particular sin God forbade Moses "to bring this congregation into the land which I have given them." (vs. 12b) The sin of Moses was the sin of unbelief.

(vs. 12a) This apparently resulted in anger and possibly pride. (vs. 10-11) God's instructions were very simple and complete.

(vs. 8) Nevertheless Moses angrily upbraided the people and seemed to adopt a rather prideful attitude. Secondly, he apparently adopted a mode of operation different from what the Lord had instructed. God had said, "Speak to the rock." Moses rather "struck the rock twice with his rod."

Numbers 27:12-23

Joshua is commissioned to assume the responsibilities of Moses as God commanded.

Deuteronomy 6-8

The book of Deuteronomy consists of a series of farewell messages by Moses, the 120-year-old whom God appointed leader of Israel. He addressed the generation of Israel who would soon be faced with the trials of entering the Promised Land.

These three chapters make three primary points: 1) teach the Word, 2) possess the promised land, 3) remember the LORD your God

Deuteronomy 18:15-18

These words of Moses point to the coming Messiah, Jesus Christ, who would be the Prophet of prophets. (cf. John 1:19-21; 5:46; 6:14, Matthew 17:5, Acts 3:19-26; 7:37)

Deuteronomy 30-34

In his final words, Moses predicts what will befall Israel in the days ahead. He rehearses the blessings which God will pour out upon Israel. He also shows the judgments that will be their lot because of their unbelief and perverse ways.

God buries Moses in an unknown place. This may have been done to prevent undue reverence to the past or even possible idolatry.

Though Moses was permitted to see the land of promise only at a distance before his death, he did return to this home for God's people when he appeared with the Christ on the Mount of transfiguration. (Matthew 17:3)

Some of the significant verses in this section: 30:11-20, 31:6, 12, 16-17; 32:1-7, 43, 48-52; 34:5-12).

STUDENT PRAYER

We thank you Lord for the many servants that You call to serve You in the labors of Your kingdom. We thank You for pastors, teachers, parents, relatives and Christian friends who guide us according to Your Word of truth. Give us, we pray, ready hearts to hear Your servants as they teach us Your Word. May we be led to respond with willing and thankful hearts. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

PRESENTATION

An entire generation of Israel died in the wilderness. A new generation took its place. This was the generation which Moses was now preparing it for entrance into the Promised Land. Was this generation better equipped to handle the adversity that stood before them? The challenge was to occupy the populated land of Canaan which the Lord gave to them. On one hand, the answer is, yes. They had been trained in the adversity of the wilderness. On the other hand, they too were sinful as are all of mankind. Their complaints at Meribah resulted in Moses losing his patience and sinning against God. As a result God did not permit Moses to enter into the Promised Land.

Moses at no time debated the matter with the LORD but fully accepted God's righteous judgment and the punishment. Under God's direction he appointed Joshua his successor and commissioned him to complete the work which he had begun, namely, to lead the children of Israel into the land of Canaan and divide it among the tribes of Israel. With deep devotion to His Lord and concern for God's people, he gathered all the representatives of the people and repeated the Words of God so that this new generation of Israel might know the will of God clearly and simply. He reminded them of the many blessings of God and showed them that they could best manifest their gratitude by walking in the Words of their God.

Furthermore, he admonished them to destroy completely all the inhabitants living in the land of Canaan, lest they lead the people of Israel to worship idols. The final words of Moses might be summarized in such words as these: "I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the LORD your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the LORD swore to your father, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them." (Deuteronomy 30:19-20)

Finally, in the presence of all the people, he ascended Mount Nebo. At that time he was 120 years old, and during the last 40 years of his life he had endured many hardships; yet his eyes were not dim, nor was his strength abated. God had wonderfully preserved him. With a lively step he walked up the mountain side until he reached its summit. There God showed him the whole land of Canaan. How delighted Moses must have been to see that beautiful country which stretched before him. There he died and we are told that the LORD "buried him in a valley in the land of Moab...but no one knows his grave to this day." (Deuteronomy 34:6)

APPLICATIONS

Down through the generations God has used many people, sinful though they were, to accomplish His divine purposes. As revealed in the Bible, God's will was always that mankind would be redeemed and saved from sin. Through the sinful world, Satan and the sinful ways of mankind continually challenged and obstructed the will of God, yet, God's will is always done. Thank God that this is so! The central point of salvation in the Messiah overshadows every other consideration. Praise the Lord!

When the Lord instructs us to do a thing in His Word, we do not have the right to change His words, add something to them or interpret them according to the ways of our sinful flesh or of the world around us. God brought water out of the rock at Meribah even though Moses put his own spin on the event. Moses permitted his sinful flesh to dictate how he carried out God's instructions rather than abide by the simple words of God. This is done constantly in the world around us today both in the unbelieving world and sometimes in the Christian Church at large. We must take care not to be influenced by advice and judgments which are contrary to the Word and will of God.

We should thank God for people that He has used and continues to use today to lead and guide His people in His ways. Discuss the teaching and pastoral ministry and the privilege to serve God in these special ways. Discuss the priesthood of all believers and how we all have the privilege and responsibility, as children of God, to share God's blessings of salvation in Christ Jesus with everyone.

PASSAGES

These passages can be assigned as memory work or simply discussed in class as to how they fit the lesson.

Lower

Psalm 143:10 - Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

Middle any of the above and...

Romans 12:2 - And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

1 John 2:15-16 - Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him.

Galatians 5:17 - For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish.

Upper any of the above and...

1 Timothy 3:1 - This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. (bishop - literally a spiritual overseer)

2 Timothy 4:2 - Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season; convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Hebrews 13:20-21 - "Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you complete in every good work to do His will, working in you what is wellpleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen

HYMN CHOICES

"What God Ordains Is Always Good" (TLH #521)

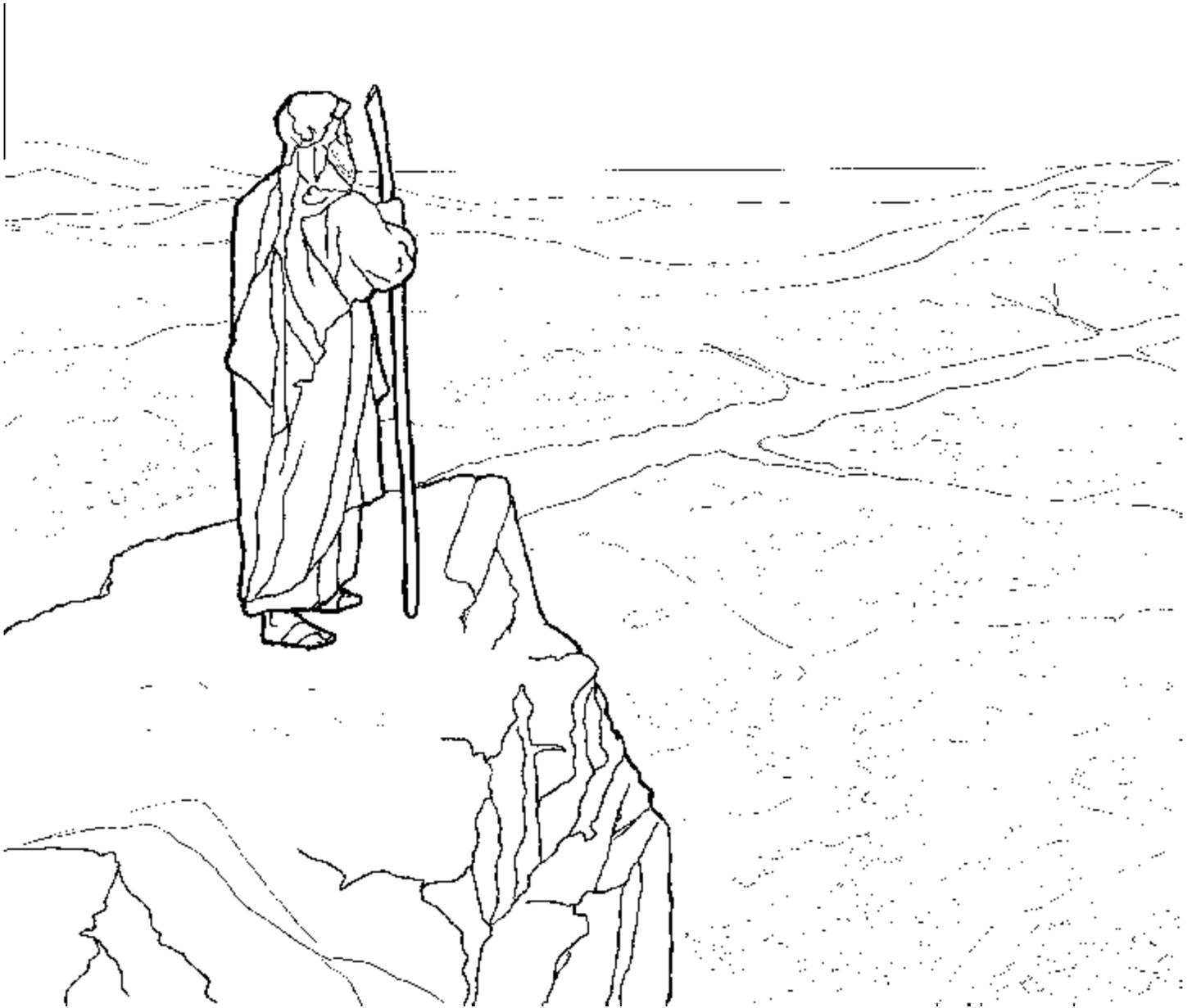
"I Leave All Things To God's Direction" (TLH #529)

"Rejoice, My Heart, Be Glad and Sing" (TLH #535)

"With the Lord Begin Thy Task" (TLH #540)

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Moses asked God to appoint a new leader. God chose Joshua to lead the people into the promised land.

Moses was now 120 years old. He knew that he would soon die, so he called the people together. He reminded them of how God had taken care of them on their long journey to the promised land. He also told them again that the Savior would come as God had promised. By believing in the promised Savior, they would some day enter the Promised Land of Heaven.

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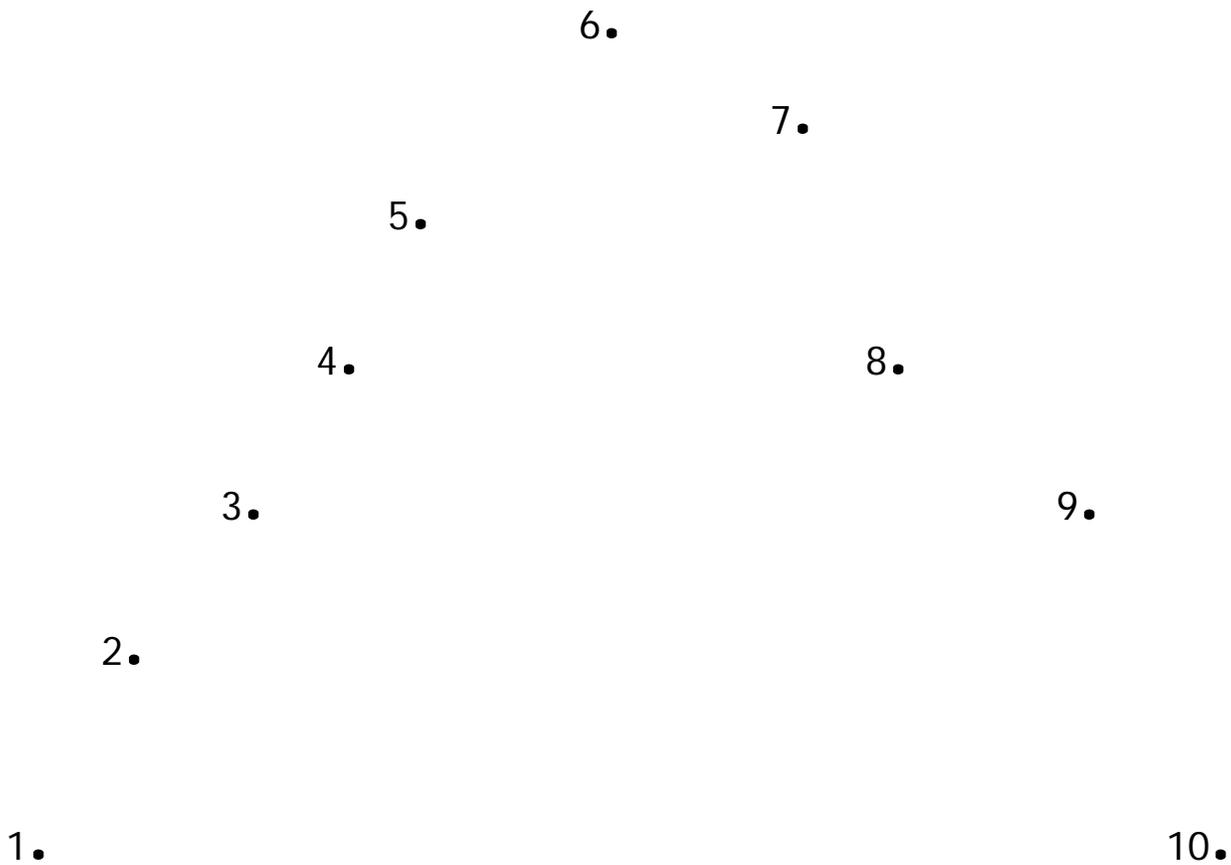
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Activity One - Connect the dots to see where God showed Moses the promised land. Then draw a picture on the back of this paper of what you think Moses saw from the top of Mt. Nebo.



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Activity Two

- Place an X before each of the sentences that are true.

- _____ Moses was too old to enter the promised land.
- _____ Moses disobeyed God by hitting the rock instead of speaking to it.
- _____ Joshua became the new leader.
- _____ Moses told the people to forget about God.
- _____ God showed Moses the promised land from Mt. Nebo.
- _____ Moses believed in the promise of the Savior.
- _____ The people were happy when Moses died.

Passage

Luke 11:28 - "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!"

Hymn

- TLH 410 v. 1

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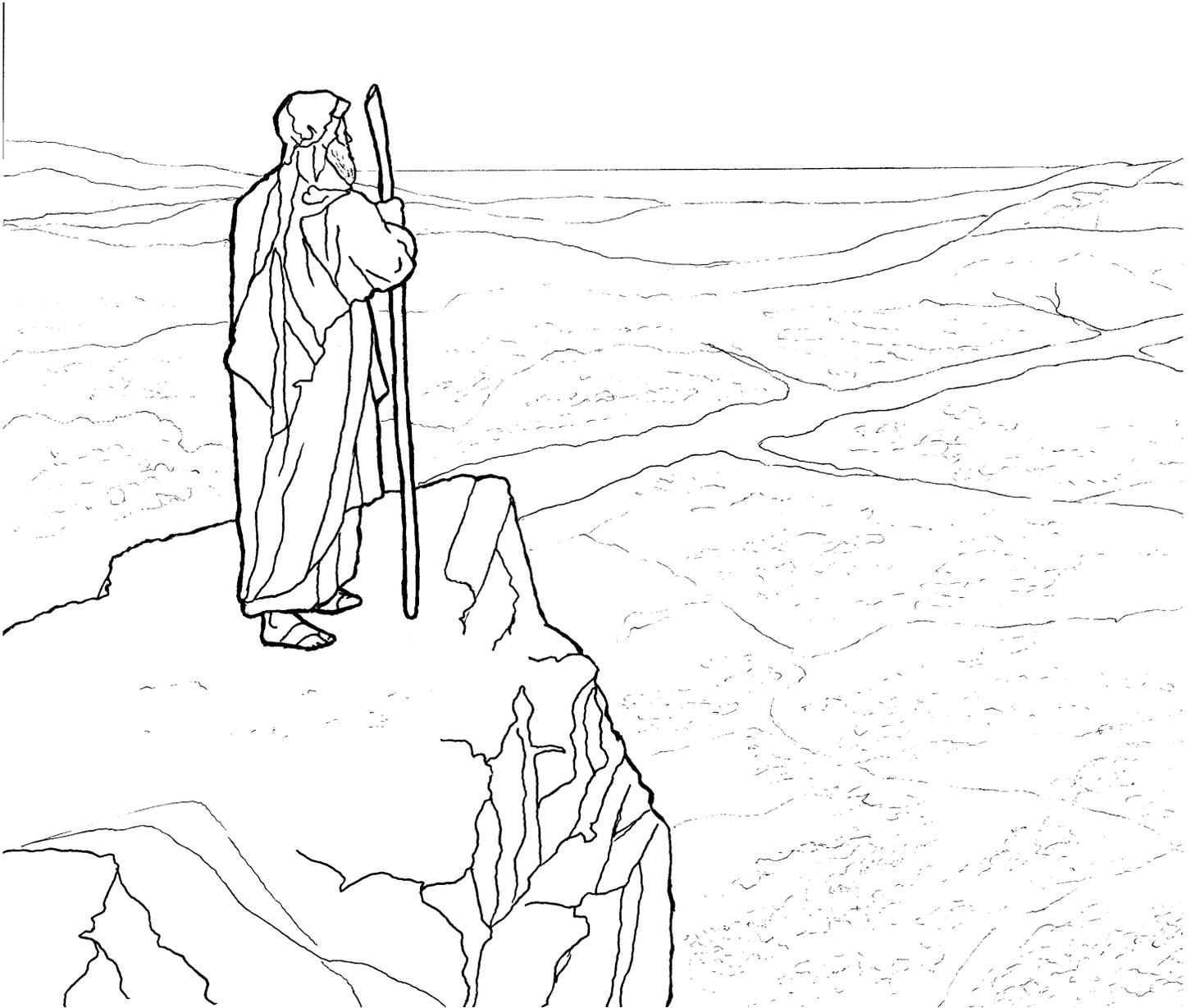
Where is our "fatherland"?

Prayer

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Moses lived for 120 years. For the first 40 years, he had been a prince in Egypt. He spent the next 40 years of his life tending sheep in the land of Midian near Mount Sinai. During the last 40 years of his life, he was the leader of the Children of Israel as they wandered in the wilderness.

Near the end of his life, Moses knew that he would soon die, so he called the people together. He reminded them of how God had taken care of them on their long journey to the promised land. He also told them again that the Savior would

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Activity One - Choose the correct ending for each sentence by placing an X in the blank.

1. Moses could not enter Canaan
 - a. ___ because at one time he had disobeyed God.
 - b. ___ because it was too dangerous in Canaan.
 - c. ___ because he was too old.
2. God chose a new leader whose name was
 - a. ___ Eleazar
 - b. ___ Aaron
 - c. ___ Joshua
3. God told Moses to go to the top of
 - a. ___ Mt. Sinai
 - b. ___ Mt. Nebo
 - c. ___ Mt. Horeb
4. God showed Moses the land of
 - a. ___ Canaan
 - b. ___ Goshen
 - c. ___ Egypt
5. Moses told the people to
 - a. ___ go back to Egypt
 - b. ___ trust in the Lord
 - c. ___ mourn for him

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Activity Two - Place an X before all the statements that are true.

- ___ Moses spent the first 40 years of his life in Canaan.
- ___ God did many miracles through Moses.
- ___ God loved Moses even though Moses disobeyed Him.

_____ Moses told the people that a Savior would come.

_____ Joshua buried Moses on Mt. Nebo.

_____ Moses appeared to Jesus' disciples many years later.

_____ God wants His children to obey His Word.

Passages

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Amen.

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(Deuteronomy 7:6) "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

(Deuteronomy 8:2) "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

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your heart. {7} "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. {8} "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. {9} "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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(Deuteronomy 31:6) "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

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Outer Aim - Moses prepared God's people for his death.

What the Story Tells Us - Answer the following questions.

1. Why do you think Moses hit the rock instead of speaking to it?
2. Why is it important for us to never make changes in what God says in His Word?
3. How is Moses an example for us both in what we should do and in what we should not do?
4. Was Moses more concerned about himself or about the Children of Israel when he knew he wouldn't be entering the Promised Land with them? How do you know this?
5. Compare our journey through life to the Israelite's journey through the wilderness.
 - a) Who led the Children of Israel?
 - b) Who leads us?
 - a) What dangers did the Children of Israel face?
 - b) What dangers do we face?
 - a) Where did the journey end for the Children of Israel?
 - b) Where will our journey through life end?

What God's Word Tells Us - Use your Bible for the following.

Numbers 27:12 - 21

What did the Lord tell Moses to do? (vs.12)

What did God say would happen? (vs.13)

Why did it have to be this way? (vs.14)

What did Moses want the Lord to do? (vs.15 -17)

What did the Lord instruct Moses to do? (vs.18-21)

Deuteronomy 34

Where did Moses go? (vs.1)

What did the Lord show him? (vs.1-3)

To whom had the Lord promised this land? (vs.4)

What happened to Moses? (vs.5)

Who buried him? (vs.6)

How is Moses described physically? (vs.7)

How is he described as a prophet? (vs.10-12)

Passages

Deuteronomy 6:5 - You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Psalms 143:10 - Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good. Lead me in the land of uprightness.

Revelation 14:13 - Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them."

Inner Aim - God wants us to prepare for our death.

Hymn - TLH 410

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When we seek relief from a long-felt grief;
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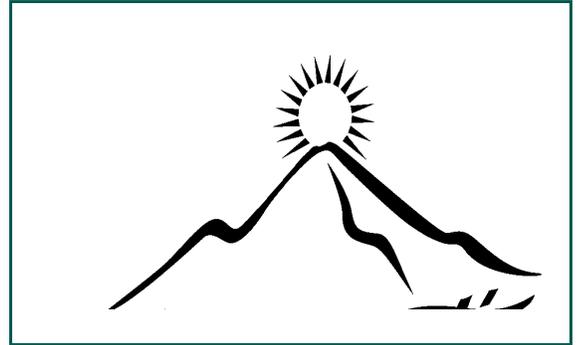
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(Deuteronomy 7:6) "For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth.

(Deuteronomy 8:2) "And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not.

He also told them again that the Savior would come as God had promised. Through Him they would someday enter the Promised Land of Heaven.

(Deuteronomy 18:15) "The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren. Him you shall hear."

He reminded them that as God's people they should obey His commandments and live as His children.

(Deuteronomy 6:5-9) "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all

your soul, and with all your strength. {6} "And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. {7} "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. {8} "You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. {9} "You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Finally Moses told the people that they should not be afraid to conquer the land of Canaan because God would be with them.

(Deuteronomy 31:6) "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

The Lord told Moses to go to the top of Mt. Nebo, and He would show him the land that He had promised Abraham and all his descendants. The Children of Israel were very sad as they watched their beloved leader climb the mountain where he would die.

After God showed Moses the beautiful land of Canaan, Moses died. God Himself buried Moses. No one knows where he was buried.

Many years later Moses returned to this earth one more time. When Jesus took His disciples to a mountain to show them His glory before He died on the cross, Moses appeared on that mountain with the prophet Elijah.

Through the story of Moses we can see how God takes care of His servants and uses them to accomplish His work. We can also learn how important it is not to change what God tells us to do in His Word. We pray that God would use us to do His work and that He would teach us to obey Him in all that we do.

Outer Aim - Moses prepared God's people for his death.

What the Story Tells Us - Answer the following questions.

1. Why do you think Moses hit the rock instead of speak to it?
2. Why is it important for us to never make changes in what God says in His Word?
3. How is Moses an example for us both in what we should do and in what we should not do?
4. Was Moses more concerned about himself or about the Children of Israel when he knew he wouldn't be entering the Promised Land with them? How do you know this?
5. Compare our journey through life to the Israelite's journey through the wilderness.
 - a) Who led the Children of Israel?
 - b) Who leads us?
 - c) What dangers did the Children of Israel face?
 - d) What dangers do we face?
 - e) Where did the journey end for the Children of Israel?
 - f) Where will our journey through life end?

What God's Word Tells Us - Use your Bible for the following.

Numbers 27:12 - 21

What did the Lord tell Moses to do? (vs.12)

What did God say would happen? (vs.13)

Why did it have to be this way? (vs.14)

What did Moses want the Lord to do? (vs.15 -17)

What did the Lord instruct Moses to do? (vs.18-21)

Deuteronomy 34

Where did Moses go? (vs.1)

What did the Lord show him? (vs.1-3)

To whom had the Lord promised this land? (vs.4)

What happened to Moses? (vs.5)

Who buried him? (vs.6)

How is Moses described physically? (vs.7)

How is he described as a prophet? (vs.10-12)

Passages

Deuteronomy 6:5 - You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

Psalm 143:10 - Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God; Your Spirit is good.
Lead me in the land of uprightness.

Revelation 14:13 - Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on. "Yes," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, and their works follow them.

Deuteronomy 18:15 - The Lord your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your midst, from your brethren.
Him you shall hear.

Inner Aim - God wants us to prepare for our death.

Hymn - TLH #410

Jesus, lead Thou on till our rest is won;
And although the way be cheerless,
We will follow calm and fearless.
Guide us by Thy hand to our fatherland.

If the way be drear, if the Foe be near,
Let not faithless fears o'ertake us;
Let not faith and hope forsake us;
Fro through many a woe to our home we go.

When we seek relief from a long-felt grief;
When temptations come alluring,
Make us patient and enduring;
Show us that bright shore where we weep no more.

Jesus, lead Thou on till our rest is won.
Heav'nly Leader, still direct us,
Still support, control, protect us,
Till we safely stand in our fatherland.

Whom are we asking to lead us in this life?

When will "our rest be won"?

Where is our "fatherland"?

Prayer

Heavenly Father, teach us to trust You in everything we do. Many times we want to do things our own way instead of Your way. Forgive us for not always listening to what You tell us to do in Your Word. Thank You for giving us pastors and teachers to be our leaders and to teach us about Jesus our Savior. In His name we pray. Amen.