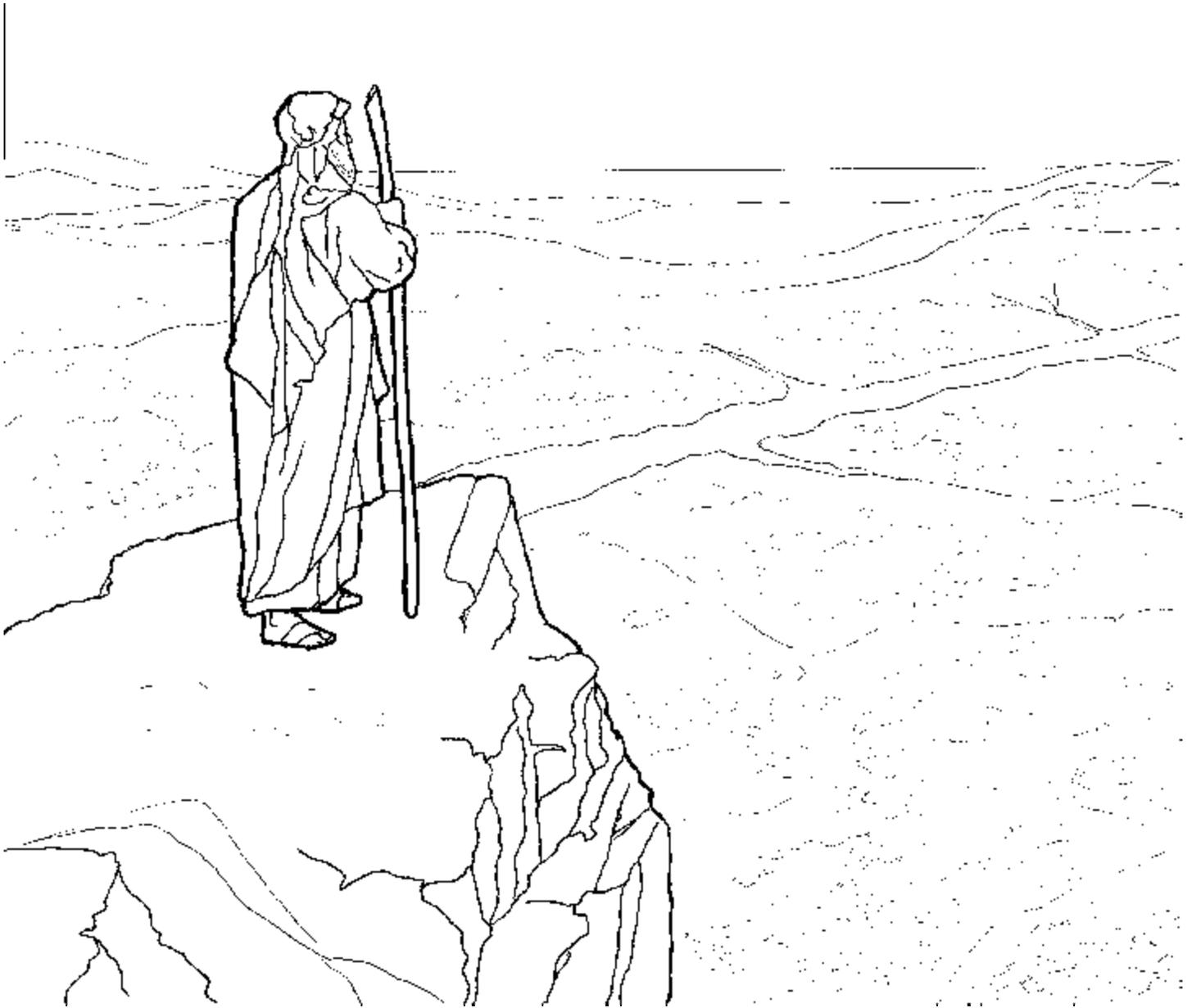


# The Last Days of Moses

Numbers 20:1-13, 27:12-23; Deuteronomy 6-8, 18:15-18, 31-34



## The Story

We have seen in the last stories how God took care of His chosen people as they journeyed to the promised land. He also did many miracles through His servant Moses.

Moses was a great leader and trusted God to help him, but there were times when his faith was weak. At one time the Children of Israel camped at a place where there was no water. God told Moses to strike a large rock with his rod and water came gushing out of it. Then many years later they needed water again and complained to Moses. This time God told Moses and Aaron to speak to the rock and water would come out of it. But Moses disobeyed God and hit the rock with his rod instead of speaking to it. Then God told Moses and Aaron that they would not be able to enter the promised land because they had disobeyed Him in front of the people.

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.

He reminded them that as God's people they should obey His commandments and live as His children. Finally Moses told the people that they should not be afraid to conquer the land of Canaan because God would be with them.

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.

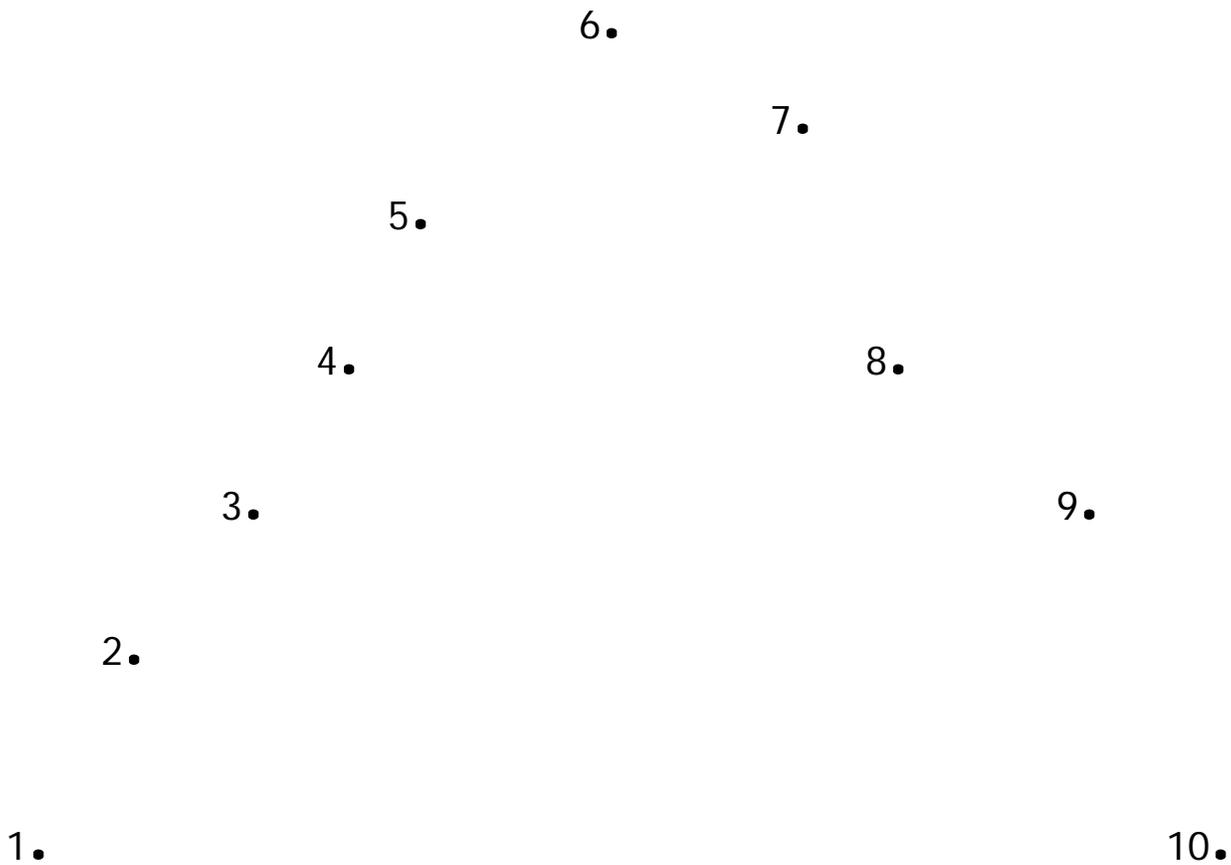
After God showed Moses the beautiful land of Canaan, Moses died. God Himself buried Moses. No one knows where he was buried.

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.

*Moses prepared God's people for his death.*

**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.



*God wants us to prepare for our death.*

## 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

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.

*Whom are we asking to lead us in this life?*

*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.