

# Lesson

## Engaging Introduction:

Good morning, friends! Today, we're going to dive into a story from a very special book, the Bible. Have you ever been on a journey or adventure and had to follow important rules to make sure you stayed safe and on the right track? That's a little like what we'll learn about today. Imagine you're on a long, long road trip. You need a map, right? What would happen if you didn't have directions or if you ignored the speed limits? It would probably get pretty confusing and maybe a little dangerous!

In today's lesson, we're exploring Deuteronomy 4. This part of the Bible is like the guidebook for God's special people, the Israelites, just like your map on a trip. In Deuteronomy, Moses is talking to the people and helping them get ready. They are standing on the edge of a beautiful new land that God promised them, but before they go in, they need to remember some important things God told them. Moses is like a guide, explaining to them how to live in a way that makes God happy and keeps them safe. He reminds them that if they follow God's instructions, they'll have a wonderful time in their new home.

Are you ready to find out what Moses told them? Let's get our thinking caps on and imagine we're part of God's big adventure. Let's explore the important lessons that can help guide us in our daily lives!

## Main Teaching Points:

### 1. Listen and Obey God's Laws:

The first big lesson we learn is about listening and obeying. Moses tells the Israelites to listen carefully to the rules and laws God gave them. Why do you think listening might be important? If you're baking cookies and someone tells you to turn on the oven, you need to listen, right? Otherwise, no cookies! In the same way, God gave the Israelites rules to help them live good lives and be happy. Just like how a seatbelt keeps you safe in a car, God's rules help keep us safe in life. Moses explains that by following these rules, the Israelites will live, multiply, and enjoy the land to the fullest.

### 2. Remember What God Has Done:

The second lesson is about remembering. Moses reminded the Israelites of all the amazing things God did for them, like rescuing them from Egypt, parting the Red Sea, and providing for them in the desert. Imagine if your teacher took you on a field trip and taught you all sorts of cool things, wouldn't you want to remember those lessons? Similarly, remembering God's actions helped the Israelites stay committed to Him and His rules. It's like keeping a photo album of all the good times you've had with your family or friends; it helps you remember and feel grateful.

### 3. Don't Worship Other Gods:

The third important message is about worshipping God alone. Imagine if you had a favorite toy and someone told you it wasn't special anymore because they found another toy. That might hurt, right? Moses tells the Israelites that God loves them so much and doesn't want them to divide their love. He asked them not to make or worship things like statues or objects as if they were gods. God

wanted to be the only one they looked up to and trusted because He knew what was best for them.

#### 4. Teach the Next Generation:

Another point Moses makes is about teaching. He encouraged the Israelites to tell their kids about God's laws and what He's done for them. Think about how you learned to tie your shoes or ride a bike—you probably had someone teach you, right? Just like that, it's important for the Israelites to share what they know with younger ones so that everyone can learn how to live well and stay safe.

#### 5. God is Close to Us:

Last but not least, Moses tells the Israelites that God is always near. This meant a lot because it showed that God wasn't far away or too busy to care about them. It's a lot like having a friend who is always there to help you when you need it. Knowing God is close can be very comforting, just like when you know your parents or guardians are close by. Moses reassured them that they could always pray and talk to God no matter what because God was ready to listen.

I hope these lessons show us just how much God loves us and takes care of His people, both then and now.

#### Personal Application for Elementary Students:

Now that we've heard about these important lessons, let's think about how they apply to our lives today. Just like the Israelites, we can make sure to listen and obey rules—not just because we have to, but because they help us live our best lives. When your teacher gives you instructions or your parents set a bedtime, it's their way of helping you grow strong and smart.

Remembering all the good things we have is important, too. Maybe you can keep a "thankful list" or a "blessings jar" at home where you write down nice things that happen to you every day. This helps us keep in mind all the good.

And just like Moses said to focus on God, we can focus on our big goals and dreams. Remember to put your heart into the things that really matter: your family, your friends, your learning.

We should also take the time to talk to others about the things that are important to us, whether it's sharing a favorite book with a friend or helping a younger sibling learn something new. Sharing is a great way to show you care about others.

Finally, don't forget that God is always near you. You can talk to Him anytime you're happy, sad, or even confused. It's like having the world's best friend who never leaves your side. You're never alone even when the going gets tough.

By thinking about Moses' advice to the Israelites and using it in our everyday lives, we can make good choices that help us and others around us.

#### Interactive Discussion Questions with Explanation and Teaching Guidance:

Now let's discuss some questions! This will be a chance for you to share your thoughts. Don't worry about getting the right answer; just say what you feel.

1. Why do you think it was important for the Israelites to listen to Moses and follow God's rules?

This question helps us think about why listening and obeying are important parts of being a part of a community, whether it's school, family, or with God.

2. What's one good thing that's happened to you this week that you want to remember?

Encourage students to share their good experiences. This will help them recall positive events in their lives and remind them that life is full of blessings, a practical way to apply remembering the good as Moses taught.

3. How would you feel if someone tried to take away your special toy, or asked you to treat something else as more special?

Discussing this helps to make sense of God wanting to be the only one the Israelites worshipped, reinforcing the concept of loyalty and love in a child-friendly way.

4. What's a new thing you've learned recently that you'd like to teach someone else?

Motivate students to think about sharing knowledge. It connects to the lesson of teaching future generations, showing them they have something valuable to contribute.

5. How does it feel knowing God is always close to us?

This question encourages them to explore their personal relationship with God, fostering a sense of comfort and understanding of divine presence in their lives.

Feel free to answer and explore these questions at your own pace. Everyone's experience is unique and valuable!