

Takehome

Deuteronomy 26: A Reflection and Family Activity

Introduction for Students

Deuteronomy 26 is a chapter in the Bible that talks about God's instructions to the Israelites on how to show gratitude and remember their history. These instructions include offering the first fruits of their harvest and acknowledging how God helped them throughout their journey.

Reflection Assignment

1. Summary Time

Read or listen to Deuteronomy 26 with your family. Discuss what happens in this chapter. Here are some questions to help guide your discussion:

- What did God ask the Israelites to do with their first fruits?
- Why was it important for the Israelites to remember their past and thank God?
- How can we show gratitude for what we have today?

2. Family Tree Exploration

Deuteronomy 26 is also about remembering the stories of your ancestors. Create a simple family tree with your family. Include pictures or drawings of your family members and write down a special story or memory shared by an elder relative.

Activity with Family

1. Gratitude Jar

As a family, create a "Gratitude Jar." Each family member writes down something they are thankful for on a piece of paper and places it in the jar. At the end of the week, gather around and read them together. Discuss how recognizing the good things in our lives can make us feel closer and more thankful.

2. Cooking Together

Plan a simple meal that you can prepare together. Find fruits or vegetables that you can include, just like the first fruits mentioned in the chapter. As you cook, talk about how the ingredients come from the Earth and all the people involved in bringing them to your table.

Discussion Questions

1. How do you think the Israelites felt when they offered their first fruits?
2. Why is it important to share our history and stories with each other?
3. What are some ways you show appreciation to your family and friends?
4. How can listening and participating in family activities bring us closer?

Take some time to complete these activities with your family and share what you've learned and

how it made you feel. Remember, gratitude is a wonderful gift you can give every day!