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## Teacher Notes and Tips for Teaching Deuteronomy 30 to Elementary Students

### Lesson Overview:

Deuteronomy 30 focuses on themes of choice, repentance, and God's promises. It's an opportunity to teach students about making good choices, the importance of saying sorry, and understanding promises. Aim to help students learn how to apply these lessons in their daily lives.

### Pacing Suggestions:

- Introduction (5-10 minutes): Start with a simple story or activity that illustrates making choices, like choosing between two snacks. Connect it to how we make choices every day.
- Reading (10 minutes): Read Deuteronomy 30:1-10, then 11-20, breaking it into manageable parts. Use a children's Bible if possible for easier language.
- Discussion (10 minutes): Discuss key themes, using guiding questions.
- Activities (15-20 minutes): Conduct a craft or drawing activity related to the lesson's themes.
- Conclusion (5 minutes): Review key points and reflect on personal applications.

### Explaining Difficult Concepts:

- Choice and Consequences: Use everyday scenarios relevant to the students (e.g., choosing to play or do homework) to explain how choices can lead to different outcomes.
- Repentance: Explain repentance using the concept of 'saying sorry' and trying to do better next time. Role-play scenarios where one person apologizes and changes their actions.
- God's Promises: Relate God's promises to family promises they might know (like promising to play a game after cleaning up), emphasizing trust and reliability.

### Managing Student Engagement:

- Interactive Reading: Assign parts to read aloud. Ask students to act out scenes or emphasize certain words with actions.
- Ask Questions: Keep students engaged with simple questions like "What would you choose?" or "How do you say sorry?"
- Visual Aids: Use pictures or diagrams to illustrate choices, changes, and promises.
- Group Work: Break students into small groups to discuss personal acts of making good choices or keeping promises.

### Additional Tips:

- Simplify Language: Consistently use age-appropriate language to explain concepts.
- Connect to Their World: Relate Bible lessons to the children's daily experiences for better understanding.
- Keep It Interactive: Use games and hands-on activities to reinforce learning, such as a "choice board" game where different actions lead to various outcomes.
- Positive Reinforcement: Encourage answers and participation with praise and small incentives to build confidence and interest.

By using these notes and tips, you can create an engaging and educational environment where students can understand and apply the lessons from Deuteronomy 30.