

# Lesson

## Engaging Introduction

Hello, boys and girls! Today, we're going to dive into an exciting chapter from the Bible, Deuteronomy 33. But first, let's imagine something together. Picture a wise, loving grandparent sitting with all their grandchildren on a quiet evening, telling wonderful stories, offering words of encouragement, and giving blessings to each one individually. Doesn't that sound warm and comforting? Similarly, in Deuteronomy 33, we see Moses—a great leader who loved God and his people—speaking his last words of blessing to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Imagine you're a part of a large family gathering. Each cousin, sibling, and friend is sitting around, eagerly waiting to hear what this loving figure will say to them. Just like that family, each tribe of Israel gathered to hear what Moses had to say. Moses knew this would be his last time speaking to the tribes, so he used this moment to remind them of God's love and promises.

Today, we'll explore these blessings and see how each one was special and different, just like how a grandparent might have different words for each grandchild because each is unique. We'll learn what those blessings meant and discover how we, too, are uniquely loved by God. Are you ready to explore this special moment in the Bible? Let's uncover these powerful blessings together!

## Main Teaching Points

### 1. Moses: The Great Leader and Prophet

First, let's talk about Moses. Who was Moses? He was the leader God chose to guide the Israelites out of Egypt, where they were slaves, to the promised land. Think about the Red Sea parting or the Ten Commandments—amazing stories we have heard before. Moses was a friend of God, and he acted like a bridge between God and His people, passing down God's words to them.

Moses was at the end of his journey, and like a caring parent, he wanted to make sure the Israelites were prepared to step into the promises God had for them. Through his blessings, Moses was praying for the future of each tribe, their protection, prosperity, and peace.

### 2. The Blessings: Unique and Special

Deuteronomy 33 is all about the blessings Moses gave to each tribe. Each tribe was like a branch on a big family tree. Every branch is different but connected to the same tree. Similarly, each tribe was unique, yet all were part of God's big family.

For example, he blessed the tribe of Reuben, praying they would have many people and live long. It was like saying, "May Reuben's family never shrink!" Isn't that a wonderful promise?

Then there was the tribe of Judah. Moses asked God to listen to Judah's cries and help them win battles. It's like praying for a friend who is going to face challenges, asking that they'll be brave and get help when they need it.

### 3. Levi and Joseph: Power of Service and Prosperity

Next comes the Levites, and they were given a special job. They were like the teachers and

helpers for all the other people, taking care of God's temple and guiding others in worshipping God. Moses prayed they would continue to be faithful and represent God's law proudly.

For Joseph's tribe, Moses asked for wonderful things like rain from the heavens and blessings of the earth. It's like when we want good things for our family and friends—good food, a safe home, and everything they need to grow healthy and strong.

#### 4. God's Faithfulness and Everlasting Love

What's amazing in all these blessings is the constant reminder of God's faithfulness and love. Moses kept pointing everyone back to God, reassuring them that God is always there, watching over them like a shepherd watches his sheep.

Imagine having someone who always looks out for you, makes you feel safe, and only wants what is best for you. That's what God is like for us and for the Israelites back then. Moses wanted each tribe to know and remember this.

#### Personal Application for Elementary Students

Now, let's think about how these stories and blessings can apply to our own lives. Each tribe had different blessings that fit their unique personality and role in God's plan. This tells us that we, too, are made special by God. Even if we're part of a big class or family, each one of us is unique.

Think of your favorite superhero. Every superhero has a different talent or power, right? Superman can fly, and Spider-Man has his webs. Each one is special in their own way, just like we are. God has a special plan just for you, with talents and blessings tailored to who you are.

Moses blessed the tribes, and those blessings can remind us that God wants to bless us, too. His blessings might be something like giving us a great sense of humor to cheer others up, or a kind heart that helps friends in need.

When you pray, you can ask God what special plans He has for you. Remember, even small actions, like helping a friend with their homework or being kind to your sibling, can be part of God's amazing plans for your life.

#### Interactive Discussion Questions

1. What do you think makes you special?

Guide students in recognizing their unique qualities. Encourage them to think of talents or things they do well. This helps them understand that, like the tribes, their differences are important in God's story.

2. How does knowing God loves each of us uniquely help us treat others?

Discuss with students how understanding God's unique love for everyone can lead to kindness and patience. Emphasize treating others with respect and appreciation of their God-given qualities.

3. Why is it important to bless others, like Moses did?

Guide students in thinking about the power of their words. How can saying positive things to others make a big difference in someone's day? Help students see the value in encouraging friends and

family.

4. What is one thing you can do this week to show someone God's love?

Encourage students to think of practical, obtainable tasks that convey God's love. Examples might be drawing a picture for a family member, sharing a toy with a friend, or helping a sibling clean up.

Remember, each of you is special and loved by God, just like each tribe was cared for and blessed through Moses. As you go about your week, look for ways to share that love with others, and hold tight to the assurance that you're part of God's great, wonderful family.