

## Unit 6, Session 4

### Moses' Farewell (Deuteronomy 31-34)



Dear families,

Moses was an esteemed Old Testament figure who led God's people faithfully, though imperfectly, away from Egyptian slavery and toward the Promised Land. As we follow his biblical narrative to Deuteronomy 31, we read how Moses began his parting speech to those he shepherded for 40 years.

In what ways do we see how Jesus is the better Moses—the victorious leader who leads us into eternal triumph, united with Him forever?

In his farewell address, Moses acknowledged his role as provisional leader over the Israelites, humbled before the sovereignty of God. He recited all God promised to do for them: faithfully lead them, destroy their enemies, go with them, and never leave or abandon them. He called for the Israelites to be strong and courageous, not trusting in their own strength but in His almighty power. Though Moses was counted righteous by faith, he was not a sinless leader for the people of God.

Though Moses' own failure to obey God kept him from entering the Promised Land, God, in His kindness, allowed Moses to see a glimpse of the land from atop Mount Nebo before he passed away. Moses blessed the Israelite people, reminding them of the faithful love of God over the tribes of Israel. When Moses died, the people wept for many days. Joshua, filled with the spirit of wisdom, was called by God to be Israel's new leader, though he did not know the Lord face-to-face as Moses did.

As we read of Moses' passing the baton to his successor, we must recognize the goodness of God in sending an even greater Leader to shepherd God's people for all eternity: Jesus Christ. Though Moses sinned, Jesus was sinless. While Moses could not lead the Israelites into the land, Jesus fulfilled every requirement as a good and faithful servant of the Lord, therefore leading us into the eternal promise of His kingdom. Ask God to

soften the hearts of kids in your family, that they may glean these great gospel truths as you faithfully teach this passage. May they see the faithful kindness of the loving God who desires to dwell with them not only today, but for all eternity.

Check out *The Gospel Project At Home* for resources designed to help you lead a family worship experience as well as suggestions for morning and evening prayer times and family activities.

## **FAMILY TALKING POINTS**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION**

*This is the big idea of how this week's Bible story points to Jesus.*

- **Babies & Toddlers:** Jesus died so that all who believe in Him would be forgiven of their sins and be with Him forever.
- **Younger Preschool:** Moses was a good leader, but he was not perfect. Jesus is perfect. Jesus died so everyone who follows Him will be forgiven of their sins and be with Him forever.
- **Older Preschool:** Moses led God's people, but Moses was not perfect. Jesus leads us in perfect faithfulness. He died so that all who trust and believe in Him would be forgiven of their sins and be with Him forever.
- **Kids:** Moses led God's people faithfully but died unable to bring them into the Promised Land. Jesus leads us in perfect faithfulness. He died so that all who place their faith in Him will join Him in the new heaven and earth.

### **BIG PICTURE QUESTION & ANSWER**

*This is an important biblical truth that your child will encounter each week of this unit.*

- **Younger Preschool:** Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He loves us.
- **Older Preschool:** Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us and He loves us.
- **Kids:** Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.

### **KEY PASSAGE**

*This is a Bible verse that relates to what your child will encounter each week of this unit.*

- **Babies & Toddlers:** God makes all things good. Romans 8:28
- **Younger Preschool:** All things work together for the good of those who love God. Romans 8:28
- **Older Preschool:** We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28
- **Kids:** We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28

**\*\* Next week:** Crossing the Jordan River (Joshua 1; 3-4)