

## Unit 7 • Session 4 Moses' Farewell

### **BIBLE PASSAGE:**

Deuteronomy 31-34

**STORY POINT:** Moses reminded the people to keep God's covenant.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** What does it mean to sin? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.

### **Activity: Do as I do**

Form pairs. Take turns being the leader. The pair will face one another, and the leader in each pair will make movements or silly faces while her partner tries to mimic her movements. Make sure to switch back and forth being the leader.

Leading by example is often a great strategy for helping others. Today we will learn about Moses' final instructions to God's people before he died. After this, they couldn't directly follow Moses' example, so they'd have to remember his words to them from God.

### **Bible Story Discussion:**

1. What did Moses tell the people in his farewell? (*Be strong and courageous. God will go ahead of you. God will defeat your enemies for you. Do not be afraid, and so forth; Deut. 31:3-6*)
2. Whom did God choose to lead the people after Moses? (*Joshua, Deut. 31:7-8*)
3. What did Moses warn would happen if the people stopped loving and obeying God? (*Disaster would come on them; Deut. 31:29; 32:23*)
4. Why did Moses tell the people to be strong and courageous? *Guide kids to discuss that following God is not always easy. Sometimes we face scary or difficult situations. We are often tempted to distrust God or turn away from Him to do things our own way. But God's ways are always best. It takes strength and courage to obey God.*
5. What are some things we may do today that require strength and courage? *Guide kids to talk about the difficulty of obeying God even today. We may not fight physical battles, but spiritual warfare still happens all around us. We need strength and courage to obey God just as the Israelites did.*
6. What are ways God helps us fight spiritual battles? *Guide kids to discuss Jesus' taking our punishment. He sent the Holy Spirit to live in us and guide us. We also have God's Word to learn from, and we can pray to God for help. We also have other believers who comfort and encourage us or point us to God when we are wrong.*

**Moses reminded the people to keep God's covenant.** Jesus kept God's covenant perfectly and died for us. He sent the Holy Spirit to help us.

### **Questions from Kids Video Discussion:**

Prompt kids to think about what happens to people who have died. Guide them to discuss the way to have eternal life with God. How can we live for God's glory?