

I'm in the Lord's Army



Lesson 1

Loving the Lord from the Heart

Theme: Obedience — Loving and following God

Memory Verses

“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday Deuteronomy 1:1-8
Friday Deuteronomy 4:1-14
Saturday Deuteronomy 6:1-9
Monday Deuteronomy 11:8-17
Tuesday Deuteronomy 11:18, 32

God wanted His people to love Him with their hearts. God said, “Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might” (Deuteronomy 6:4-5). God didn’t want people just to say that they loved Him or to pretend. He wanted them to know and follow Him because they loved Him from their hearts.

Moses Speaks to Israel from His Heart

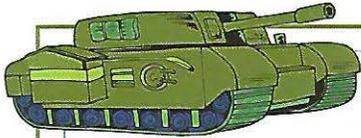
The Old Testament book called Deuteronomy is a record of Moses’ sermons to his people. Moses led Israel for a long time, and it wasn’t easy. One time Moses became so frustrated and angry with his people that he did not

Deuteronomy 1:1-8

On a map inside the back cover, find the plains of Moab east of Canaan.

Whose words did Moses speak to the people on the plains of Moab?





Deuteronomy 4:1-14

True or False? As long as they were careful, it was okay for Israel to add a few things to God's law.

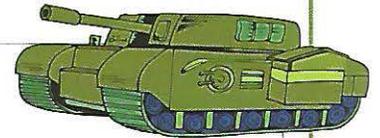
honor God. He struck the rock instead of speaking to it as God had commanded. What Moses did made it appear that *he* supplied the water instead of God. As a result, Moses would not go with the people into the Promised Land of Canaan. Even though he was not going into the land, Moses wanted his people to listen to God and obey Him with their hearts. He spoke the words that God told him.

Loving God from the Heart is Smart

If Israel followed God's Word, other people in the world would look at them and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people" (Deuteronomy 4:6). We might say it this way: "Wow, these people are smart!" God's Word always leads us in the best way and never in a wrong or dangerous way. The law of the Lord is perfect, sure, right, pure, and true! (Psalm 19:7-9). It is smart to follow God from the heart.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

How were children supposed to learn how to love God and obey Him?



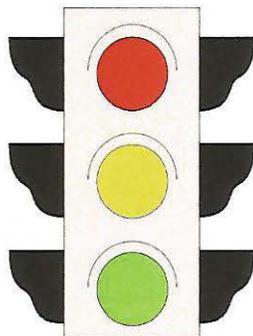
Loving God from the Heart is for Our Good

Sometimes people look at God's Word and say, "That is hard. I don't know if I can do it." Have you ever felt this way? It was tempting for Israel to feel this way and then to decide they couldn't obey all of God's laws. Moses explained that God gave laws to help people live the right way and enjoy His blessings. God's way is always good.

Loving God in Your Heart and Home

Moses made it clear that if we love God from the heart we will obey God's commandments.

I think being obedient is too hard to do.

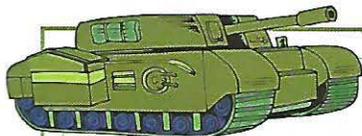


Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — always

Yellow — sometimes

Green — never



Deuteronomy 11:8-17

What kind of land was God giving His people?

- dry desert
- rocks and mountains
- good land that would grow good food

What would be the result of people listening to and loving God?

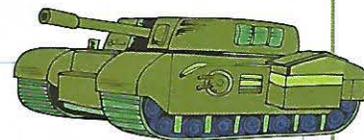
- enough rain for good vegetables to grow
- no rain for the vegetables to grow

What would be the result if they did not follow God?

- enough rain for good vegetables to grow
- no rain for the vegetables to grow

To love God is to listen to Him and do what He says.

Every person and every family should love God. Listen to Moses as he preaches this message to his people: “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up” (Deuteronomy 6:5-7). This means mothers and fathers should love God and teach their children every day and every night to love God, too.



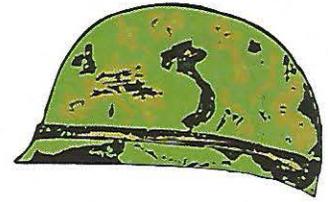
Deuteronomy 11:18-32

What would bring blessings, and what would bring curses?

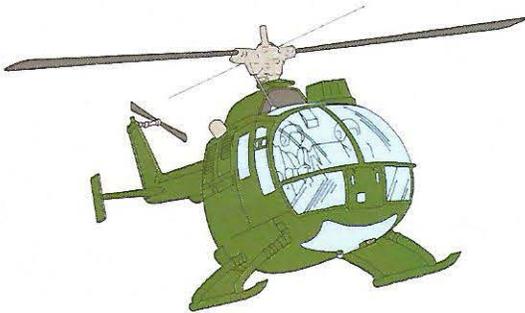
Blessings:

Curses:

Think About It . . .



Think about how you learn and remember important things in school. Explain some ways your teacher helps you remember important lessons.



Operation Bible Facts

How many books are in the Old Testament?

Find one of your parents right now and recite to them the books of the Bible from memory. Next, see if they can recite them to you!

On a map inside the back cover, place a small ✓ on Egypt, the Red Sea and Mount Sinai.