

Family Worship Guide – Week 18

READ

Read Deuteronomy 6.

The book of Deuteronomy begins with the Israelites being reminded of God’s revelation to them after they had left Egypt during the exodus. This reminder featured the law (Deuteronomy 4:1-14, especially v. 9), which included the Ten Commandments (Deuteronomy 5:6-21), the Shema (“Hear, O Israel: Our God is the LORD, the LORD alone!”; Deuteronomy 6:4), which was considered the basic confession of faith in Judaism, and the greatest commandment (“You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might”; Deuteronomy 6:5). On the heels of these reminders the Israelites were given the following charge:

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, 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. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates. (Deuteronomy 6:6-9)

Although the far majority of us don’t reside in a Jewish culture in which we wear frontlets and write Scripture on the doorposts of our homes, we do see a common thread through Scripture of the responsibility parents have to teach and instruct their children in the Word. This popular passage you just read from Deuteronomy is not an isolated incident. Instead, from Abraham (Genesis 18:19) to Joshua (Joshua 4:6-7) to the Psalms (Psalm 78:4-8) to Proverbs (Proverbs 22:6) and all the way to the New Testament church (Ephesians 6:4), parents are confronted with the great privilege and awesome responsibility they have to bring their children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord. As we saw in Deuteronomy 6, instructing our children doesn’t always look like a 10 or 15-minute family worship time each evening (however, this isn’t a bad idea!). Instead, it also means taking advantage of opportunities and situations to share, show and teach the Word to your children throughout each day. This can occur as you’re in the car together on the way to school, doing chores together around the house, outside playing in the yard, and a whole host of other possibilities. All it requires is a little intentionality as you look for opportunities to scatter the Word throughout the day in the lives of your kids.

Questions:

In Deuteronomy 6:6-9, what are the exhortations given for showing and teaching God’s Word within the family?

What are the implications of these commands for parents?

What are the implications of these commands for children?

Bottom Line: Parents have the great privilege and responsibility to make disciples by sharing the Word, showing the Word and teaching the Word within their own homes.

PRAY

As a church we are in the process of appointing new elders to serve this local body. According to Scripture, elders are to lead under the authority of Christ, care for the body of Christ, teach the Word of Christ and model the character of Christ. Today and in the days ahead please be in prayer for our existing and incoming elders. Specifically, pray that these men would model the character of Christ by faithfully walking in holiness and purity. Ask God to empower these men to wholeheartedly give themselves to studying and teaching God’s Word. Also, pray that they would lovingly care for the body of Christ as they seek to protect and nurture those under their care. Overall, pray that these men would be faithful shepherds of the flock for whom they will give an account.

SING

Our family worship song for this week is called “This is Love” by Josh Poore and David Leonard. The lyrics to this song remind us of God’s unfailing and undeserved love for us. In 1 John 4 we learn that God is perfect love. He made this love manifest among us by sending his Son into the world, so that we might live through him. John 15:13 says, “Greater love

has none than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends.” We believe God sent his only Son as a propitiation for our sins, so that through Christ we are made right with God. This is nothing that we have done. As you sing together as a family, remember that there is no height, or depth in all creation that will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:39)

MEMORIZE

Deuteronomy 6:6-7 And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, 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.

SUGGESTIONS

These suggestions were created by the age-group ministry leaders as a way to help parents better communicate the biblical truths discussed in the Family Worship Guide. These suggestions are intended to help parents facilitate God-centered discussions with their children. Parents should prayerfully use these suggestions, and any other means necessary, to help their children discover the truths of God’s word and worship Him together.

Preschool

- Before you begin gather the following items for a “Ball/Coin Toss Game” that you will play: a small ball or coin and a small cup or bucket.
- Read Deuteronomy 6:5-7 with your preschooler.
- Tell your child that you are going to teach them how to play a game.
- **Ball/Coin Toss Game**
 - Put the cup on the floor and have your child stand above the cup while holding the coin.
 - Explain to your child that the object of the game is for them to drop the coin into the cup 5 times. If they can successfully ring the cup 5 times in a row, then they win the game.
 - Start by having them stand directly over the cup and drop in the coin. Next, tell them to take 1 giant step back and toss the coin into the cup. Repeat this for 4 more times, having the child step back each time making it more difficult to ring the cup.
- Praise your child for participating in the game and following your directions.
- Ask: When I told you that if you could ring the cup 5 times in a row, you would win the game, did you think that you could do it? It was hard to do, right? Can we do everything right all of the time? No, we can’t always do everything right. That’s why we need God.
- In the Bible verse that we read, God is telling us that we should love Him with all of our heart. He tells us, as your Mom and Dad, that we are to teach you all about Him and his love for us. He wants us, your parents, to teach you about his laws, and for us to teach you how to obey His plan. Just like we taught you how to play the game, he wants us to teach you how to follow his plan. He loves us so much, just like we love you so much!
- Question: Can we always do everything perfectly? No, that’s why we need God! God knew this and sent Jesus, our Savior. Is it our job as your parents to show and teach you about God? Yes, because we love you, and God gave you to us.
- Conclude by praying with your child, and thanking God that He gave you this child. Ask God to show you, in your everyday life, more opportunities to share, show and teach you and your family about His glory. Pray, that you will be a living example of Christ for your family.

Children

- Re-read Deuteronomy 6:6-7.
- Walk through the following object lesson designed to help teach your children that sharing, showing and teaching the Word are important and necessary.
- Supplies needed
 - A recipe card for a home-made treat they enjoy: cookies, muffins, etc.
 - A plate of that homemade treat, hidden from view not visible
- Hold the recipe card in your hand but don’t let the children look close enough at it to be able to read it. Ask them if they are excited about the card. Most likely they will be curious and will want to know what is written on the card but will not be that excited about it.
- Bring out one of the goodies for yourself. Offer to share a tiny sample of the homemade item with each child. Ask if they are excited to get to taste the item. Of course, tasting a goodie is much more exciting than getting a piece of paper.
- Show the children a whole plate of the homemade treat. Sharing a tiny bit was good, but showing there is much more

available to them is better.

- Offer to teach the children to make the treat together as a family so they will know how to make the treat for themselves. Then they will be able to share the treat with others and show and teach them how to make it as well.
- Strategize as a family on what doors are open to you to show, share, and teach the Word. Pray that God would continue to open these doors and empower you to be obedient as opportunities arise.

Students

- Re-read Deuteronomy 6:4-6.
- Parents, spend a few minutes thinking with your family about how you have been entrusted by God to help change generations and generations to come.
- Share with your family some of the moments when they made you the most proud or brought the most joy to you as a parent.
- Deuteronomy 6:5 says we are to love the Lord with all of our selves. How would it look different if our family was only expose to a little bit of God? Ask your kids to give you scenarios of their life in both situations.
- What are some of the things that distract you from loving God with all your heart, all your soul, all your strength?
- Read Deuteronomy 6:7-9. Parent: As a family member is reading this passage, create a headband out of tape, rubber bands or some other elastic material. Fix a compact bible to the front of headband so that you are looking through the bible at your children. Continue teaching and sharing about this passage as though nothing is different.
- After a few minutes pose the question, "How can we as a family put the Word at the front of our minds on a regular basis?"
- What are some different (and more practical) ways to learn and remember God's Word?
- Close in a prayer. Ask the Lord to help your family lift high the name and Word of the Lord. Ask the Holy Spirit to allow the Word to saturate your lives in such a way that the next generations will know and follow after Christ. Thank the Lord for allowing you to access the gospel and for giving you His Word.

Lives/Church

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Local

Local Church: The Deaf Church at Brook Hills - Richard B. Jones

Focus: The Deaf Church at Brook Hills - this ministry holds weekly 11am worship gatherings Sundays in the Student Center, weekly small groups and many other outreach initiatives to spread the gospel among the deaf community of Birmingham.

Monday: Pray for all deaf age groups (especially 30 – 50 year olds) to be saved and become leaders and laborers for the Lord. Ninety Eight percent of the deaf are not believers.

Tuesday: Pray for the success of Deaf Church VBS at Brook Hills the week of June 20th. Pray that deaf children and teens in the Birmingham area will participate and understand the gospel.

Wednesday: Pray for the Shocco Springs Deaf Camp the week of July 3rd. Pray that deaf children and teens in Alabama and the surrounding states will participate and their faith will be strengthened at Deaf Camp.

Thursday: Pray for Richard B. Jones our wonderful Pastor as he is ordained. Pray that our internet broadcasts reach more and more deaf for Christ.

Friday: Pray for a permanent, central place where deaf dispersed across the city can meet, study, pray, get help, learn, and fellowship.

Saturday: Pray for the deaf imprisoned in Alabama. Mixed with the general prison population, living in a prison is difficult for deaf inmates. Criminal investigations are often conducted without interpreters and communication equipment is scarce.

Scripture Memory

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Global

Short Term Teams: This week we are praying for teams in India and Macedonia.

Partner: This week we are praying for the Master family our field partner in East Asia.

Monday: Pray for the Master family as they live in an area where no one knows Christ. Pray God makes them steadfast as they work in a difficult area.

Tuesday: Pray for God to open up opportunities in the school where the Masters work.

Wednesday: Pray for the middle-school students the Masters teach and invest their lives in. Pray for God to transform families through their work.

Thursday: The Masters work in an unreached area where there are no other workers. Pray for God to send more workers to help share the gospel with those who have never heard.

Friday: Pray for the Masters' son as he transitions back home to start college state-side this year.

Saturday: Pray for God to make His name known in East Asia through the Masters family.

This Is Love

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G G/B C Am7

Verse 1:

C

Greater love has none than this

G/B

That a man lay down his life

Am7

We believe You sent

D/F#

Your only Son to die.

Verse 1:

C

On the cross He paid our debt

G/B

As the final sacrifice

Am7

We believe He's risen

D/F#

And remains alive.

Chorus:

G

This is love, this is love,

C

Not that we love You,

Am7

But that You loved us.

D

You are love, perfect love

C

You sent Your Son to rescue us,

Am7

We abide in Your great love.

Verse 3:

C

Now we boast in Jesus' blood

G/B

Not in what our hands have done.

Am7

We believe by grace through faith

D/F#

In Christ alone.

Verse 4:

C

Now we boast in Jesus' blood

G/B

Not in what our hands have done.

Am7

We believe by grace through faith

D/F#

In Christ alone.

Chorus

C

G/B

Am7

D

Bridge (3x):

C

No height, no depth

Am7

Can separate us from this love

G/B

C

G/B

In Christ, whose death

Am7

G(not 3rd x)

And resurrection saves us

Chorus 2x

G

G/B

C

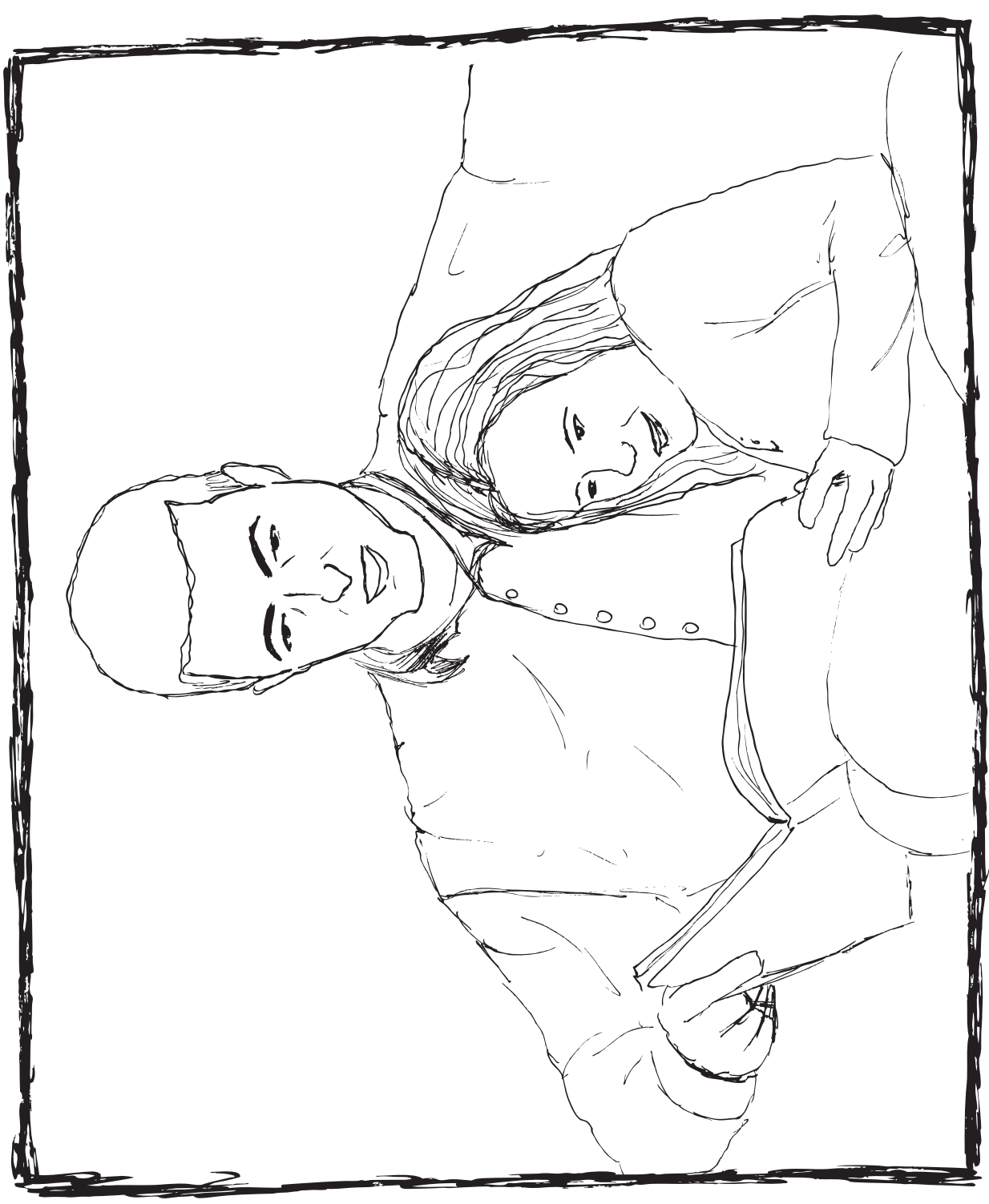
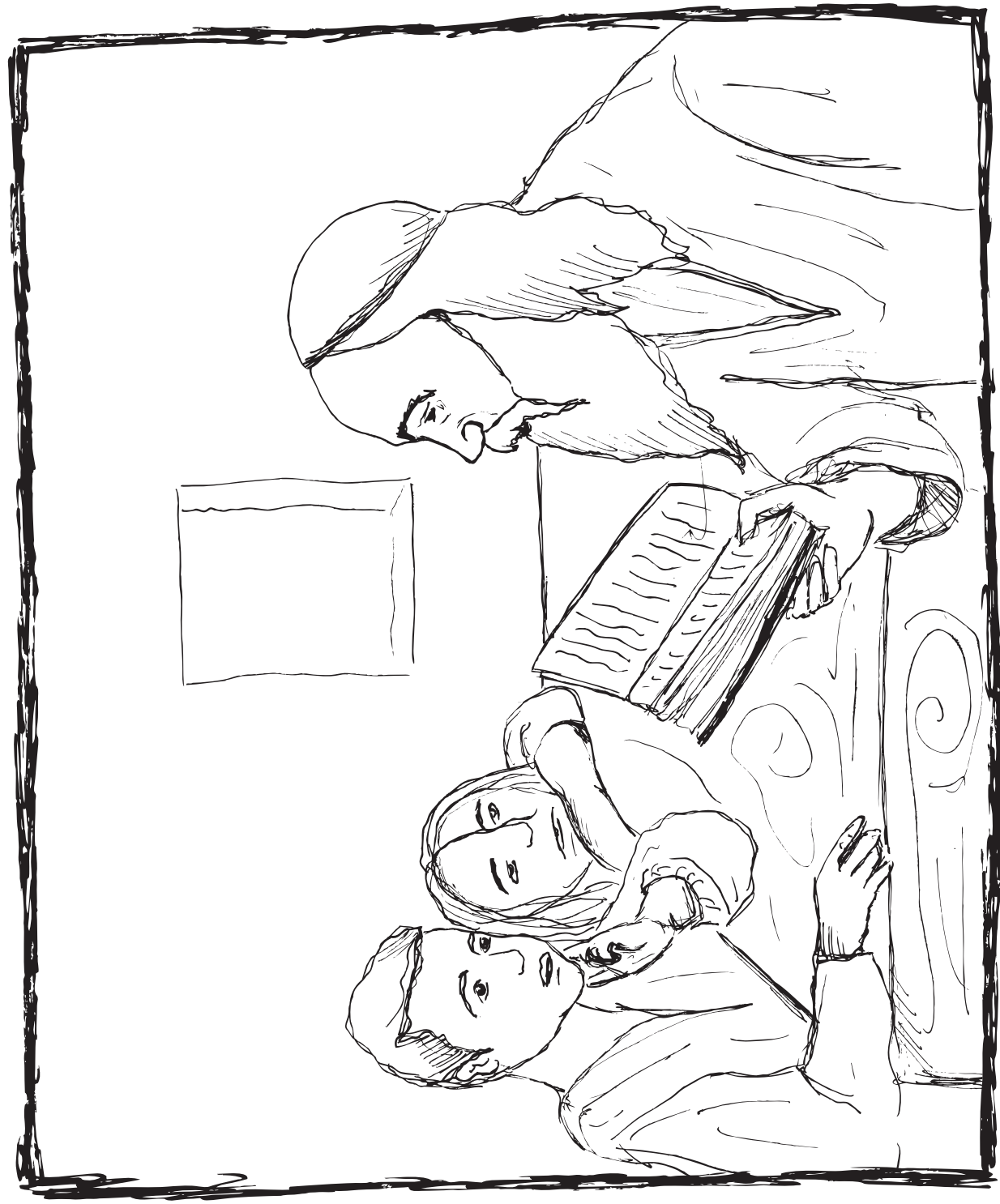
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