

twists the words of the innocent. **9** “Do not oppress a foreigner; you yourselves know how it feels to be foreigners, because you were foreigners in Egypt. **10** “For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, **11** but during the seventh year let the land lie unplowed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it, and the wild animals may eat what is left. Do the same with your vineyard and your olive grove. **12** “Six days do your work, but on the seventh day do not work, so that your ox and your donkey may rest, and so that the slave born in your household and the foreigner living among you may be refreshed.

What I Have Learned

Review Exodus 23:1–12. Read the phrases below, then match them with the verse that it came from by writing the corresponding letter in the blank provided.

1. ____ ... I will not acquit the guilty.	A. Exodus 23:2
2. ____ Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong.	B. Exodus 23:11
3. ____ Do not accept a bribe, for a bribe blinds those who see and twists the words of the innocent.	C. Exodus 23:1
4. ____ ...but on the seventh day do not work	D. Exodus 23:7
5. ____ Do not spread false reports.	E. Exodus 23:5
6. ____ Do not oppress a foreigner.	F. Exodus 23:8
7. ____ But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest.	G. Exodus 23:12
8. ____ ... be sure you help them with it.	H. Exodus 23:9

Keep In Mind

“Do not follow the crowd in doing wrong. When you give testimony in a lawsuit, do not pervert justice by siding with the crowd, and do not show favoritism to a poor person in a lawsuit”
(Exodus 23:2–3, NIV).

Choosing What’s Best

Reflect on what you have done in the past. Have you ever lied to cover for someone? Has someone ever promised you or given you something so you would take their side? Have you ever done something wrong because everyone else did? Why is it wrong to do these things? Take a moment and answer: What can you do, going forward to change any negative behavior?

Doing My Part

In the coming week, practice being honest and caring in your own home. If you see a family member struggling with something, offer to help. If you see something that needs to be done, do it without being asked. Ask a parent if you can sit down as a family and come up with ways to help people in need, like volunteering somewhere nearby.