

Protected

What's It All About?

“Okay, guys. Today Mom and I want to help you get ready for the second semester of school. It’s exciting to move from virtual school to in-person again, but we’ll miss helping you during the day. Mom had an idea,” Dad said.

“What are you thinking?” asked Alan as Mom passed out paper and new binders. Markers and stickers were on the table.

She said, “My favorite time each day was when we studied God’s Word together. We’ll still study together, but Dad and I also want you to have something to remember during the school day.”

Dad said, “We know when we listen to God’s voice and carefully keep His commandments, He promises to bless us. God gave Mom and me the responsibility to teach you His commandments. This past semester has been both rewarding and challenging. Now, we must trust you to walk in all God’s ways, love Him, and serve Him completely.”

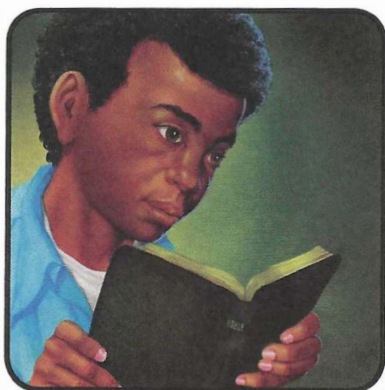
“We’re each going to design a poster to remind ourselves about our commitments to God. Then we can sign all the posters as promises to pray for each other. These new binders have clear inserts. You can slide the poster into the back of your binder. When you feel tempted or unsure of yourself, that page will remind you of our prayers. I plan to keep mine on the refrigerator,” Mom said.

Alan thought, *Fear God. Walk with God. Love God. Serve God.* “I have an idea!”

James said, “I think I’ll write last week’s Bible verse. This is cool.”

When they finished, Dad prayed for the boys. As Alan slid his poster in the plastic insert, he said, “James and I promise to pray for you, too, Mom and Dad.”

Why did the boys’ parents want to create posters? How did this activity also help Mom and Dad? What can you do to remember God’s Word?



Learning From God

God gave Moses the Ten Commandments after the Israelites left Egyptian captivity. Now, 40 years later, the Israelites are about to enter the Promised Land. Moses will not be their leader, so he gives a farewell address. He renews God’s covenant with the people. He explains it in detail and emphasizes God’s holiness. God expects the Israelites to be faithful to the covenant. If they will, they will prosper in the new land.

Deuteronomy 5:1–3; 10:12–13; 27:1–10, NIV—Moses summoned all Israel and said: Hear, Israel, the decrees and laws I declare in your hearing today. Learn them and be sure to follow them. **2** The LORD our God made a covenant with us at Horeb. **3** It was not with our ancestors that the LORD made this covenant, but with us, with all of us who are alive here today.

[5:1–3 Pay attention! You are a special people.]

10:12 And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, **13** and to observe the LORD'S commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?

[10:12–13 "Agreeing" is more than talk. Followers show agreement through service, love, and obedience.]

27:1 Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people: "Keep all these commands that I give you today. **2** When you have crossed the Jordan into the land the LORD your God is giving you, set up some large stones and coat them with plaster. **3** Write on them all the words of this law when you have crossed over to enter the land the LORD your God is giving you, a land flowing with milk and honey, just as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, promised you. **4** And when you have crossed the Jordan, set up these stones on Mount Ebal, as I command you today, and coat them with plaster. **5** Build there an altar to the LORD your God, an altar of stones. Do not use any iron tool on them. **6** Build the altar of the LORD your God with fieldstones and offer burnt offerings on it to the LORD your God. **7** Sacrifice fellowship offerings there, eating them and rejoicing in the presence of the LORD your God. **8** And you shall write very clearly all the words of this law on these stones you have set up." **9** Then Moses and the Levitical priests said to all Israel, "Be silent, Israel, and listen! You have now become the people of the LORD your God. **10** Obey the LORD your God and follow his commands and decrees that I give you today."

[27:1–10 The stone and altar would remind Israelites of God's covenant.]

What I Have Learned

Review the verses and choose the correct answer.

5:1–3 Why did Moses repeat the laws?

- A. To show people how they failed.
- B. To help the people learn the statutes, keep them, and do them.

10:12–13 What does the Lord require?

- A. To fear Him, walk in His ways, love Him, and serve Him completely.
- B. To invite 10 friends to church each week.

27:1–10 What were the people to do as soon as they crossed the Jordan River?

- A. Prepare a feast and celebrate.
- B. Set up stones with the Law and give God offerings on an altar.

Keep In Mind

"And now, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in obedience to him, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to observe the LORD'S commands and decrees that I am giving you today for your own good?"

(Deuteronomy 10:12–13, NIV).

Choosing What's Best

Complete the statement below.

"I am _____ . I attend _____ School. I want to live for the Lord."

Think through your daily routine. When is it easy to love God and live for Him? When is it difficult? Next to each action statement, write one specific way you can live for God.

- 1. Fear or respect Him: _____
- 2. Walk in His ways: _____
- 3. Love Him: _____
- 4. Serve Him completely: _____

Doing My Part

This week, use the paper provided and design a poster that reminds you of your covenant with God. Where will you keep the poster to remind you of God? Will you put it in your school binder, bedroom, or inside your favorite book?