

SMALL GROUP RESOURCE

Big Idea: God wants my heart.

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

Deuteronomy 4:1-39

Psalm 19

Deuteronomy 16:21 – 17:20

Psalm 119:1-32

Matthew 5

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

Deuteronomy 4

What did God want to communicate to other nations through Israel's obedience to His law?
What is idolatry? What did it look like for Israel?
What does idolatry look like for you?
What do you think is the big point in this sermon Moses is giving to Israel?
How relevant is that point to you today?
What does God want you to remember?
How are you sharing this with your children or grandchildren?

Psalm 119

How does the Psalmist feel about the law?
What is keeping you from seeking God with all your heart?
Is this just an Old Testament thing?
What does Psalm 119:32 mean? How does it make you feel?

Matthew 5

What does Jesus' sermon have in common with Moses' sermon in Deuteronomy 4?
What differences do you see?
What does God expect of you?

PRAYER FOCUS:

Praise God for clearly communicating His expectations.
Thank God for His grace and faithful love.
Pray that God would reveal to you the idols in your life.
Ask that God will give you opportunities to share God's love with others.

FAMILY RESOURCE

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READ DEUTERONOMY 4:1-2

What are the people supposed to do and why?
Why shouldn't they "add" or "subtract"?
Draw a picture of each other's ear.
Put a big "H" in front each picture.
What is the "secret" message?

READ DEUTERONOMY 4:5-8

What will others think if the Israelites obey God?
Look up the word "reputation" in the dictionary.
What kind of a reputation do you have?
Draw a picture of how others see you.

READ DEUTERONOMY 6:4-5

What is God most concerned about - that you OBEY Him or WHY you obey Him?
Make a valentine for God.

READ DEUTERONOMY 6:7-9

Who is supposed to teach others to obey God?
How are they to teach?
When & where was the last place you learned to obey?
Who taught you?
Tie a string around your finger to remind you to say "thank you" to your teachers.
When is it easy to forget God?
Tie another string around your finger to remind you to say "please" and "thank you".

MEMORY VERSE:

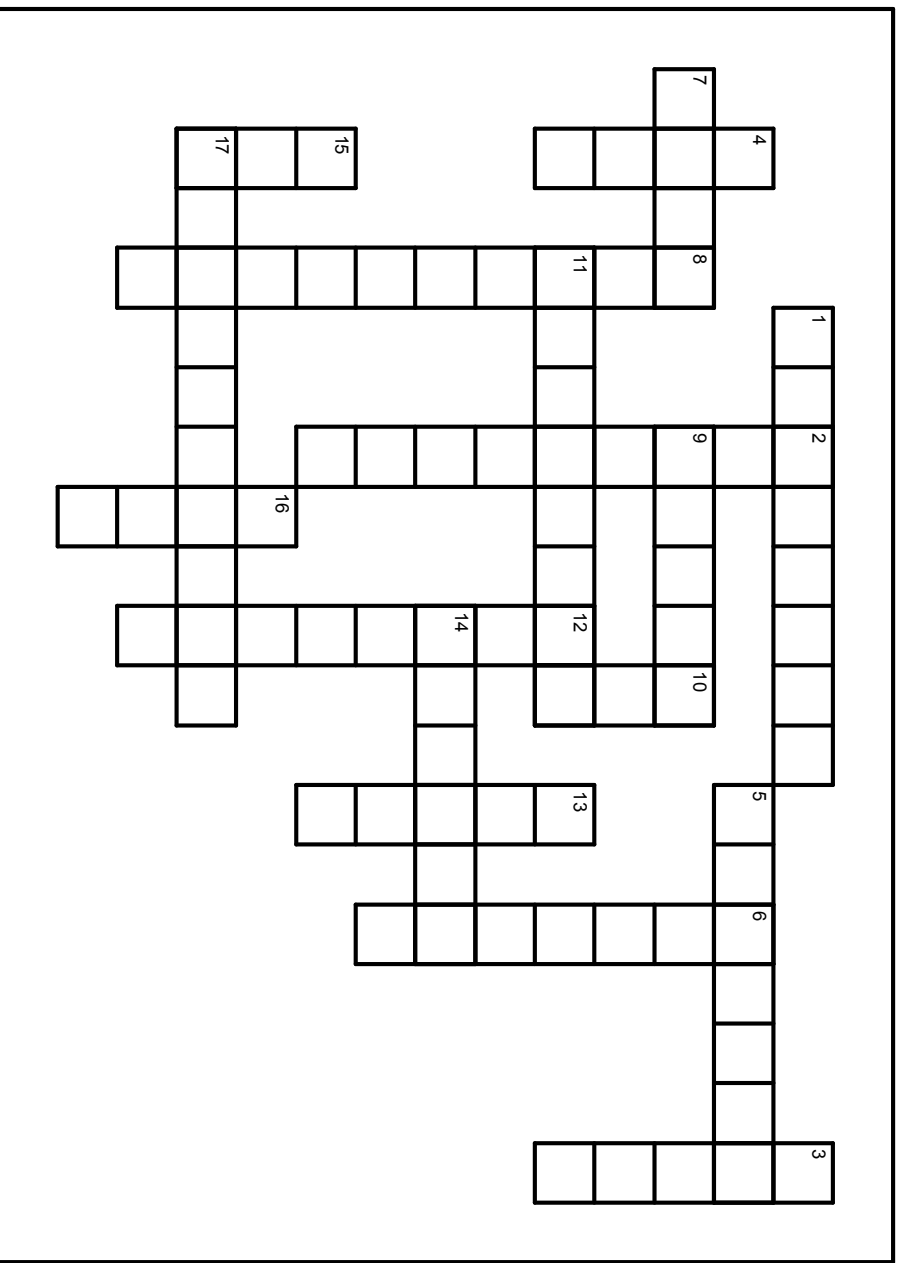
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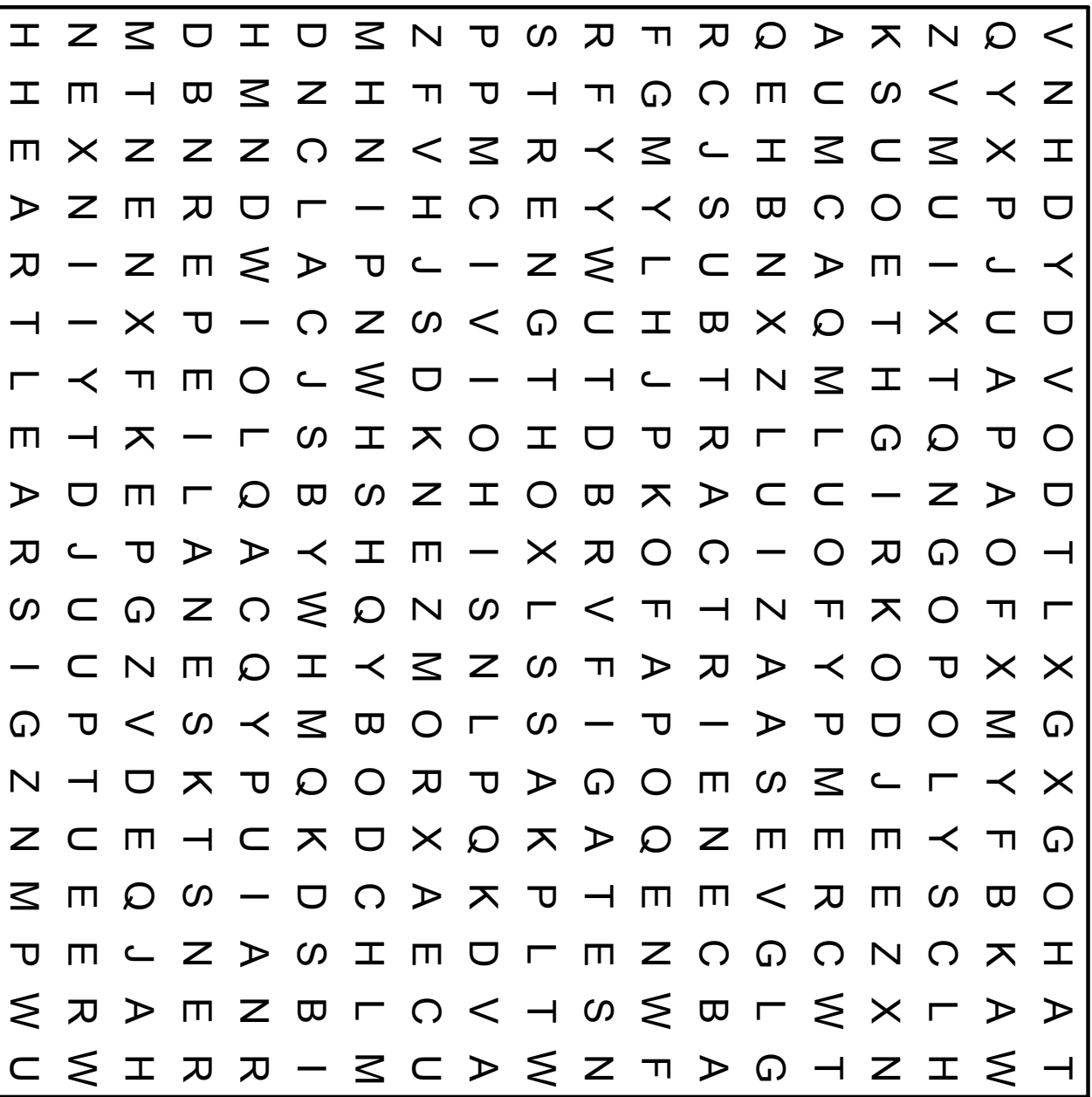
Across

1. might (Deuteronomy 6:4)
5. watch and follow (Deuteronomy 4:6)
7. obey (Deuteronomy 4:2)
9. where you go in and out (Deuteronomy 6:9)
11. take away (Deuteronomy 4:2)
14. people of God (Deuteronomy 4:1)
17. area around the entrance (Deuteronomy 6:9)

Down

2. Godly (Deuteronomy 4:8)
3. pass on (Deuteronomy 4:9)
4. close to (Deuteronomy 4:7)
6. things that help you remember (Deuteronomy 6:8)
8. ownership (Deuteronomy 4:1)
10. you do it in a chair (Deuteronomy 6:7)
12. descendants (Deuteronomy 4:9)
13. where God wants to be (Deuteronomy 4:9)
15. put more in (Deuteronomy 4:2)
16. you do it on a road (Deuteronomy 6:7)

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Israel possession add subtract keep

observe near righteous heart teach

strength sit walk symbols doorframes

gates children

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1. RSTACTBU -----
2. LDGCENRHI -----
3. DDA -----
4. PENSISSSOO -----
5. ANER -----
6. TGURHISOE -----
7. OSBVREE -----
8. ETCHA -----
9. DMRSOERAOF -----
10. WKAL -----
11. MOSLSYB -----
12. ITS -----
13. SAETG -----
14. HRTAE -----
15. GTHSRNET -----
16. EKEP -----
17. RIEASL -----