



Grace Notes

Guides for Personal Bible Study

He Cares; We Care: About Children

Deuteronomy 4:9-14: Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them. Remember the day you stood before the LORD your God at Horeb, when he said to me, "Assemble the people before me to hear my words so that they may learn to revere me as long as they live in the land and may teach them to their children." You came near and stood at the foot of the mountain while it blazed with fire to the very heavens, with black clouds and deep darkness. Then the LORD spoke to you out of the fire. You heard the sound of words but saw no form; there was only a voice. He declared to you his covenant, the Ten Commandments, which he commanded you to follow and then wrote them on two stone tablets. And the LORD directed me at that time to teach you the decrees and laws you are to follow in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess.

Points to Ponder

- **Read Deuteronomy 4:1.** What does this verse tell you about the urgency of Moses' words?
- What is the danger that Moses warns against in the first half of verse 9? Are you absent-minded?
- How many times does Moses command the Israelites to pass God's words and accounts of his deeds on to their children?
- Do the Christian parents you know "home school" their children in God's Word in their homes? Did your parents teach you Bible stories when you were young?
- Why is it so critically important that adults intentionally organize a Bible communication plan for the children in their lives?

The Bottom Line

The Israelites would soon enter Canaan, and Moses was not allowed to go with them. Before God took him to heaven, God told Moses to instruct the people, to remind them of what God had done for them. He retaught this group of young people the original covenant that God had made with their parents when they came out of Egypt. Moses encouraged the people to remember these things and pass them on to their children—transmitting the faith. In the same way God encourages us to share the gospel message with our children.

You can dig deeper into you Bible by reading more about these truths from the lesson:

- **Trust the Lord:** Psalm 37:5; Psalm 56:4; Proverbs 3:5; John 14:27; Philippians 4:6,7
- **Don't Forget:** Deuteronomy 8:18; 1 Chronicles 16:12; Job 36:24; Psalm 77:11; Proverbs 3:1
- **Tell Your Children:** Deuteronomy 6:7; Proverbs 22:6; Proverbs 23:24; Matthew 19:14; Ephesians 6:4

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