

The Lord's Leadership

Deuteronomy 31:1-3, 6-9

Old
Testament
Story Time

The Book of Deuteronomy is the last book of the Torah, also known as the Pentateuch. The word *Pentateuch* is Greek and means “five books.” The first five books of the Bible are: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy. The fifth book of the Torah/Pentateuch is called Deuteronomy, meaning “second law” or “repeated law”, because in it Moses is repeating the laws of God to the people of Israel before they enter the Promised Land.

The people of Israel just spent forty years wandering through the desert and were now ready to enter into the land the Lord God promised them. But just to be sure they were ready to live in this new land flowing with milk and honey, Moses sat them all down to give them their final instructions. Moses reviewed all the laws from the Lord God to ensure they would not forget how to live as God taught them.



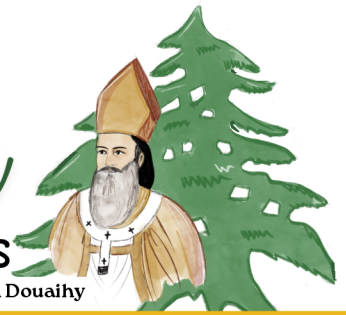
After repeating all these laws, Moses informed the people of Israel that his time as their leader had come to an end. Moses would not go into the Promised Land with the people. But Moses reminded the people who their true leader is - the Lord God! Just as the Lord parted the Red Sea, helped them defeat all their enemies in the desert, and provided food, clothing and shelter for them for forty years, He was still taking care of His people. Moses reminded the people of Israel to have no fear “for it is the Lord, your God, who marches with you; he will never fail you or forsake you.”

Moses then appointed Joshua, son of Nun, to take on the role as the new leader for the people of Israel. Moses reminded Joshua to follow the Lord and His commands while he led the people into the Promised Land.

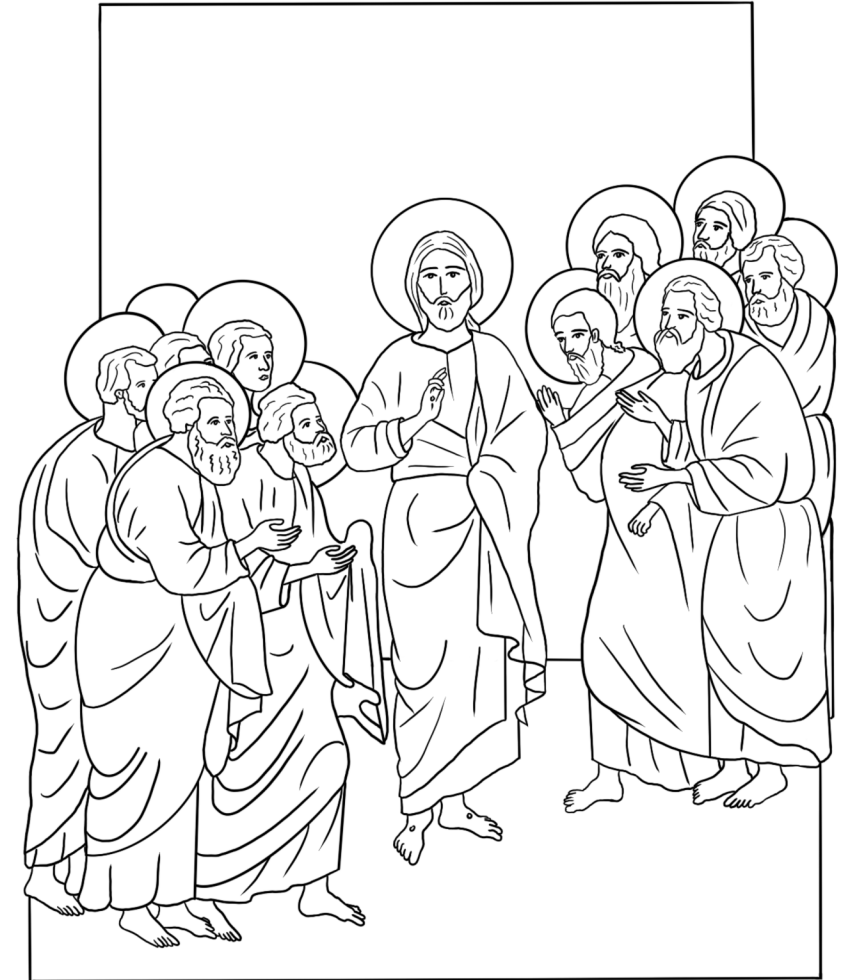
Then Moses went up on Mount Nebo to look out on the Promised Land before he died at the age of 120 years old.

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Then [Jesus] opened their minds
to understand the scriptures.





Gospel Corner

Luke
24:36-48

Let's take a second to review the last three years of Jesus' life. Do you remember what event started Jesus' public ministry? Jesus' baptism by John the Baptist in the Jordan River.

From there, Jesus went out, gathered His disciples, performed miracles, preached, traveled, taught, instituted the priesthood and the Eucharist, was arrested, crucified, and rose from the dead after three days. He accomplished a lot in three years!



On the day that Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to two of His disciples as they traveled to Emmaus. Then He returned to Jerusalem and appeared to more of His disciples that evening.

Clearly, they had not really understood what Jesus said before He was crucified when He explained that He would die and rise again. When He appeared to them, they thought He was a ghost!

Jesus knew what they were thinking so He said, "Look at my hands and my feet, that it is I myself. Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." Then He opened their minds so that they would understand.



Let's pray that our minds would always be opened, and we would know and understand what Jesus says and teaches, so that we would find peace and joy, live holy lives and become saints one day!

Did you know?

HOLY BIBLE (Sacred Scripture)

The Bible, also called Sacred Scripture, is the inspired word of God.



There are two main parts of the Bible: the Old Testament written before the time of Jesus, and the New Testament recounting the life of Jesus Christ and teaching us how to live as Jesus taught us.

What you can do



Receive the Mysteries (Sacraments) of Holy Communion and Confession as often as you can. The Mysteries give us grace to help us understand and live holy lives.

Sit before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament during adoration as often as you can.

True/False

Search this issue to help decide if the following statements are true or false.

1. The Pentateuch is the first six books of the Bible. T/F
 2. Moses recorded God's laws in the book of Deuteronomy. T/F
 3. Jesus' public earthly ministry was 5 years. T/F
 4. Jesus had to show His disciples that He was not a ghost. T/F
 5. If we live holy lives we can become saints. T/F
 6. Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist. T/F
 7. Joshua was the leader of the Israelites after Moses. T/F
 8. Moses died when he was 150 years old. T/F
 9. Sacraments give us grace. T/F
- Bonus question:
10. We can pray anywhere and anytime, no matter what we're doing. T/F