

Read Your Bible!

Sunday: Deuteronomy 26:1-3. They were to put some of the _____ in a basket.

Monday: Deuteronomy 26:4-6. The basket would be given to the _____.

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 26:7-9. The _____ brought them from slavery to a good land.

Wednesday: Deuteronomy 26:10-11. Levites were the priests. People from other countries were called aliens (strangers). All were to _____ in God's goodness.

Thursday: Proverbs 3:9-10. God promised to bless the people if they would _____ Him with their wealth.

Friday: Deuteronomy 18:1-5. The priests were to live on the _____ made to the Lord.

Saturday: Matthew 10:8. Learn this verse and say it to a family member.

Coming Next Week:

Memory Verse:

Freely you have received, freely give.

Matthew 10:8(NIV)

Bible Study:

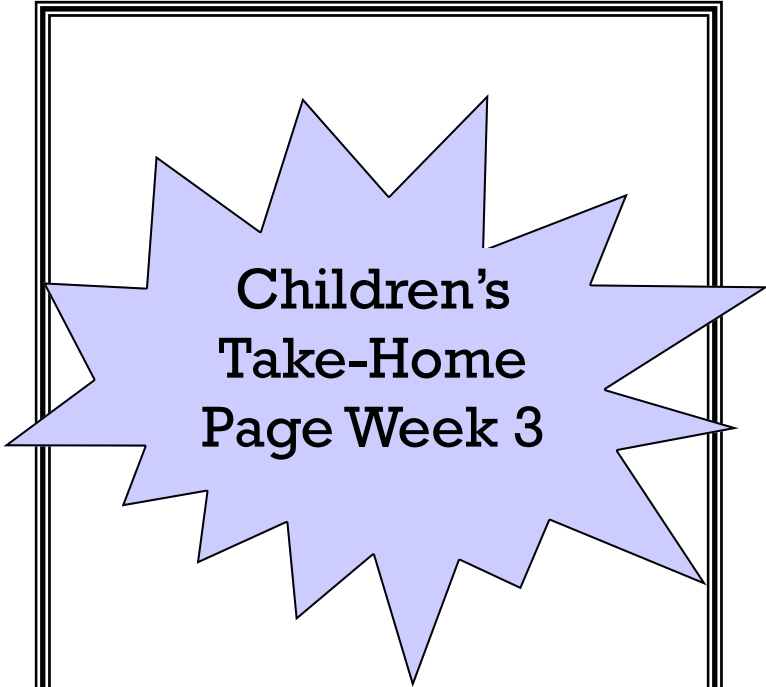
What kind of attitude does God want us to have about giving to Him? Come next week to see!

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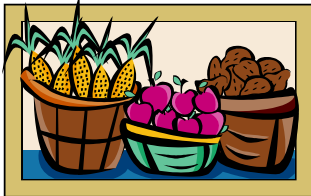
Memory Verse:

Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. (Proverbs 3:9) NIV

Giving the Firstfruits

God's people were at an exciting time in their lives. Moses had led them out of slavery in Egypt. They had spent years in the wilderness. They were about to enter the new land God had promised them.

God wanted the people to remember where they had come from. He wanted them to be thankful for the ways He had taken care of them. One way they could show their thanks was to give an offering to God. He had Moses tell them what to do. **(Read Deut. 26: 2, 4.)**



Perhaps the people went carefully through their gardens and fields when it was time to pick the crops. They may have chosen

the very prettiest fruits, the very best stalks of grain, the finest vegetables. These were gently arranged in a basket. These first items to be picked, called the "firstfruits," would be their offering. The basket would be given to the priest during a worship service.

When the offering was presented to the priest, the giver was to tell about how God had taken care of their people. **(Read Deut. 26: 5-10.)** The gift showed their thankfulness for God's care. It showed that the people knew that all the good things they had were gifts from God. They honored God by bringing the very best they had as an offering to Him.

~ Deuteronomy 26:1-11

A Litany of Thanks

A litany is a prayer to God in which one sentence is repeated after each thought.

Write a litany using your own ideas of things that God has done for you or given to you. Add more lines if needed.

To God who _____,
we bring an offering with grateful hearts.

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Challenge: Try writing the lines so they rhyme!