



EXPLORE THE BIBLE®

Session 8: Remember

Suggested Week of Use: October 26, 2025

Core Passage: Deuteronomy 4:1-9, 15-20

News Story Summary

In September, the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio, broke ground on a new Archives and Records Center to preserve nearly two centuries of its history. The facility will house various registers, photos, records, and artifacts from the earliest days of this diocese. One historian noted that the project is about recalling what God has done across generations. Another leader called the center a “gift” and expressed a strong desire to see the stories of the diocese kept “alive so the next generation can see God’s faithfulness in the past and trust Him for the future.”

For more about this story, search: “Youngstown Archives Center 2025.”

Engage

To supplement the Engage activities, ask: *How does our church preserve its history? Why is that important to us as a congregation?* Discuss responses. Point out that many organizations and faith groups understand the importance of protecting the past for the benefit of the future. Share the information about the new archives center for the Diocese of Youngstown, Ohio. Say: *The archives center will preserve nearly two hundred years of history. But the goal isn’t just to protect paper. It’s to protect memory.* Affirm that a key reason for remembering the past is to encourage those living in the present and to inspire those who will serve in the future. Explain that this first session from the book of Deuteronomy challenges us to remember God’s mighty works in our lives and to share them with younger generations.

Challenge

To supplement the Challenge activities, ask: *What is the danger of failing to remember God’s works?* Discuss responses. Point out that in Deuteronomy 4, Moses reminded God’s people that faith isn’t only about the present moment. Say: *If we forget what God has done, we’ll lose sight of who He is.* Draw attention back to the story of the archives center in Youngstown, Ohio. Highlight that one leader called the center a “gift” because of its potential impact on the future. Say: *Moses called Israel to remember—and to pass that memory on to their children. It’s still important for us to remember God’s past faithfulness and to testify to future generations of believers.* Encourage group members to take one of the following action steps this week:

1. **Recall a Moment.** Write down one specific way God has shown His faithfulness to you.
2. **Create a Reminder.** Find a tangible way to make that memory visible this week—a note on the mirror, a card in your wallet, a photo that reminds you to thank God.
3. **Share the Story.** Tell someone else about how that moment of faithfulness has strengthened your trust in Him.