

Deuteronomy 7:6–13

BIBLICAL PASSAGE

Deuteronomy 7:9

MEMORY VERSE

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God; he is the faithful God, keeping his covenant of love to a thousand generations of those who love him and keep his commands. **Deuteronomy 7:9**

Love is everywhere. It is used as a marketing tool to sell large, ridiculously expensive diamonds. Our culture loves celebrity. Our culture loves sports. Teenagers are taught distorted and manipulated views of love each day. But there is a love that is true and real. Honest. Pure. Divine.

Read Deuteronomy 7:6–13. God made a covenant with His people through Moses. The end result of God's covenant with Israel was a life in relationship with Him. God made it clear in this passage why He chose Israel. The answer is simple . . . He chose

them because He loved them, not because of anything they did.

God chooses us out of love, too. Your teenager will spend the next several weeks learning in great depth how God's love is shown in and through His covenant with humankind. One of the simplest yet most profound ways you can help your child value God's love is to model that love in your home. Commit to praying that God would make you an earthly example of His heavenly love. Talk with your child about God's love. Show how God demonstrates His love to His people.

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

First, each family member makes a list of ten things he or she loves. Then, the family takes turns reading aloud those lists. After a family member reads his or her list, the other family members may choose one thing on that list to comment on. (These comments can be funny, inquisitive, challenging, and so on. The point is to create interaction.) Finally, one person reads: **We love different things for different reasons. Let's look closer at God's love for the Israelites.**

Explore . . .

First, a family member reads Deuteronomy 7:6–13. Then, the family discusses the following questions: **Why did God choose the Israelites? Find every mention of God's love in these verses. What do these verses say about God and His covenant with humankind?**

Transform . . .

First, a family member reads the following. **In His perfect plan, God provided a way to have a relationship with us. The relationship we have with God has been brought about simply because He loves us and chose to seek us out.** Then, the family answers these questions: **How do we as individuals show God appreciation for this love? How do we do this as a family?**

Pray that God would continue to show you signs of His great love. Pray that you would be motivated as a result to show His love to others.