

# Serving Others

A part of our purpose in life is to serve others. To serve means to assist someone in any way possible. 1<sup>st</sup> Peter Chapter 4 states, "As every man had received the gift, even so minister the same to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God".

In the Bible, there are many examples of persons who rendered service to others. Elisha served Elijah by helping him to do God's work. He also rendered service to others by helping a widow to pay her bills and bringing a woman's son back to life.

Joshua served Moses and the children of Israel during their journey to the Promised Land.

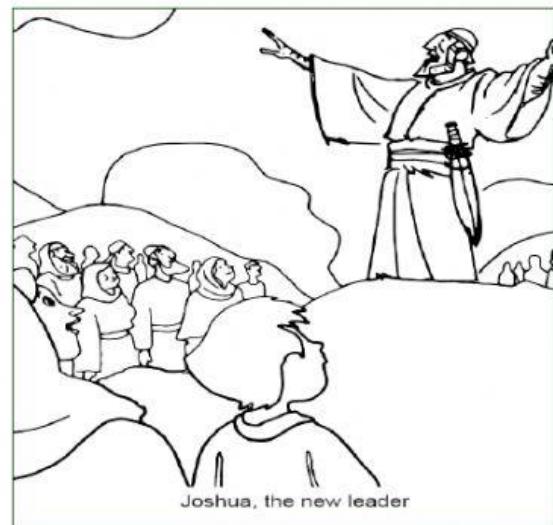
The Lord told Moses to go up to the top of Mount Nebo. He wanted Moses to see the land that he was giving the Israelites. This was the land that the Lord had promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Moses, however, would not get to enter the land because he and Aaron had disobeyed God.

The Lord told Moses that he was about to die. So Moses asked the Lord to choose a man to lead the Israelites after his death.

The Lord told Moses to lay his hand on Joshua in front of Eleazar, the priest, and the Israelites community. The Lord wanted the Israelites to see that Joshua would be their next leader. After seeing the Promised Land from Mount Nebo, Moses died in Moab. The Israelites mourned for 30 days.

Joshua took over as leader of the Israelites. The Israelites listened to Joshua and did what he said.

If individuals did not serve others, then many people would suffer and Christians would not be obedient to God's word. First Peter chapter 4 verse 10 admonishes us to serve others because serving others is a part of honoring God.



Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Read the passage and answer all questions.**

1. What is the main idea of the story?  
(A) God chose Joshua to lead the children of Israel to the Promise Land.  
(B) Moses wanted to see the Promised Land but God wouldn't let him.  
(C) The Israelites mourned the death of Moses for 30 years.

**Use a word from the word bank to complete each sentence.**

Joshua	Mount Nebo	Eleazar	Moses
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2. Moses died on \_\_\_\_\_.
3. \_\_\_\_\_ was chosen as the new leader of the Israelites.
4. A priest named \_\_\_\_\_, laid his hands on Joshua to name him the new leader.

**Using the numbers 1-3, number the events in the order in which it happened in the story.**

\_\_\_\_\_ Moses laid his hand on Joshua in front of Eleazar.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Lord told Moses to go up to the top of Mount Nebo.  
\_\_\_\_\_ The Israelites obeyed Joshua.

**Answer the following questions in complete sentences.**

5. What does it mean to serve?  
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6. Why was a new leader chosen to lead the children of Israel?  
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7. Why did God not allow Moses to enter the Promised Land?  
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