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**Crusader Group Resource**

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## WELCOME

This resource has been specifically written with school groups in mind but can be adapted depending on your needs. It is based on the group running for approximately 30 minutes each meeting.

## WHAT'S INSIDE?

- **7** sets of leader's notes for regular meetings. The leader's notes provide the aim of the study, a fun activity, discussion questions (with notes to help answer some questions) and prayer ideas.
- **7** student pages for regular meetings. The student pages can be photocopied and handed out if so desired. Each sheet contains the Bible passage (NIV), questions and prayer ideas.
- **1** set of leader's notes for an outreach meeting.
- **2** colour advertising posters designed to grab the attention of students and help increase awareness of your group. There is space for you to fill in your group name and where you meet. We encourage schools to use the 'CRU School Groups' logo when promoting their group so as to link students with the work that God is doing in other schools.

## BEFORE YOU START

- Please note that all pages in this resource can be photocopied but Crusaders request each school purchase at least one original.
- Whilst this resource is aimed at easing the load for the group leader, it is vital that time is spent adapting it to the specific needs of your group. Time also needs to be spent on working through the Bible passage and questions before the group meets. Answers have not been provided for all questions.
- It would be very easy to spend too much time on the activity each week. Remember that looking at the Bible and praying together are the most important parts of the meeting and divide time accordingly.
- Students often break into set small groups (see Week 1 for explanation). The aim of this is to help them get to know and pray for one another, as well as encourage consistent attendance at the group. Please be aware that if new people attend you will need to feed them into groups.
- **Note that the outreach meeting (Week 7) needs a bit more planning than other meetings. It may be wise to look ahead now at what needs doing.**

We pray that this resource will be a great help as you join in God's work of bringing students to Himself and growing them to be like His Son.

*"We proclaim Him, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom,  
so that we may present everyone perfect in Christ.  
To this end I labour, struggling with all His energy which so powerfully works in me."  
Colossians 1:28–29*

# There Is *No Other*

Week	Title	Passage	Main Idea
1	<b>A Promising Start?</b>	Deuteronomy 1:5–8, 26–28, 34–36	God is always faithful to His promises despite the faithlessness of His people.
2	<b>The One And Only</b>	Deuteronomy 4:32–40	God's deeds show Him to be the one and only true God.
3	<b>Just Because!</b>	Deuteronomy 7:6–8; 9:4–6	God chooses and saves people because of His mercy, not because of their own achievements.
4	<b>Don't Forget Your Toothbrush!</b>	Deuteronomy 8:10–20	God wants His people to remember Him at all times.
5	<b>Walk The Talk</b>	Deuteronomy 10:12–13	The right response to God's grace is to love God. This is expressed by obeying Him.
6	<b>To Worship God, Press 1</b>	Deuteronomy 13:1–9a	God's people need to hold fast to Him and beware of following other 'gods'.
7	<b>Outreach Week</b>	Deuteronomy 30:11–20	An opportunity to bring friends so that they hear the gospel and experience the group.
8	<b>A Promising Finish?</b>	Deuteronomy 31:16–18	Israel's failure to obey God points us to Jesus. He is the answer to the promises made to Abraham.

# The One And Only

## Deuteronomy 4:32-40

### AIM

To help students see that God's deeds show Him to be the one and only God.

### RECAP

Ask whether anyone has been reading Deuteronomy at home.

### PREPARATION

- It would be helpful to familiarise yourself with Deuteronomy 4.
- Photocopy the 'Week 2 Students' page (page 22) for everyone.
- Bring a deck of cards.

### DISCUSSION

- 1 Remind students that God has brought Israel out of Egypt and they are about to enter the promised land. Read Deuteronomy 4:32-40.

**Which deeds of God is Moses describing in verses 33-34?**

*Note: All the events described surround the Exodus – God speaking to Moses from the burning bush (verse 33), God taking Israel out of Egypt (verse 34), God using plagues and parting the Red Sea (verse 34).*

### FUN ACTIVITY

This activity is designed to get students thinking about 'the one and only'.

**52 Card Pick Up** – you will need a little bit of space and a deck of cards. Explain that the 52 cards will be thrown into the middle and the aim of the game is to be the first to pick up the one and only card that counts - the 'King of Hearts'. For the first round, students need to use one hand to find the card. For the second round, get them to take off their shoes and socks and only use their feet. If you want a real challenge, put them in pairs and instruct them that they need to work together using one elbow each to find the card.

If you have too many students, divide them into teams and allow a few students from each team into the middle for short bursts of time. Alternatively, throw in more decks of cards (but make sure you only have one 'King of Hearts').

- 2 **From verses 35-39, what do these deeds tell us about God?**

*Note: Moses' main point is that the God of Israel is the one and only God (like the 'King of Hearts' card in the game) – there is no other (verses 35,39). He is the only God who has spoken from heaven to those on earth (verse 36), who has loved and chosen a people (verse 37), and who by His great strength has saved them from other nations (verses 37-38).*



**3** How would you respond to a friend who says 'It is arrogant to say that your God is the only God'?

*Note: It would be helpful to point out the difference between being tolerant of different beliefs and accepting that they are all true. Almost all religions make the same claim of being the only way – logically only one (or none) can be right. Just like with Israel, we can know that the God of the Bible is the only God because of the deeds He has done. We see most clearly who the one and only God is in Jesus – His power over creation and death show that He is God. Good books to suggest on the topic are 'Jesus Among Other Gods – Youth Edition' by Ravi Zacharias/Kevin Johnson and 'If I were God, I'd make myself clearer' by John Dickson.*

**4** Highlight that at times it seems difficult to accept that the God of the Bible is the only God because we have not seen His great deeds with our own eyes like these Israelites did. But in fact, many of these Israelites did not see these events either – their parents did!

**How did the one and only God ensure that future generations like us would still know His deeds?**

*Note: By having the 10 commandments and the rest of the law written down, God has made clear that to hear His written word is the same as hearing God Himself. If we want to hear God speak, we must simply open His word.*

## PRAYER IDEA

Ask students to praise God with short prayers for the things He can do which nobody else can. They may like to use Deuteronomy 4:35–39 as a starting point of things to praise God for.

## FINISH

Challenge and encourage students to read the Bible at home, because this is where we hear God speak. If they are not reading anything, perhaps they could begin with one of the gospels.

# The One And Only

## Deuteronomy 4:32–40

<sup>32</sup> Ask now about the former days, long before your time, from the day God created man on the earth; ask from one end of the heavens to the other. Has anything so great as this ever happened, or has anything like it ever been heard of? <sup>33</sup> Has any other people heard the voice of God speaking out of fire, as you have, and lived? <sup>34</sup> Has any god ever tried to take for himself one nation out of another nation, by testings, by miraculous signs and wonders, by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, or by great and awesome deeds, like all the things the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your very eyes?

<sup>35</sup> You were shown these things so that you might know that the LORD is God; besides him there is no other. <sup>36</sup> From heaven he made you hear his voice to discipline you. On earth he showed you his great fire, and you heard his words from out of the fire. <sup>37</sup> Because he loved your forefathers and chose their descendants after them, he brought you out of Egypt by his Presence and his great strength, <sup>38</sup> to drive out before you nations greater and stronger than you and to bring you into their land to give it to you for your inheritance, as it is today.

<sup>39</sup> Acknowledge and take to heart this day that the LORD is God in heaven above and on the earth below. There is no other. <sup>40</sup> Keep his decrees and commands, which I am giving you today, so that it may go well with you and your children after you and that you may live long in the land the LORD your God gives you for all time.



**All religions are basically the same.  
They only differ on matters of  
creation, sin, heaven, hell, God and  
salvation.**

**Steve Turner, English poet**

- 1 Which deeds of God is Moses describing in verses 33–34?**
- 2 From verses 35–39, what do these deeds tell us about God?**
- 3 How would you respond to a friend who says 'It is arrogant to say that your God is the only God'?**
- 4 How did the one and only God ensure that future generations like us would still know His deeds?**

As a group, praise God with short prayers for the things He can do which nobody else can. You may like to use Deuteronomy 4:35–39 as a starting point of things to praise God for.

**"Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.' "** John 14:6