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**23** You shall not spread a false report. You shall not join hands with the wicked to act as a malicious witness. <sup>2</sup> You shall not follow a majority in wrongdoing; when you bear witness in a lawsuit, you shall not side with the majority so as to pervert justice; <sup>3</sup> nor shall you be partial to the poor in a lawsuit.

<sup>4</sup> When you come upon your enemy's ox or donkey going astray, you shall bring it back.

<sup>5</sup> When you see the donkey of one who hates you lying under its burden and you would hold back from setting it free, you must help to set it free.

<sup>6</sup> You shall not pervert the justice due to your poor in their lawsuits. <sup>7</sup> Keep far from a false charge, and do not kill the innocent and those in the right, for I will not acquit the guilty. <sup>8</sup> You shall take no bribe,

for a bribe blinds the officials, and subverts the cause of those who are in the right.

<sup>9</sup> You shall not oppress a resident alien; you know the heart of an alien, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt.

## Sabbatical Year and Sabbath

<sup>10</sup> For six years you shall sow your land and gather in its yield; <sup>11</sup> but the seventh year you shall let it rest and lie fallow, so that the poor of your people may eat; and what they leave the wild animals may eat. You shall do the same with your vineyard, and with your olive orchard.

<sup>12</sup> Six days you shall do your work, but on the seventh day you shall rest, so that your ox and your donkey may have relief, and your homeborn slave and the resident alien may be refreshed.



**get excited!**  
(5 minutes)

**Verse to Remember**

**"Be attentive to all that I have said to you."  
Exodus 23:13a.**

**key verse exercise**

Use this acronym to help recall the key verse and retell the bible lesson. (See Teacher's Guide):

**F.O.C.U.S.**

F	O	C	U	S

**read and learn!**  
(10 minutes)

## A JUST GOD SAYS, "REMEMBER OTHERS"

**ZION:** I was riding my bike the other day while playing my game and guess what happened?

**ZAYA:** You ran into a tree.

**ZION:** Yup. How did you know? Well, last week you were playing that game and not paying attention and ended up getting on the wrong bus.

**ZAYA:** Today, while Mary was talking you were playing that game so I guess you didn't hear about the party she's invited us to.

**ZION:** What party? When? Where is it going to be?

**ZAYA:** See. She was telling us about it but you missed all of the details. That's what happens when you don't pay attention. You make mistakes and you don't hear the information, which often means you don't know what to do.

**ZION:** I guess that's true. That's what our lesson is about today, being attentive.

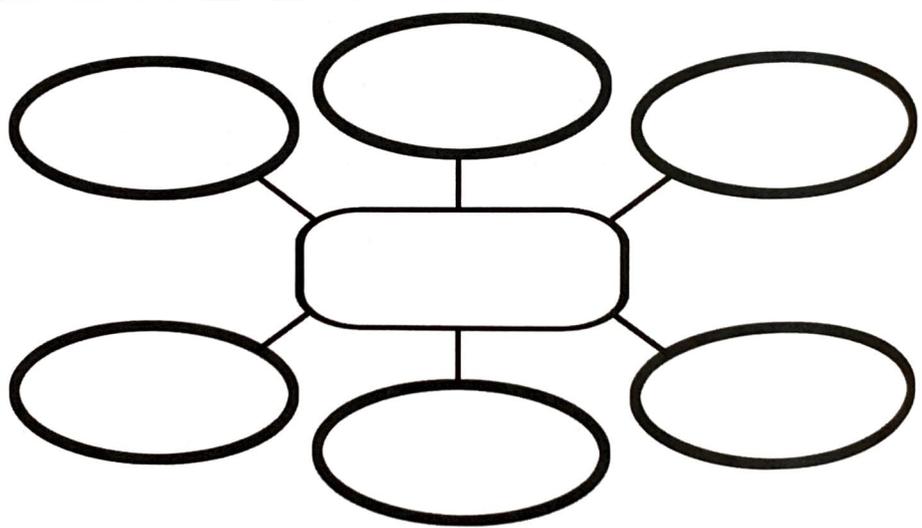
**ZAYA:** Well, I'm going to use the acronym FOCUS to help me remember the laws that we will discuss today in the Scripture. For example, "F" is for false reports; you shall not spread a false report.

**ZION:** You've got it! Now stay focused rather than always having your head in that game before you leave the bath water running or something worse.





This week's **Superhero Challenge: "Bubble Map!"** Help use this map to tell what can happen when you don't pay attention. (See Teacher's Guide.)



### what do you think?

What are some things that can happen when you don't pay attention? Use the acronym FOCUS to give some examples.

### time to create

Go to YouTube Video

### time to pray

Dear Lord, help me to look, listen and pay attention to what is important.