Moses was 120 years old when he died, but he was as strong and active as someone in the prime of life (v.7). The first 40 years of his life had been spent in Pharaoh’s court as a ruler, the next 40 in the land of Midian (MID-i-an) as a shepherd and the final 40 with Israel as a leader. Deuteronomy contains the last message of Moses, delivered in the final month of his life.

The LORD told Moses that he would not be permitted to cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land (because of his sin as recorded in Numbers 20 - see notes below), but that he would die in the land of Moab (MO-ab). But before he died, the LORD allowed him to see the land that had been promised to the people of Israel. He climbed Mount Nebo, probably a mountain in the range of Pisgah (PIS-ga), just east of the Jordan River, and there before him was the Promised Land. From this vantage point, he could see the camp of Israel, as well as the walled city of Jericho, the hills of Judea, the fertile valley of Shechem (SHE-kem), the hills Ebal (E-bal) and Gerizim (GER-i-zim) and perhaps the fortress city of Jebus (JE-bus), which would become known as Jerusalem.

After seeing all this, he died and was buried by God in the land of Moab. The people of Israel mourned and wept for him for 30 days.

POUNTS TO CONSIDER:
- Regarding Moses’ sin: In this case (in contrast to that of Exodus 17), Moses was to speak to the rock. Instead of obeying God, he spoke to the people and struck the rock twice in his anger. Apparently this was an expression of distrust in God (Numbers 20:12).

The Death of Moses
I. Deuteronomy contains Moses’ last message for the people of Israel.
II. Moses prepared for his death.
   A. The LORD said Moses could not enter the Promised Land.
   B. He would die because he had disobeyed God in the wilderness.
   C. God permitted Moses to view the Promised Land from a mountain.

III. Moses died at age 120.
   A. He was buried by God in Moab.
   B. The people of Israel mourned for 30 days.

ANSWER KEY:
Complete the puzzle with the pieces below.

Pharaoh’s court a shepherd in the land of Midian.

40 years as a shepherd in the land of Midian.

He spent 120 years in the Promised Land.

He was still strong.

He saw the Promised Land, but died.

He saw the children of Israel as His last years.

He could not enter the Promised Land because of a sin.

40 years in the wilderness and was still active.

He was 120 years old.

Complete the puzzle with the pieces below.

Name ____________________________
The Lord allowed Moses to see the Promised Land before he died. He climbed Mount Nebo to the top, where he could see the land promised to the children of Israel. What did Moses see?

Color the picture.