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COLLIDING WITH AN ASTEROID TO SAVE THE EARTH

On September 26, NASA intentionally crashed one of its spacecraft into an asteroid. The DART (Double Asteroid Redirection Test) mission released an impactor probe that slammed into Dimorphos, a tiny “moon” that orbits the asteroid known as Didymos, while the other portion of the probe observed the impact as it sailed past. Also watching were the James Webb Space Telescope and the Hubble telescope. The mission was the first “live” test of a proposed method of saving the earth from any asteroids that might someday be found to be on a collision course with our world. The goal of the collision was to see if the impact could adjust the little moon’s orbit around the asteroid, and to what degree. It provided crucial data for scientists and engineers to develop plans for planetary defense.

CONFRONTING THE ISRAELITES TO SAVE THEIR SOULS

At the end of Moses’ life, he gave a speech we often refer to as the Song of Moses. His farewell speech was at times harsh as he called the children of Israel to obey God. Moses knew, after leading them for forty years, that the people were obstinate and tended toward disobedience. But he urged them to remember the glorious faithfulness of God after he was gone and to not forget the rock of their salvation.

1. What would you do if you found out that a large asteroid was on a collision course with Earth?
2. When have you or someone else used “tough love” to motivate someone’s behavior? Did it work?
3. How effective was Moses in preventing the children of Israel from committing wickedness after he was gone?

Additional Resources

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