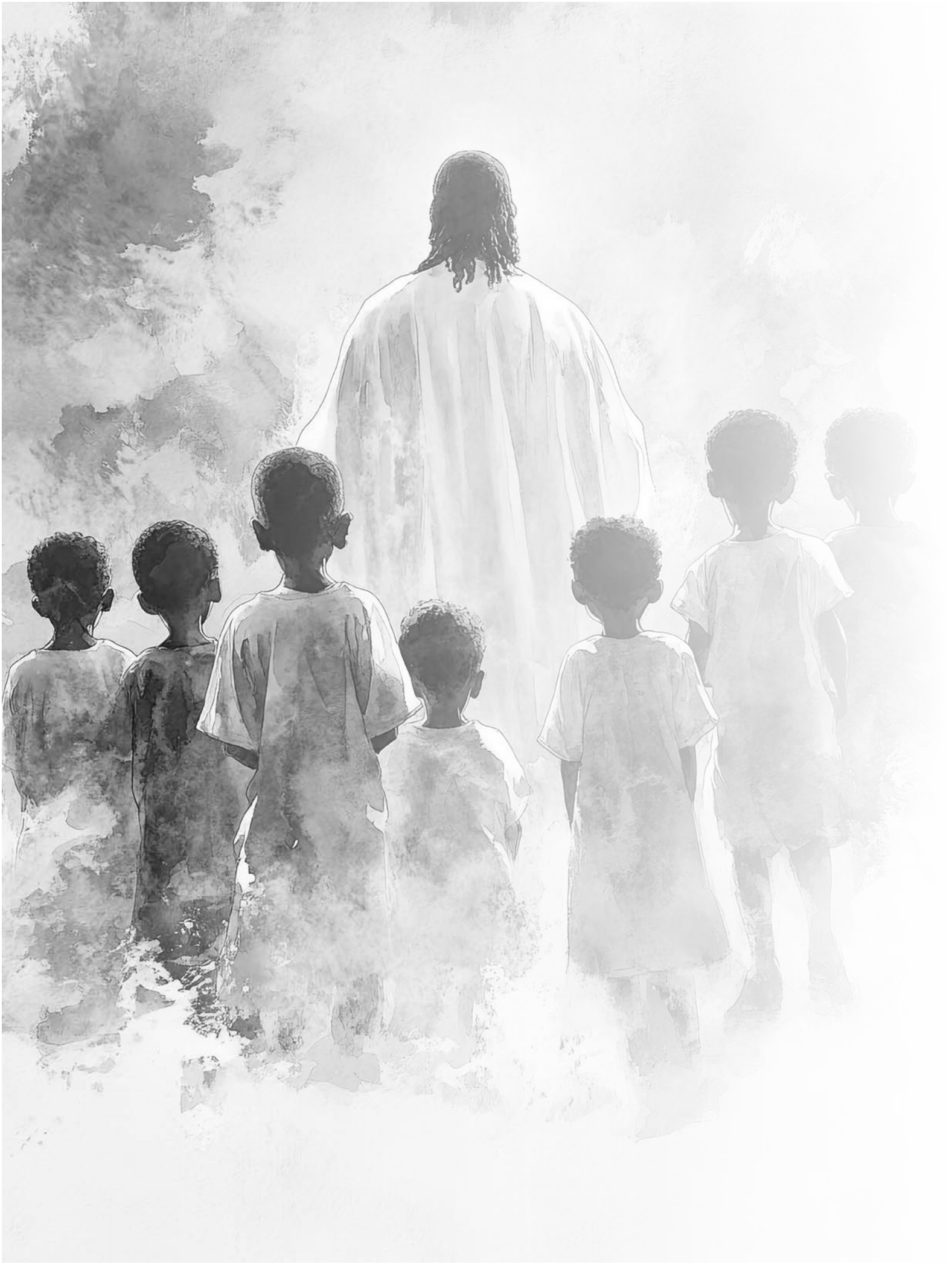


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Letter to the Parents

Dear Parents,

I feel blessed to have the opportunity to work with your child this quarter. My prayer is that your child's learning will lead to a closer relationship with God.

Unit I, "Israel Finds a New Home," includes five lessons from Joshua 1, 2, 4, 6, 11, and 24 that present the renewal of God's covenant with Moses' successor, Joshua, and a new generation of Israelites as they sought to courageously follow God's instructions in possessing the Promised Land.

Unit II, "A Country without a Ruler," presents three lessons from Judges 2, 3, and 17. The lessons present the unfaithfulness of the Israelites after Joshua's death and the consequences of their turning from God to idolatry and to doing what they thought was right. However, God's love was demonstrated in His appointment of judges to lead the people.

Unit III, "Samuel Does It All," presents five lessons from 1 Samuel 3, 4, 7, and 16, and 2 Samuel 5. First Samuel 3 introduces Samuel's calling and his faithful response in leading the people. Although Israel continued to struggle for control of Canaan (1 Samuel 4), Samuel faithfully led the people as judge and prophet (1 Samuel 7). In 1 Samuel 16, Samuel anointed David as God's chosen king—and in 2 Samuel 5, David led the Israelites to stability.

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- A. Say, "Admit you have sinned (see Psalm 32:5), or done wrong." Go through just a few of the Ten Commandments—stealing or lying and so forth. Tell how our sins separate us from God (see Isaiah 59:2 and Romans 3:23).
- B. Say, "Believe Jesus is God's Son. He took the punishment for our sins by dying on the cross (see Romans 5:8). We must believe that Jesus is God's Son and that God raised Him from the dead."
- C. Say, "Call on God to forgive you (see Acts 2:21). When we are sorry for our sins and want to stop doing wrong, we can ask God to forgive us (see Acts 16:31)."

Thank you for the opportunity to help shape your child's spiritual life.

Your Child's Teacher



September 6, 2026

LESSON

1



Strength in Obedience

Moses, a servant of God, was the leader of the Israelites. After Moses died, God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites. God told Joshua that He would lead the Israelites across the Jordan River and give them the land that God had promised Moses. God would give them every place their feet touched.

The land God would give the Israelites was vast, extending from the desert to Lebanon, the Euphrates River, the Hittite country, and the Mediterranean Sea in the west. God would be with Joshua as He was with Moses. God would never leave Joshua, and no one could stand against him.

God told Joshua to be strong and courageous, and to obey the laws that Moses had given them. God told Joshua to remember and do everything that God commanded. Joshua was to think about God's instructions or laws. Joshua should not be afraid because God would be with him wherever he went.

Joshua directed the people to gather all their belongings. In three days, they would cross the Jordan River, and God would give them the land they had been promised.



Lesson Scripture:
Joshua 1:1-11

Key Verse

[The Lord said to Joshua,] "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)



You're a Leader



At school, Mr. Keaton said, "Patrick and Stella, I need to talk to you for a few minutes during break. I need your help."

On the playground, Patrick and Stella rushed over to Mr. Keaton.

Patrick asked, "What can we do to help?"

Mr. Keaton replied, "You two are great students, and I want each of you to be a class leader. Would you like to be my class leaders?"

Smiling, Patrick said, "Yes."

"I don't know if I can," Stella responded.

After Mr. Keaton spoke with Patrick and Stella, he said, "Go play. Talk to your parents and let me know if you want to be a class leader."

As they went to play on the swings, Patrick said, "Stella, you're already a great leader."

Stella said, "I just don't know."

After school, when Stella saw her dad, she said, "Dad, Mr. Keaton wants me to be a class leader. I don't know if I can."

Stella's dad said, "God is always with you. You are strong, and I know you will be a great leader. You need to know that you can do it."



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, all! Ruby here. My favorite verse is John 14:15: "If you love me, keep my commands." I love God, and I want to obey Him in the lab, at home, and at school. When God called Joshua, God knew that Joshua was strong and obedient. God wants us to be strong, courageous, and obedient as well.

What do you think God would do if we read and obeyed His Word? Do you believe that God would be with us like He was with Joshua and Stella? This week, read and obey God's Word. Then, next week, tell us about your experience.

True or False?

Look at the sentences below. On each line, write **T** if the statement is true, or **F** if it is *false* (not true). Then, on the lines below, rewrite any false statements to make them true.

- _____ 1. God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites.
- _____ 2. In four days, the Israelites would cross the Jordan River.
- _____ 3. God told Joshua to be strong and very courageous.
- _____ 4. God would be with Joshua wherever he went.
- _____ 5. God did not want Joshua to obey Him.



Obeying God

Read the sentences that are related to the lesson. Then, circle the pictures and sentences that show how Joshua obeyed God. Cross out any pictures that are not correct.



1. Joshua read God's Word.



2. Joshua led the Israelites.



3. Joshua listened to God.



4. Joshua told the Israelites to gather their things.



5. Joshua turned away and disobeyed God.

September 13, 2026

LESSON

2

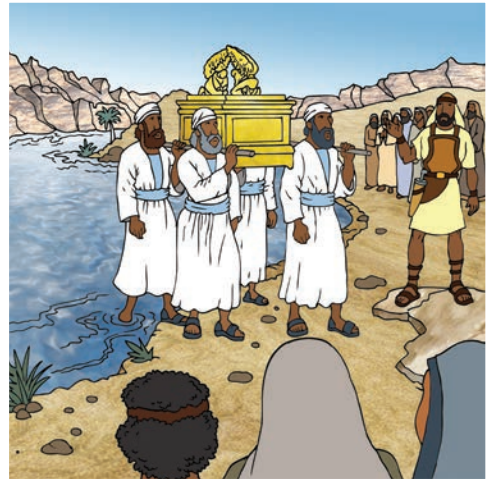


Stones and Zones

God performed a miracle and held back the flooding waters of the Jordan River, so that Joshua and the Israelites were able to cross the Jordan River on dry land. God commanded Joshua to have one leader from each tribe select a stone from the middle of the dry Jordan riverbed. They were to build a monument with the twelve stones. The people obeyed Joshua's instructions. And the Lord (God) exalted and praised Joshua before all the people. The people were amazed by Joshua and respected him throughout his life, just as they had respected Moses.

Meanwhile, the priests remained standing in the middle of the dry Jordan riverbed carrying the Ark of the Covenant, which contained the Law of God. Then, the Lord (God) told Joshua to command that the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant come out of the riverbed. As soon as they stepped onto the riverbank, the Jordan River began flooding as before.

Joshua encouraged the people to tell their children—whenever they asked about the meaning of the stones—that the Israelites had crossed the Jordan River on dry ground.



Lesson Scripture:

Joshua 4:14-18, 21-22

Key Verses

[Joshua] said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.'" (Joshua 4:21-22)



Reasons to Be Thankful

Welcome, Family!



After school, Anthony and Eli's dad said, "Your mom and I have some news about a trip."

Smiling, Anthony asked, "Where are we going?"

Eli asked, "Are we going to the beach? I love the beach!"

Their mom said, "It's my family reunion. We're having it at a park near your great-grandmother's home."

As his smile faded, Anthony asked, "Why do we need to hear all the family stories? May I stay home?"

Eli said, "I love Grandma's stories. Her stories remind me of the reasons why I should be thankful for my family. I'm excited to go!"

Their dad said, "Yes, Anthony. You must go, and I hope you'll learn some reasons to be thankful for our family, too."

That night, Anthony's dad said, "Anthony, you and Eli do not see our family often. I hope you both learn to appreciate the gift of family from God. Just listen to the great stories and history that are shared."

Anthony said, "I'll try to listen and learn."

Eli said, "When you listen, you'll learn many reasons to say, 'Thank You, God.'"



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab

Tell family and friends about God's blessings!



Hello, all! Ruby here. I love family reunions. I get to see my cousins, whom I don't see that often, because we live far apart. Anthony did not want to attend his family reunion, but Dad hoped he would learn that family is a gift from God. Listening to family helps us learn about our history and discover more about ourselves.

What are some things for which you are thankful? Here's your assignment: Every day, take a moment to thank God for your family, school, home, and friends. Consider the reasons for why you are thankful, list them, and we will share about our gratitude with our class during the next session.

Fill in the Blanks

Use words from the Word Box to fill in the blanks of the sentences related to the lesson.

Word Box
Dry
God
Jordan River
Joshua
Moses
Priests
Stone

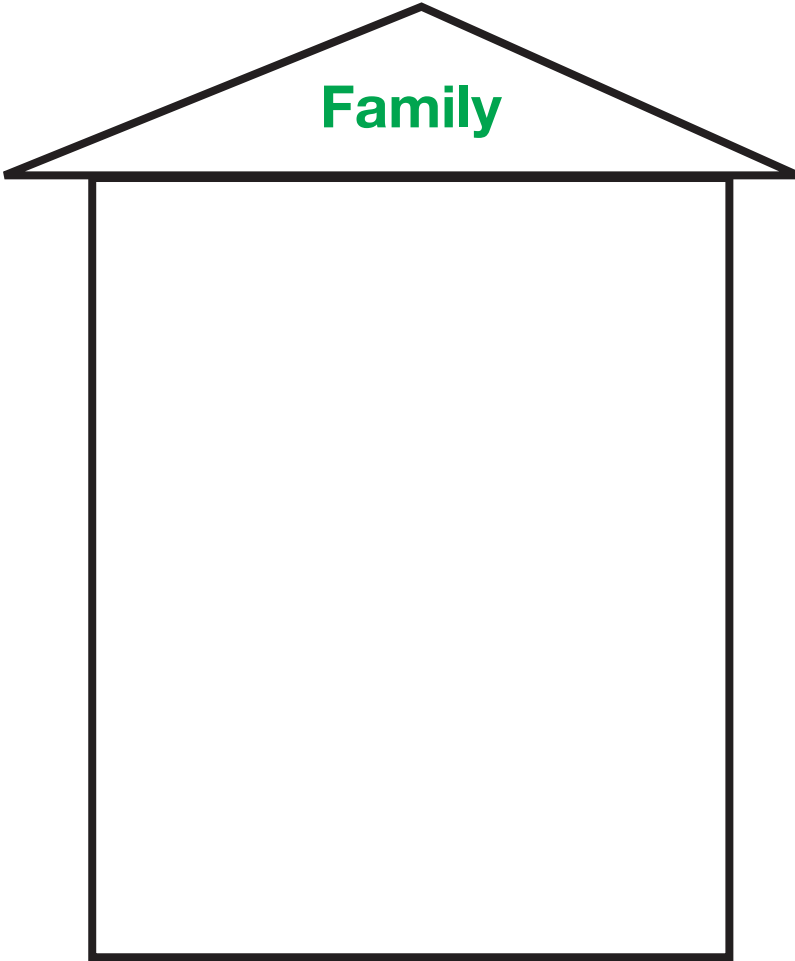
1. The Israelites crossed the _____.
2. Each tribe of Israel picked up a _____.
3. _____ wanted the Israelites to tell their children about the stone.
4. When the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, the ground was _____.
5. The _____ carried the Ark of the Covenant.
6. Joshua told the Israelites everything that _____ had commanded.
7. The Israelites respected Joshua like they respected _____.



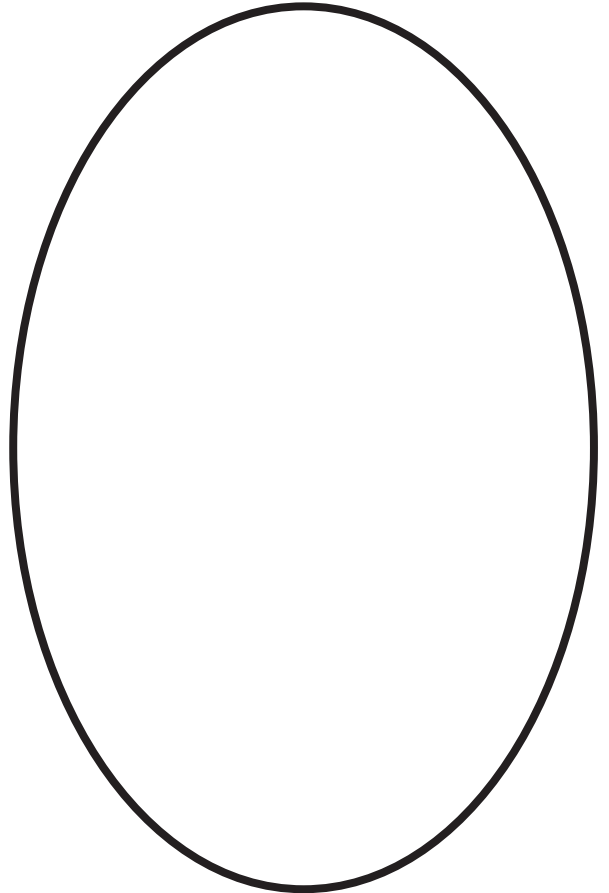
Reasons to Give Thanks

The Israelites in today's lesson had many reasons to be thankful. God had rescued them again and fulfilled His promise. God has also blessed us. For this activity, write or draw pictures in the shapes below of family members, friends, and other persons or things for which you are thankful to God.

Family



Friends



You Name It!



September 20, 2026

LESSON

3



The Fighting Is Over

God instructed Joshua to conquer all the land of Canaan. And Joshua obeyed God.

In today's lesson, God hardened the hearts of Israel's enemies in Canaan, so they would not make peace. God helped Joshua and the Israelites conquer all the land, including the hill country, the Negev, the region of Goshen, the western foothills, the Arabah, and the mountains and lowlands of Israel. Joshua captured all their kings and destroyed them.

When the Israelites came against the Anakites, people in Canaan's northern land, Joshua separated them from the regions of Hebron, Debir, and Anab, as well as the hill country of Judah and Israel. None of the Anakites were left in the Israelite territory except for some in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod. Israel's territory now extended from Mount Halak to Baal-gad at Mount Hermon in Lebanon.

So, Joshua obeyed God and took control of the entire land, just as God had instructed Moses to do. Under God's direction, Joshua gave the land to Israel, dividing it among the tribes. There was no more war or fighting, and the land was at rest because the fighting was over.



Lesson Scripture:
Joshua 11:16-23

Key Verse

Joshua took the entire land, just as the LORD had directed Moses, . . . Then the land had rest from war. (Joshua 11:23)



Making a Choice to Obey



At Sunday school, Mrs. Edison said, "God is happy when we are faithful to obey His commands to love others."

Austin raised his hand and said, "I'm always faithful to show love and kindness to others."

Elaina added, "And I always help people in need."

Alicia asked, "If I see someone who fell off a swing, but I don't help, is that wrong?"

Mrs. Edison asked Alicia, "If you fell off a swing, would you want someone to help you?"

"Yes," Alicia answered.

Mrs. Edison replied, "Then, it's always right to help others. Christians are God's hands and feet here on the earth. But don't worry if you missed an opportunity. God is so happy when we help others that He gives us many opportunities to show kindness. Just keep your eyes and your heart open to obey God and show His love."

At the end of class, Mrs. Edison said, "This week, let's choose to obey and show God's love by being kind."

Alicia said the closing prayer: "Thank You, God, for another chance to obey You and show Your love."



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, all! Ruby here. I love to obey God, so I listen and obey in school and at home. I want to do what is right and be faithful to God. Alicia didn't always help others. However, she came to realize the importance of obeying God's command to love others. We should always do what is right so that others may feel God's love and kindness. That's the best reward!

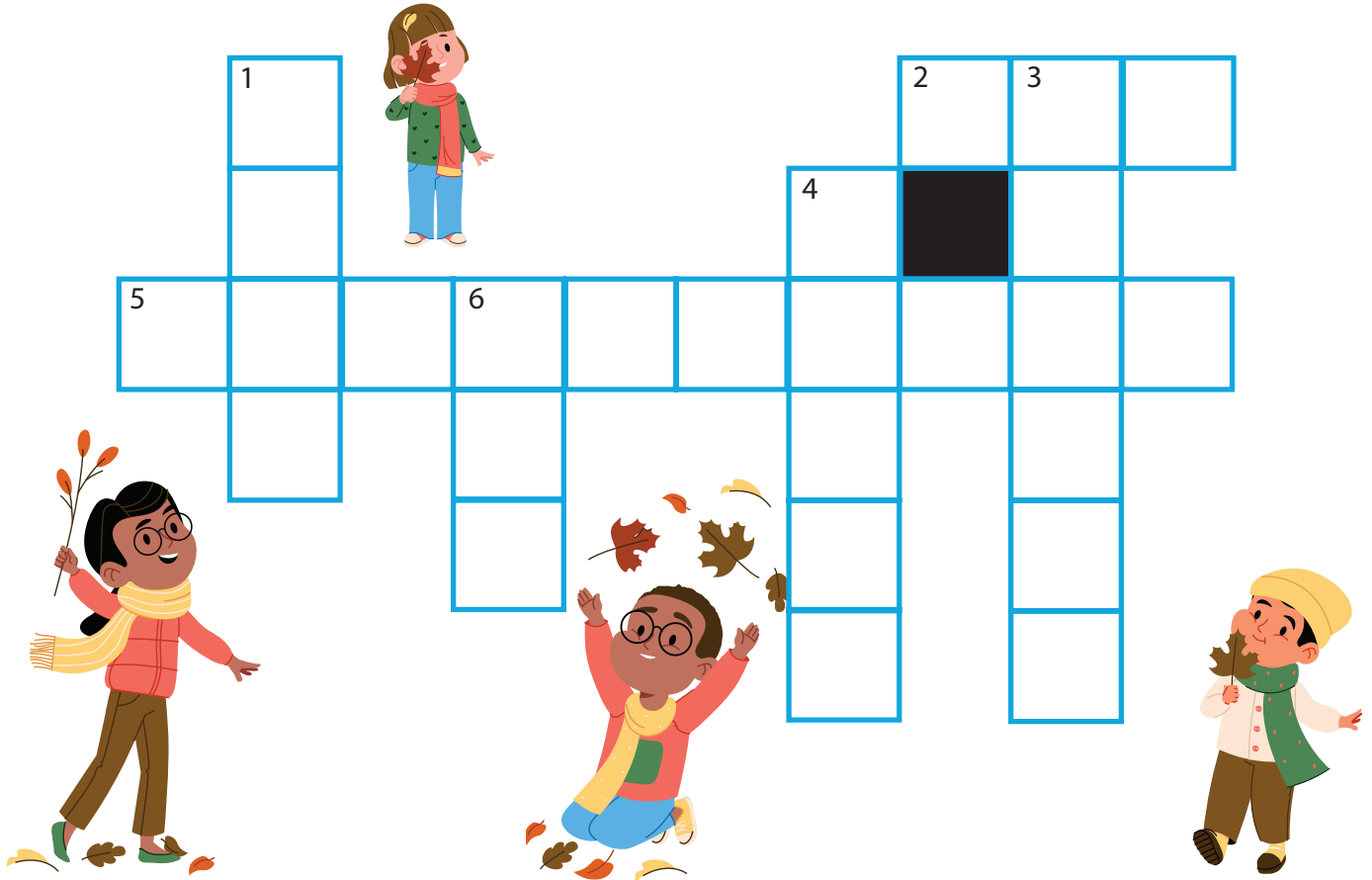
Do you think that you can show kindness by helping others? This week, let's be faithful in obeying God and helping someone in need. You can tell the class about your experience next Sunday.

A “Joshua’s Conquest” Crossword Puzzle

Use the clues and listed words to fill words from today’s lesson into the crossword puzzle to complete it.

WORD BANK

ALL • GOD • ISRAELITES
KINGS • OBEYED • REST



ACROSS

- 2. The one who had hardened the hearts of the people in the land
- 5. The people whom Joshua led into battle

DOWN

- 1. After Joshua defeated tribes, the land was at _____.
- 3. Joshua _____ God.
- 4. Joshua fought against the _____ in the land.
- 6. Joshua destroyed _____ the lands.

Unscramble and Fill In

Unscramble the scrambled-up words or phrases from today's lesson. Then, use the letters in the boxes to complete the sentence and discover a message about God's promise to Joshua.

Word Box

Destroy

God

Kings

Mercy

Rest

Survive

Tribes

1. RUSIVVE

___ _ _ _ _ _

2. NGKIS

___ _ _ _

3. CERGY

___ _ _ _

4. RTBISE

_ _ _ _ _

5. ODG

___ _

6. ESRT

_ _ _

7. ESDRTOY

___ _ _ _ _

God promised Joshua and the Israelites the _ _ _ _ _ .



September 27, 2026

LESSON

4



Rahab—an Unlikely Ally

Rahab, a surprising *ally* [al-LIE] or friend, lived in Jericho. She hid the Israelite spies and did not tell the guards where they were. Rahab was not an Israelite, but she demonstrated her faith and trust in God by hiding the spies. Rahab told the spies that she heard that God dried up the Red Sea. She knew that the Israelites destroyed the two kings who lived east of the Jordan. Everyone in the country was afraid because God had given the land of Canaan to the Israelites. Rahab confessed that God was God in heaven and on the earth.

Rahab made the spies promise by God that they would show kindness and save her entire family because she had shown kindness to the Israelite spies.

God gave Joshua a plan to march around Jericho's city walls once a day for six days. On the seventh day, they were to march around the walls seven times. The seventh time around, the priests were to blast the trumpets, and the Israelites were to shout at Joshua's command. Upon following those instructions, the walls fell, and Jericho was captured! However, as promised, Joshua saved Rahab and her family.



Lesson Scriptures:
Joshua 2:8-13; 6:16-17

Key Verse

[Rahab said to the spies,]
"Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you."
(Joshua 2:12a)



Serving God



Sam was sad when his family moved. He missed his friends and singing in the choir.

Sam's dad said, "Today, we're going to a new church. I'm sure you can sing in the children's choir or serve as an usher."

"I really miss my friends and singing in the choir at our other church," Sam confessed.

Sam's mom said, "God has a purpose for you here."

At Sunday school, Sam's teacher, Mr. Thomas, said, "Sam, you can join Jacob and Hope in creating today's activity."

After Jacob and Hope met Sam, Mr. Thomas told the class, "Someone can cut out shapes, someone can color them, and someone can tape them to the poster."

As they were making the activity, Jacob commented, "Sam, you are great at cutting out the shapes."

Sam said, "Thanks, Jacob. Hope is great at coloring."

Hope said, "Thanks, Sam. Jacob, thanks for taping the shapes on the paper. We are a good team."

As they walked to Children's Church, Hope said, "Sam, maybe you can join our church choir. Jacob and I really love to sing."

Sam smiled and said, "Thank You, God!"



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, all! Ruby here. Whether I'm in my lab or at school, home, or church, I want to use the gifts God has given me. My mom and dad say that God smiles when I help others. When Sam was sad and wanted to go home, God allowed him to make two new friends—who asked him to join the choir.

What do you think would happen if we chose to use our gifts to serve God? Here's your assignment: This week, I encourage you to use your talents or gifts to demonstrate God's kindness. Then, let's discuss the results of your efforts next week.

Searching for Words

Find the listed words from today's lesson in the word search below.

Canaan • Guards • Heaven • Israel • Jericho
Joshua • Lord • Rahab • Red Sea • Spies

C	A	N	A	A	N	G	I	J
H	E	A	V	E	N	U	A	E
R	E	H	E	A	E	A	Y	R
E	J	K	P	L	O	R	D	I
D	O	E	L	O	E	D	D	C
S	S	P	I	E	S	S	I	H
E	H	S	R	A	E	L	S	O
A	U	O	I	S	R	A	E	L
R	A	H	A	B	E	R	U	D



What Is the Answer?

Select the correct answer(s) to complete the sentences related to the lesson.

1. Rahab saved the _____ by hiding them.
a. spies **b. guards** **c. women**
2. The people in the country were _____.
a. happy **b. sad** **c. afraid**
3. The people knew that _____ dried up the Red Sea when they came out of Egypt.
a. Pharaoh **b. God** **c. the king**
4. Rahab asked the spies to show kindness to her _____.
a. family **b. country** **c. king**
5. Rahab had shown kindness to the _____.
a. king **b. spies** **c. guards**
6. The seventh time around _____, the priests blew the trumpets.
a. Jericho **b. Egypt** **c. Jerusalem**
7. Joshua spared _____ and her family because she hid the spies.
a. Esther **b. Mary** **c. Rahab**



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