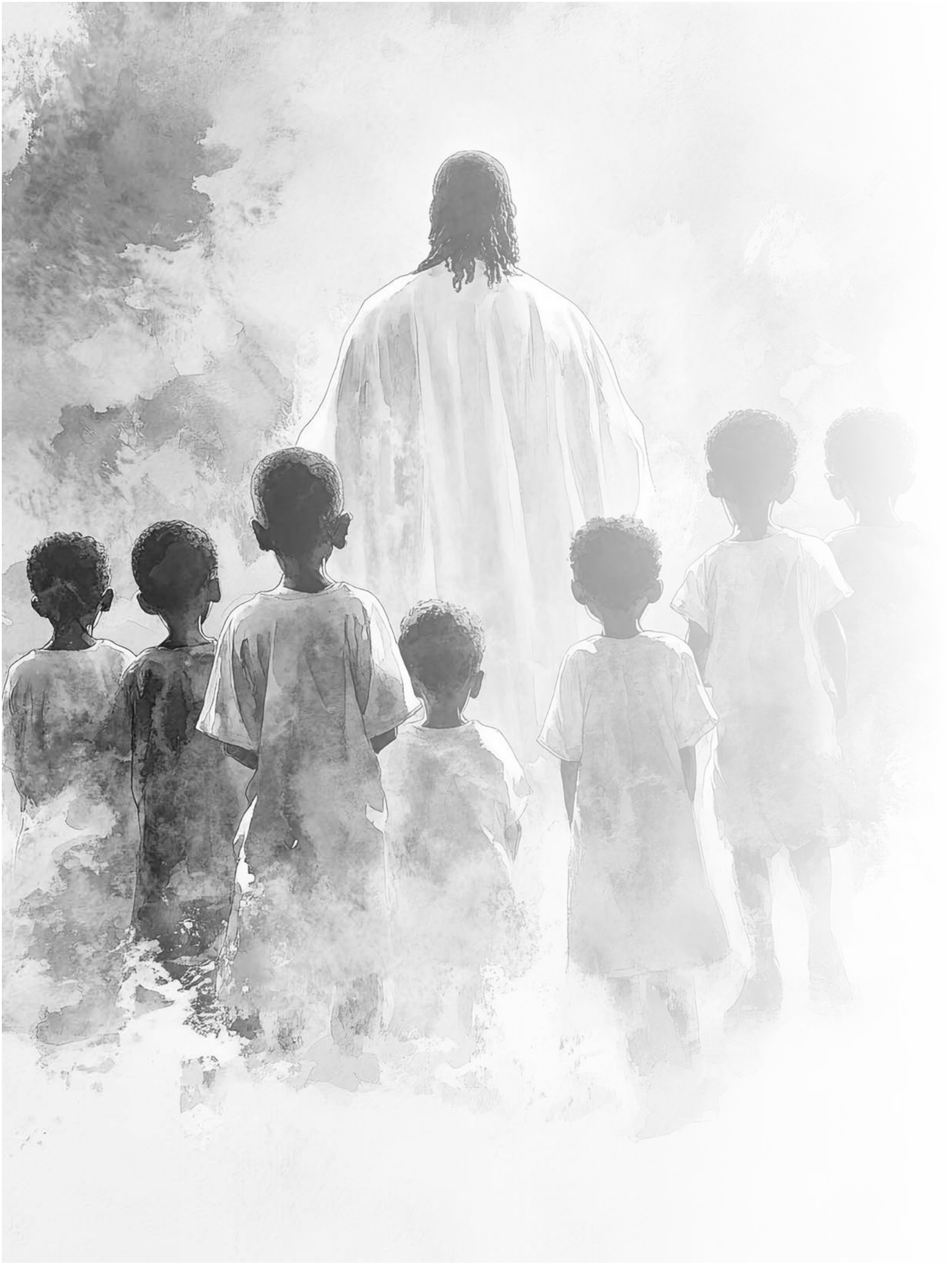


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Letter to the Parents

Dear Parents,

Thank you for sharing your child with me as we learn about God's Word together. Your child is going to enjoy learning the lessons for this quarter.

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 seek 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 is 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, 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 anoints David as God's chosen king; and in 2 Samuel 5, David leads the Israelites to stability.

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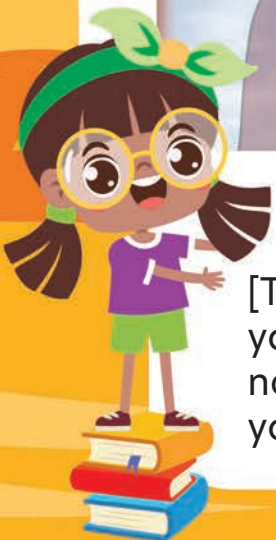
Strength in Obedience

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)





Strength in Obedience

(Joshua 1:1-11)

When Moses died, God chose Joshua to lead God's people. God made several promises. First, He promised to give Joshua every place he set his foot. Second, no one would be able to defeat Joshua as long as he lived. Third, God would never leave Joshua. Three times, God told Joshua to be strong and *courageous* (brave), to obey God's Word, and to not turn away from it but to *meditate on* (think about) it always.

There is strength in obedience. Joshua ordered the officers of the people to get ready, because in three days they would cross the Jordan River.

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's lesson, God offers encouragement and instruction to Joshua as he is commissioned to lead God's people. This week, emphasize God's repeated encouragement to be strong and brave, to meditate on God's Word, and to be obedient and trust Him. Cultivate seeds of courage and faith in your child's heart by praying and reading the Bible with your child and reminding your child that God is always with him or her.

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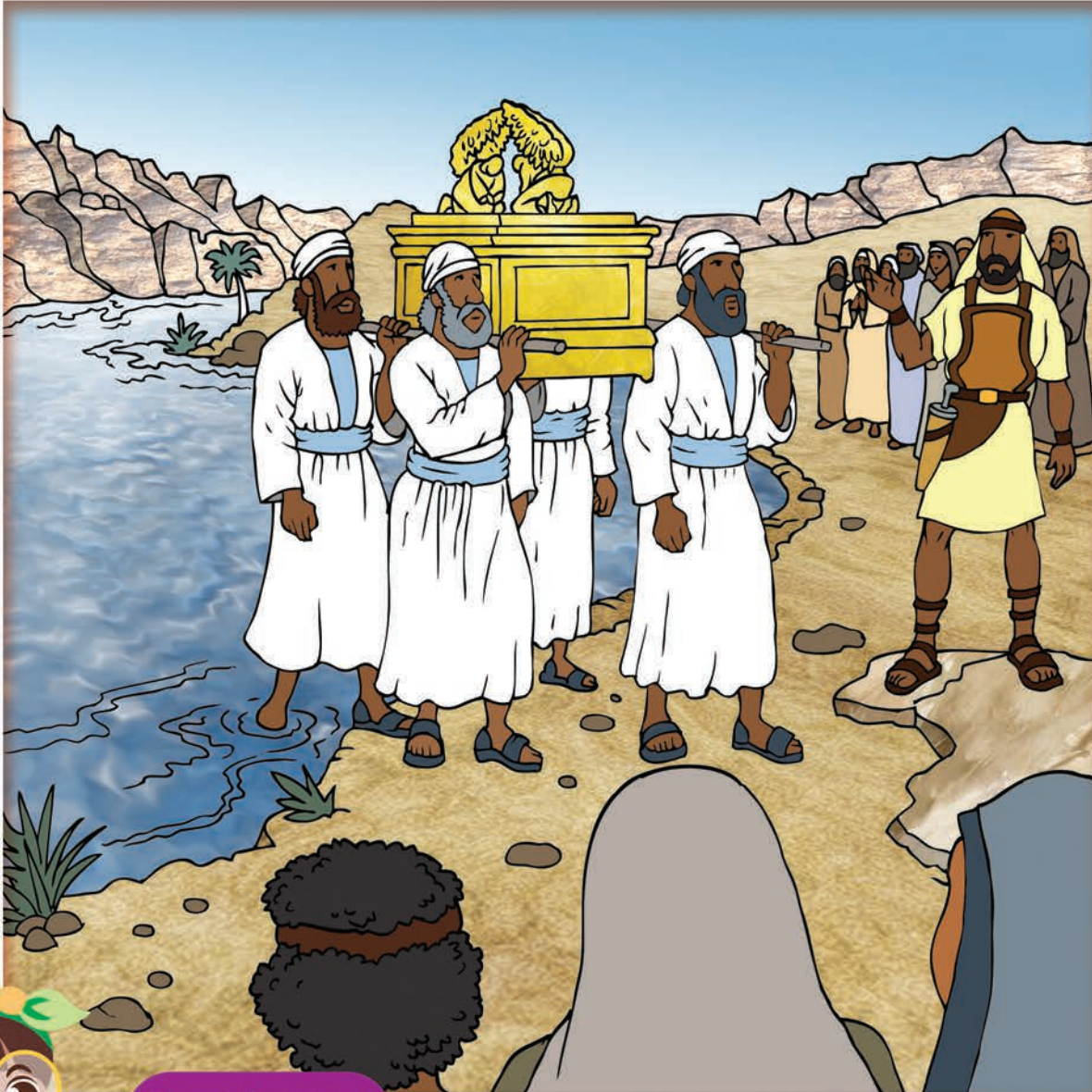
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with me!



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Stones and Zones

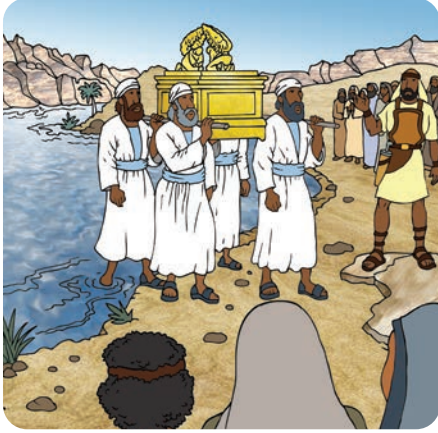
Lesson Scripture: Joshua 4:14-18, 21-22



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)





Stones and Zones

(Joshua 4:14-18, 21-22)

God honored Joshua before all the people. Now they knew that Joshua was God's chosen leader.

The priests carrying the ark of the covenant stood in the middle of the Jordan River. God told Joshua to order the priests to come out of the river. When their feet touched the dry ground of the riverbank, the river's flood waters flowed together again.

Joshua placed twelve stones from the river at the campsite. Joshua told the people that when their future family asks about the meaning of the twelve stones, they must say, "Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground."

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, the children learned that God honored Joshua and wanted the Israelite people to remember how He brought them safely through the flooding Jordan River. After reviewing the Bible story, ask your children if they understand why it is important to obey God's commands as Joshua did and remember God's blessings. Ask how they would feel if God honored them in front of others. Encourage your child to remind others of God's blessings this week.

Your Child's Teacher

Faith Block

**Remember and
pass on God's
blessings!**



LESSON
3

The Fighting Is 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)





The Fighting Is Over

(Joshua 11:16-23)

God promised His people a new home. But the people who lived there had to move out. God gave Joshua and his army the job to move them out. God promised to be with them. This was a big job, and it took a long time. Joshua and his army travelled throughout the land, winning many battles. God helped them defeat all the kings and take over the whole land.

At last, the fighting was over. Joshua gave the land to the people of Israel as a gift. And there was peace in the land.

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

In today's lesson, the children heard that Joshua was given the assignment to take over the Promised Land. It was not easy, and it took a long time, but God was with Joshua and gave him success. Reinforce this lesson by pointing out to your child that some projects take time, require help, and teamwork. Help your children identify a task and guide him or her in breaking the task into workable action steps.

Your Child's Teacher

Faith Block

God gives
us victory!



LESSON

4

Rahab—an Unlikely Ally

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)





Rahab—an Unlikely Ally

(Joshua 2:8-13; 6:16-17)

Rahab was from Jericho. She hid two Israelite spies on her rooftop. Rahab told the spies that the people of Jericho had heard how God made a dry path through the Red Sea so the Israelites could cross over. Rahab and the people believed in God's power, and they were afraid. Rahab asked the spies to keep her family safe from harm.

Later, the Israelites followed God's instructions and marched the seventh time around the walls of Jericho. When the priests blew their trumpets, the army shouted! God gave Joshua and the Israelites the city of Jericho, and they kept Rahab and her family safe from getting killed.

For the Parents

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Today, the children heard that Joshua sent spies to Jericho and Rahab hid them on her rooftop. Rahab and other people in Jericho had heard about the wonders God had performed for His people. They recognized God's power and were afraid. Rahab showed kindness and asked for kindness in return. Share with your child how Rahab's helpfulness accomplished God's bigger plan. God rewarded her faithfulness. Emphasize how God will reward your child's faithfulness, too.

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God rewards
faith and
kindness!



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