



Unit 8, Session 1

Crossing the Jordan

Joshua 1-4

Story Point: God held back the Jordan River for His people to cross.

After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, it was time for the remaining people to enter Canaan. God chose Joshua to be the new leader of Israel. God told Joshua, “Be strong and courageous.”

Now the only thing keeping the Israelites from the land God promised to them was the Jordan River. The Israelites could never get across on their own. But God was going to help them. The priests carried the ark of God ahead of the people to the edge of the river. The rest of the Israelites followed behind the ark.

The priests carrying the ark took a step into the river. God made the water stop! The priests stood on dry ground in the middle of the river, and all of the Israelites crossed safely on dry ground.

God told Joshua, “Tell the people to take

12 stones from the middle of the river. Put them down where they spend the night tonight.”

God wanted the stones to be a memorial. In the future, people could tell their children that God stopped the water, and everyone would know that God is mighty.

The Israelites did exactly what God told them to do. The priests with the ark crossed the river, and the water began to flow again. At last, God’s people were in the promised land!

Christ Connection: God went ahead of Joshua and the Israelites into the promised land. He showed His power to them so they would trust in Him. When Jesus came to earth, He showed His power so people would trust in Him and be saved from sin.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Think about one of your favorite memories. Then answer these questions:
 - Who was there?
 - What happened?
 - When did this happen?
 - What did you do?
 - Why did this happen?

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What was the importance of the memorial stones?

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APPLY the Story

- How do you think Joshua and the Israelites felt as they entered the promised land?
- What did the Israelites do to remember what God had done for them? How can we remember what Jesus has done for us?
- How can we trust God and move forward even when we feel afraid?

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- Find Deuteronomy 31:8 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking God for sending Jesus to save us from our sin.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Joshua 1:5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 John 5:4 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Timothy 2:8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 29:3 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2 Chronicles 20:12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 136:6 |