

Lesson 7: Remembrance

Today's Bible Story

After Moses died, God did not forget his people. Instead, God chose a brave new leader to bring the Israelites out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land. His name was Joshua.

Joshua led the Israelites to the banks of the Jordan River, which was the very border of the land God had promised. After the group had camped there for three days, Joshua told them, "Get ready, for tomorrow God will do great wonders among you."

The next day, God said to Joshua, "Today I will show all the Israelites that I am with you, just as I was with Moses before you." Joshua listened carefully as God told him what to do. Then, he gathered the people around him. "God has promised to help us cross the river," he told them, "by stopping the flow of water as soon as we begin to cross."

The people followed behind as the priests led the way. They were carrying the Ark of the Covenant, the golden box that held the Ten Commandments. Just as God had promised, as soon as the priests stepped into the Jordan River, the waters coming downstream stopped and rose up in a heap far away; the waters flowing down toward the Salt Sea were completely cut off! Miraculously, the people were able to walk on dry ground until every Israelite had crossed the Jordan safely.

Next, Joshua chose one man from each of the 12 tribes of Israel. He told them to choose 12 large stones from the river. "We will set these stones in a heap. Later, when your children ask what these stones mean to you," Joshua said, "you can tell them what happened on this day. God remembered us, and these stones will stand forever as a remembrance of his faithfulness."



From Joshua 3:1-17

Bible Rhyme

A short time after Moses died,
God found a new, trustworthy guide.
His name was Joshua, and he
was brave and faithful as could be!

While traveling one day, he said,
"Let's cross that river up ahead."
And while the water looked quite high,
God stopped its flow, and all stayed dry!

Then, after they had safely crossed,
and not a soul had gotten lost,
they built a monument of stone,
remembering what God had done.

Use the map to the right to help Joshua and the Israelites cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land!

a) Using a **BLUE** marker or crayon on the river diagram below, draw an arrow showing that the direction the river is flowing is from north to south.

b) Using a **BROWN** marker or crayon on the river diagram below, draw an arrow to show that the direction the Israelites crossed was from east to west.

c) Using a **GREEN** marker or crayon, draw a line to match each question on the right bank of the river with its answer on the left bank of the river.



ANSWERS:

The Old Testament

Twelve

The Jordan

The Priests

Joshua

God

QUESTIONS:

What was the name of the river the Israelites crossed?

Whom did God choose to lead the Israelites after Moses?

In what part of the Bible can you find today's story?

Who never forgot his people?

Who carried the Ark of the Covenant into the river?

How many stones were taken from the river?