



Unit 7 | Session 2

GOD STOPPED THE JORDAN RIVER

Joshua 3-4

After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, it was time for the remaining Israelites to enter the promised land. The only thing keeping the Israelites from their new home was the Jordan River.

God told Joshua and the other leaders what to do. The priests carried the ark of God ahead to the edge of the river. The rest of the Israelites followed behind the ark.

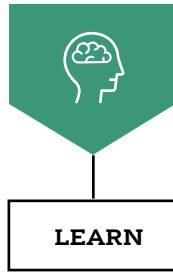
Joshua said, “When these men carry the ark of God into the river, God will stop the water in the river. Then you will know God is with us.” As the priests carrying the ark took a step into the river, God made the water stop! The priests stood on dry ground. Then all of the Israelites crossed safely.

God told Joshua, “Choose 12 men to take 12 stones from the river. They should put them down where you spend the night tonight.”

God wanted the stones to be a memorial. The people would see the stones and remember that God helped them cross the river.

The Israelites did exactly what God told them to do. Finally, the priests with the ark crossed the river, and the water began to flow again. 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.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

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.

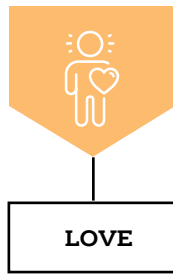
» Draw a few large stones. On each stone, write something you remember from the Bible that is true about God or people.

» What does this story teach us about God?

» Where do we find God's promises to us?

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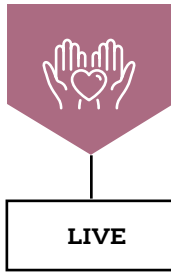
» Do you know of any other important events that happened at the Jordan River?

» Do you ever find it difficult to obey God's Word? Why?

» Can you think of a time you felt nervous about going somewhere new? How can remembering God help you when you feel afraid?

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Psalm 119:105 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God for always going before you and never leaving you. Ask Him to help you trust Him as you read and obey His Word.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Mark 1:5

Isaiah 46:9

Romans 8:28

Psalm 77:11

Psalm 119:105

Psalm 143:5

God Stopped the Jordan River

Joshua 3-4

Family Discussion Starters:

- Why do you think God wanted the people to remember the crossing of the Jordan River?
- What is something amazing God has done for you?
- How can we remember the amazing things God does for us?

Family Activity:

Plan a day trip to a nearby river. Ask your kids to think about what it would take to stop the flow of that river. If they managed to stop it, could they easily start it again? Skip stones into the water and discuss the Bible story.