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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 8 • Session 3

JOSHUA CHALLENGED THE PEOPLE

Joshua 23-24

WHAT IS A MIRACLE? A MIRACLE IS SOMETHING GOD DOES THAT USUALLY CANNOT BE DONE SO THAT WE CAN KNOW HE IS ALL-POWERFUL.

Many years had passed since Joshua and the Israelites had defeated Jericho. Now Joshua was getting old. He gathered all the people of Israel because he had some important things to say to them.

Joshua said, "You have seen everything the LORD your God has done. Therefore, be careful to obey everything that is in the book of the law of Moses. Do not turn aside from it. Keep clinging to God. He fights for you! Love the LORD your God. If you disobey God, He will no longer help you win these battles."

Joshua reminded the people about the things God had done in the past. God had rescued the Israelites from the Egyptians, bringing them safely across the Red Sea.

Joshua commanded the people, "Fear the LORD and worship Him."

The people replied, "We will not abandon the LORD!"

Joshua warned the people, "If you do abandon God to worship other gods, God will turn against you."

The people replied, "We will worship the LORD!"

Joshua made a covenant with the people. After that, Joshua died.

Christ Connection: As Joshua prepared for his own death, he left behind a legacy of obedience to God. After Jesus' death and resurrection, He appeared to the disciples and left them with a legacy: to obey Him by making disciples of all nations.

Joshua Challenged the People

Joshua 23-24

Family Discussion Starters:

- Why do you think Joshua reminded the people of the good things God had done for them?
- Do you think the people kept their promise to worship only God? Why or why not?

Family Activity:

Devise a series of challenges—such as building a house of cards that is at least one foot tall, balancing an egg on end, or emptying a bucket without tipping it—that your family will try to complete, each in one minute or less. Discuss the ways obeying God can feel challenging.