



Unit 8 | Session 3

GOD CHALLENGED THE PEOPLE

Joshua 23-24

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.



LEARN

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.

» Circle your preference for each option:

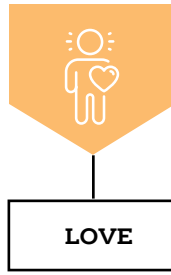
airplane OR car
football OR soccer
crafts OR video games
paints OR crayons
chess OR card games
God OR idols

» What does this story teach us about God?

» How did Joshua prepare the Israelites for the future?

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THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

- » Why do you think Joshua wanted the Israelites to study and obey God's Word?

- » Joshua 24 says that the Israelites also buried Joseph's bones in the promised land. Why was this significant?

- » How can we respond to the truth that God is all-powerful?

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LIVE

THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Psalm 77:14 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, asking Him to give you a deep hunger for His Word. Ask God to reveal Himself to you through the Bible.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Isaiah 46:9

☐ Psalm 78:4

☐ Exodus 13:19

☐ Matthew 6:20-21

☐ Joshua 24:15

☐ Philippians 3:14

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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.