

Joshua 3 and 4 - Remember

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I. The Gospel Story Series, we're looking for:

- A. Patterns from Hebrew culture and their style of writing that help us understand and know God and scripture better.
- B. Looking for where we can see pictures, symbols or words that point us to coming Messiah, Jesus.

II. Biblical Context leading up to the book of Joshua

- 1. Brief recap of history and Moses' leadership
- 2. Story: Have you ever tried to lead a group of rebellious people?
- 3. Kids Town lesson point: The Israelites Rebellion revealed a belief **that God had failed to take care of them and would fail in the future.**
- 4. Joshua Ch. 1 - Joshua being the "New Moses" and recommit to "Listening and obeying" their covenant with God.
- 5. Joshua Ch. 2 - Joshua sends spies into Jericho and meet Rahab

III. Read parts of Chapter 3

- 1. Chapter 3: 5-10, 14-17 (Map)
- 2. Chapter 4:1-3, 14-18 (Compare Moses and Joshua's leadership)
- 3. Chapter 4 verses 20-24 **First time Israel is referred to as a Nation

IV. Looking further into patterns, we see that God Continues To...

- 1. Extend Mercy - Allowing them to reach the Promised Land
- 2. Build relational Trust - "Listen and obey"
- 3. Ask for Obedience
- 4. Show His Inexplicable power - (Ch. 4:23)
- 5. Promises come with Battles - (The rest of the book of Joshua)
- 6. Want us to Remember (vs 24)

Remembering helps us to live out Joshua Ch 1:9 -Be Strong and Courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go"

V. Looking for Jesus in Joshua chapters 3 and 4

1. Joshua means Yeshua in Hebrew. Jesus also is derived from the Hebrew name Yeshua.
2. Ark of the Covenant -
 - a) How God would dwell in the Old Testament
 - b) The construction of the Ark
 - c) Tabernacle Courtyard
 - d) Tabernacle Tent
 - e) The Significance of the Ark of the Covenant
3. The Jordan River- Jesus was Baptized in the Jordan River and began his public ministry - acting as the High Priest, performing miracles, providing The Way to salvation.
4. Freedom - Israelites being freed from their slavery in Egypt to us being free from our slavery to sin
5. Faith in God's Plan - It is God who makes a way forward through his power and mercy, our job is to be strong, be courageous, "Listen and Obey".

VI. Philippians 1:6

VII. Kidstown Lesson point - Christ Connection

God went ahead of Joshua and the Israelites into the promised land. He showed His power to them so they would trust Him.

When Jesus came to earth, He showed His power so that people would trust in Him and be saved from sin.

VIII. Application: Stones of Remembrance

What does God want you to remember?