

The Israelites Cross the Jordan River

(Joshua 3–4)

**“Be strong and courageous!
Do not be afraid or
discouraged. For the Lord
your God is with you
wherever you go.”**
(Joshua 1:9)

God helps us be brave...so we thank him.

When God’s people bravely marched into the Promised Land, they paused to thank God.

Even though they didn’t know exactly what was waiting for them.

Thanking God for what he’s done for you already is a great way to remind yourself that God isn’t finished with you yet. God loved you in the past, and he loves you now. God was with you in the past, and he’s with you now. God helped you be brave in the past, and he’ll help you be brave now.

So thank God not just for what he’s done for you, but for what he’s *going* to do for you, too. And thank God for Jesus! God loves giving good gifts to his children—and if you know and love Jesus, you’re one of those chosen kids.

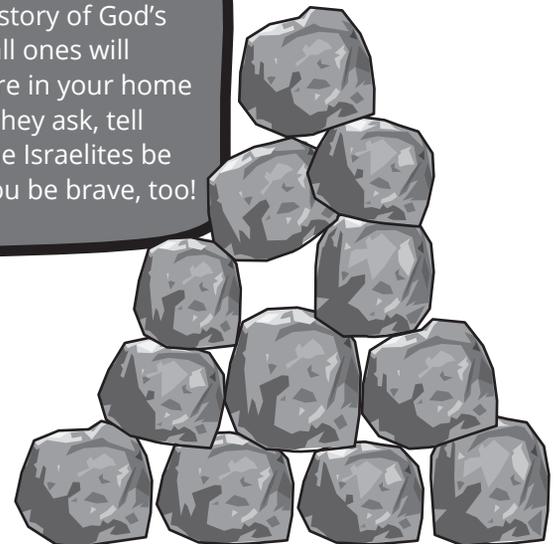
God’s people could be brave because they knew who was with them. And God’s walking with you, too! Thank you, God!

Talk-Starters

When has God helped you in the past?

Try-This-@-Home

God’s people gathered stones to pile up so that whenever anyone wondered what the pile meant, people could share the story of God’s love. Find 12 stones—even small ones will do—and make a pile somewhere in your home where others will see it. When they ask, tell them about how God helped the Israelites be brave and how God can help you be brave, too!



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We can thank Jesus for helping us be brave, too!
See John 14:27.



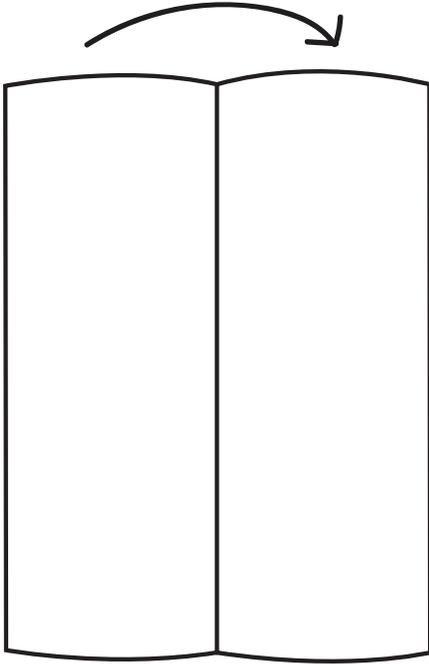
Make this page fly home!

Fold a flyer. When you get home

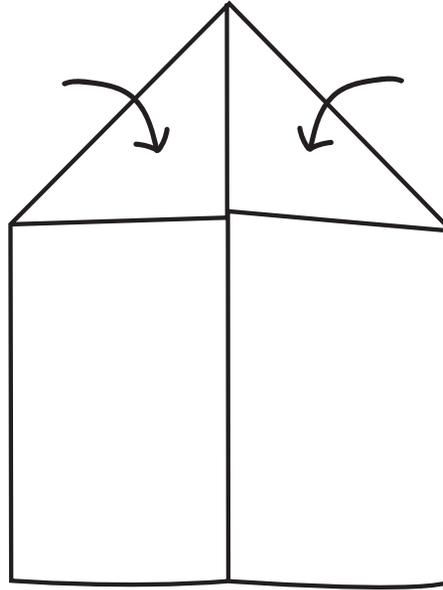
...imagine a brave test pilot attempting to land the plane on a plate you've placed on a table.

Here's how:

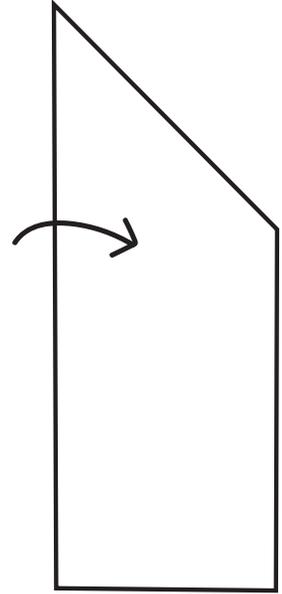
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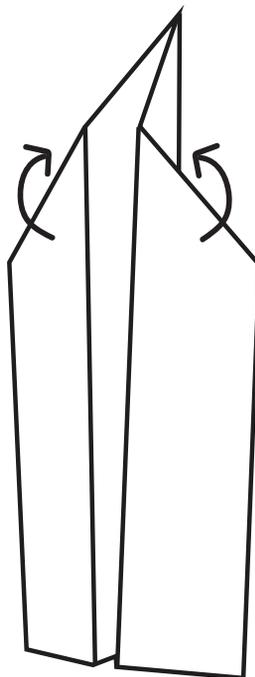
- 2 Unfold, and then fold the top two corners to the center line to create flaps.



- 3 Once again, fold the paper in half.



- 4 Fold the edges down to meet the bottom of the airplane body.



- 5 Take aim, and let it fly!

