

August 29

Session 1: Joshua & Caleb

Bible Passage: Numbers 13.1-14.38

Main Point:

**The Israelites
did not trust
God to give
them the
promised
land.**



Promised Land I Spy

INSTRUCTIONS: Find the items listed below.

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KEY PASSAGE: Joshua 1:9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Whom can we trust? We can trust God to take care of us.

BIBLE STORY:

JOSHUA AND CALEB

- Moses sent scouts into Canaan.
- The scouts reported that the land was good, but the people living there were too strong.
- Joshua and Caleb believed God.
- The people refused to enter the promised land.
- Israel wandered for 40 years.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- Do you think it was easy or hard for Joshua and Caleb to take a stand for God? Why?
- What do you have a hard time trusting God about?
- How have you seen God prove Himself to be trustworthy?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Walk your neighborhood to “scout it out” for people who need to trust in Jesus. Pray for ways to share with them.
- Go further: Take a step of faith as a family and commit to give above what you normally give to missions.

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- 12 SPIES
- CLUSTER OF GRAPES
- 3 TREES
- 2 GRASSHOPPERS
- BEEHIVE



**MAIN POINT: THE ISRAELITES DID NOT TRUST GOD
TO GIVE THEM THE PROMISED LAND.**

Journal Page

Write about a time you felt weak or afraid. Remember that we can trust God to take care of us. God has the power to make us strong and courageous.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Do you think it was easy or hard for Joshua and Caleb to take a stand for God? Why?
- What do you have a hard time trusting God with?
- Talk about other times when God has kept His promises.



Joshua and Caleb

Numbers 13:1-14:38

MAIN POINT: THE ISRAELITES DID NOT TRUST GOD TO GIVE THEM THE PROMISED LAND.

God told Moses, "Send men to scout out the land of Canaan (KAY nuhn). I am giving this land to the Israelites."

So the men went and scouted out the land. They traveled around the land for 40 days. Then they went back to Moses, Aaron, and the Israelite community to tell them what they saw.

"The land is good," they said. "But the people living in the land are strong, and the cities they live in are large and well protected."

Then Caleb, one of the spies sent to scout out the land, said, "We must go up and take possession of the land! We can certainly conquer it with God's help!"

But the other men disagreed. "We can't go up against the people! They are stronger than we are. We looked like grasshoppers compared to them!"

The Israelites were afraid, and they cried all night. The Israelites said, "Let's appoint a new leader and go back to Egypt!"

Joshua and Caleb, who had both scouted out the land, said to the Israelites, "Don't be afraid of the people living in the land; God is with us!"

The Lord spoke to Moses. "How long will these people not trust Me?" God threatened to destroy all the people, but Moses said, "Please forgive the wrongdoing of the people. I know You are great, faithful, and loving."

God replied, "Since you have asked, I will forgive them. But none of them who despised Me will live to see the promised land of Canaan."

Since Caleb and Joshua had followed God completely, God decided to let them enter the promised land. God said that the Israelites would wander in the wilderness 40 years, and they would not enter the promised land.

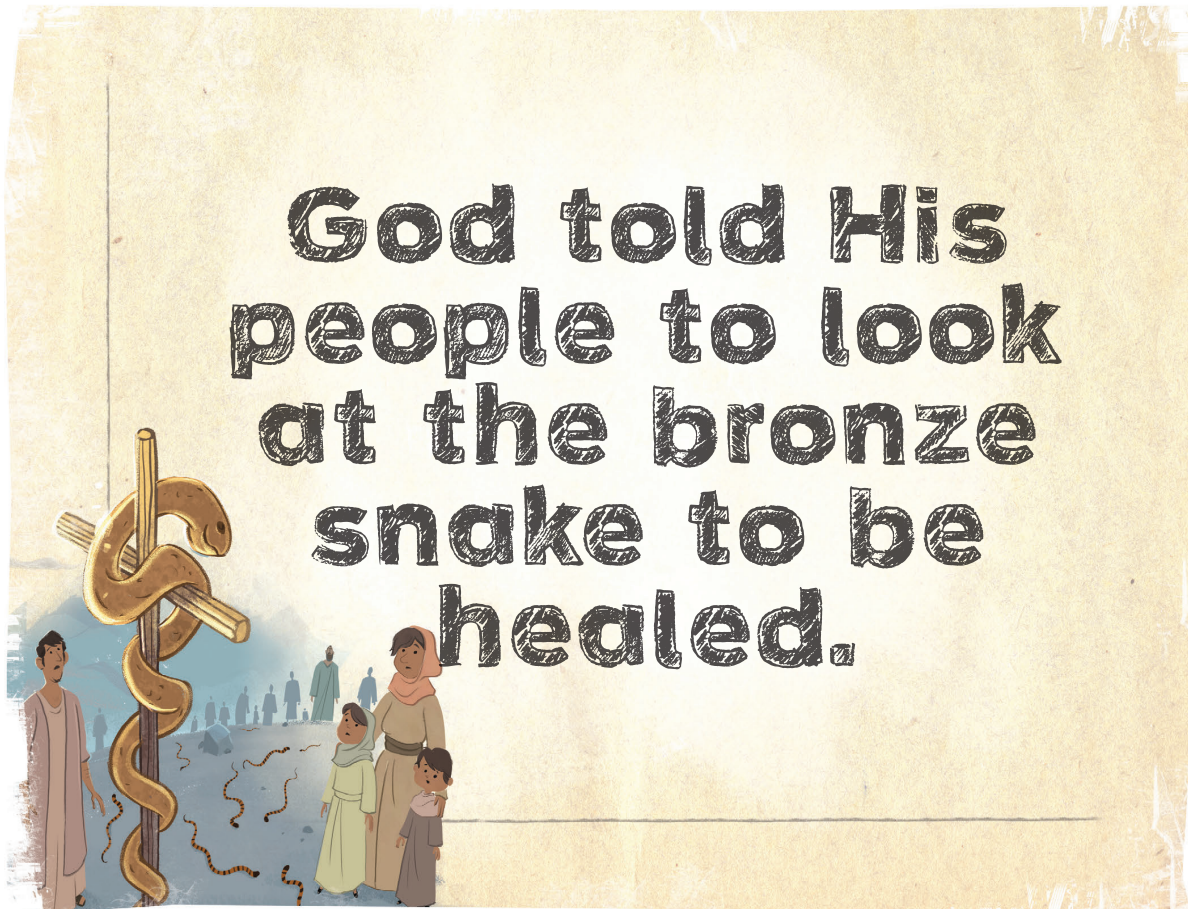
Christ Connection: Caleb and Joshua trusted God. God planned for Joshua to lead the next generation of Israelites into the promised land. Joshua was not perfect, but His faithfulness reminds us of Jesus, who is perfect. Jesus obeyed the Father and trusted His plan to save people from their sins.

September 5

Session 2: The Bronze Snake

Bible Passage: Numbers Numbers 20.1-20; 21.4-9

Main Point:



Snake Pattern Decoder

INSTRUCTIONS: Use the snake code at the bottom of the page to reveal what the Israelites needed to remember.



KEY PASSAGE: Joshua 1:9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Whom can we trust? We can trust God to take care of us.

BIBLE STORY:

THE BRONZE SNAKE

- God provided water for Israel from a rock.
- Moses and Aaron disobeyed God and would not be able to go into the promised land.
- The Israelites complained.
- God sent poisonous snakes that bit the Israelites.
- God told Moses to put a bronze snake on a pole. When anyone looked at the bronze snake he was healed.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

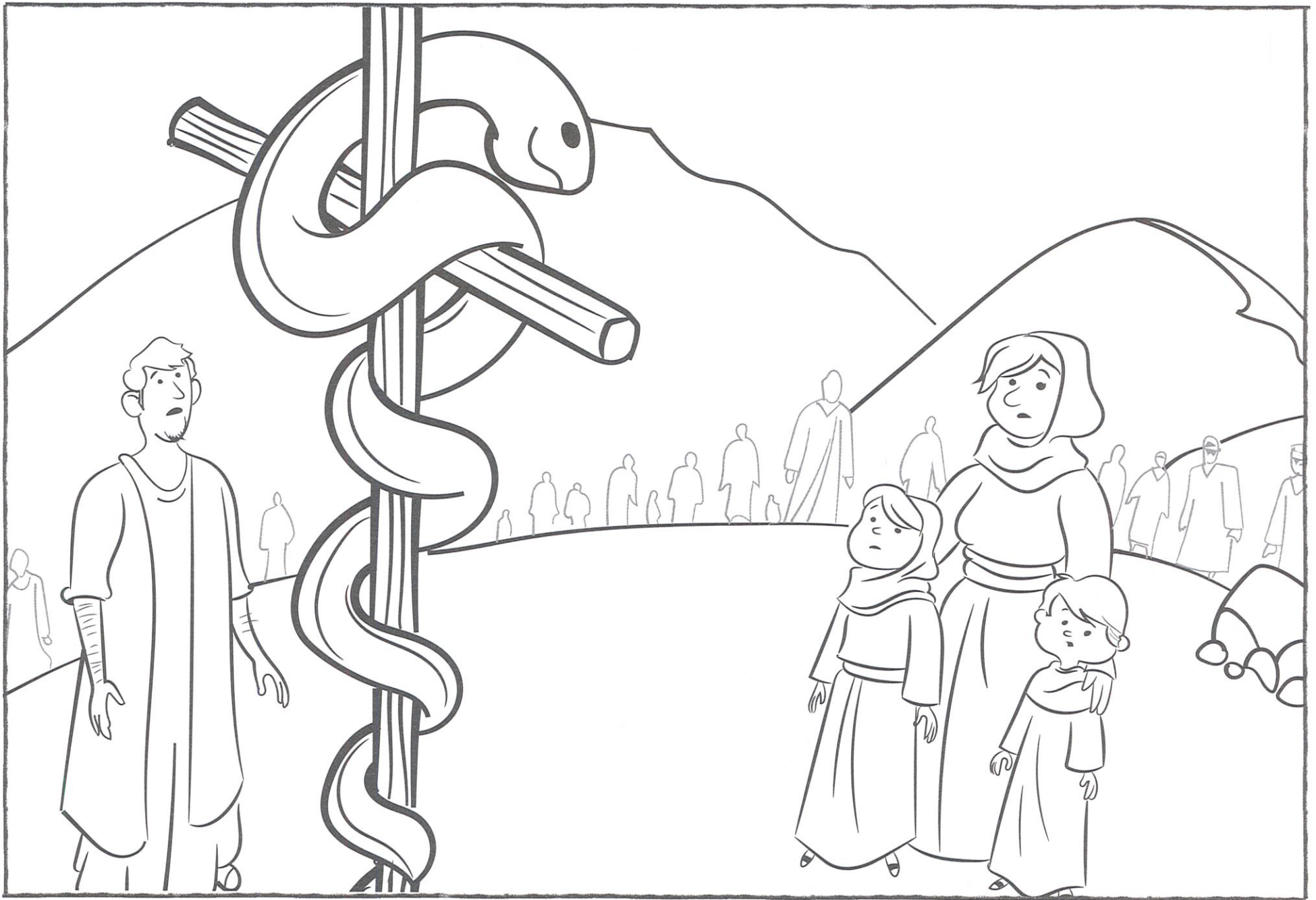
- The Israelites had to have faith in God to be healed. How can we demonstrate faith in God?
- How can we point someone to Jesus this week?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Learn about snakes online.
- Go further: Research an unreached people group, pray for them, and consider how you can help take the gospel to them.

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Journal Page

Think about a time you felt dissatisfied or disappointed. Draw a picture or write a few sentences describing the situation. How could you be thankful for that same situation?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How were the Israelites healed?
(They looked at the bronze snake.)
- Can people save themselves from sin?
(No, only Jesus saves; John 14:6)
- When someone in your family grumbles, stop and thank God for caring for you.



The Bronze Snake

Numbers 20:1-20; 21:4-9

MAIN POINT: GOD TOLD HIS PEOPLE TO LOOK AT THE BRONZE SNAKE TO BE HEALED.

The Israelites refused to go into the promised land, so God punished them and made them wander in the wilderness. When the Israelites set up camp, they complained that they did not have water to drink. God told Moses and Aaron to stand in front of all the people and speak to a rock. God said water would come out of the rock.

Instead of talking to the rock, Moses hit the rock two times with his staff. The water came out, but God was angry that Moses and Aaron disobeyed Him. God said Moses and Aaron would not lead the Israelites into the promised land.

The Israelites continued through the wilderness. The journey was long, and they grumbled and complained.

God sent poisonous snakes that bit the Israelites, and many of the people died. They realized they had sinned by complaining to God.

Moses spoke to God for them. Then God told Moses, "Make a snake image and put it on a pole. When anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will recover."

Moses made a bronze snake and mounted it on a pole. Whenever someone was bitten, that person looked at the bronze snake, and he recovered.

Christ Connection: The Israelites faced a huge problem because of their sin. God sent snakes to punish Israel, but anyone who was bitten could look at the snake on the pole and live. Because of our sin, we face a huge problem: we are separated from God. We deserve to die, but anyone who looks to Jesus on the cross and trusts in Him will live forever with God.

Bronze Snake Word Search

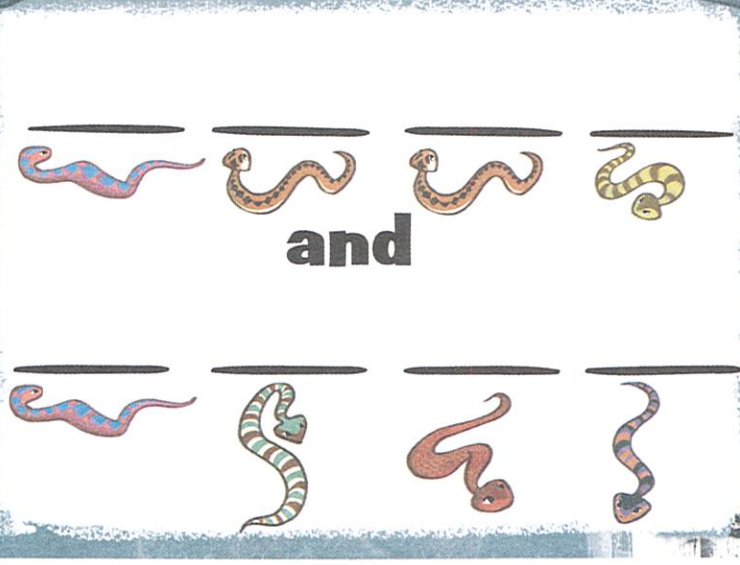
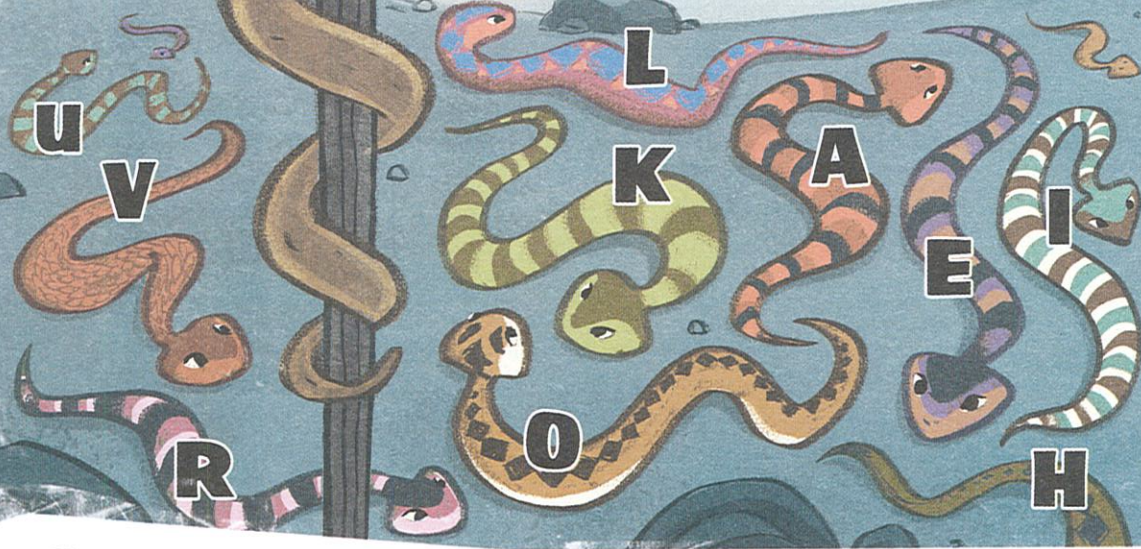
Find and circle the key words in the puzzle.

- BRONZE**
- COMPLAIN**
- EDOM**
- GRUMBLE**
- ISRAELITES**
- POLE**
- SIN**
- SNAKES**
- WILDERNESS**
- PROMISED LAND**

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Slithering Snakes

Use the snake code to solve the secret message

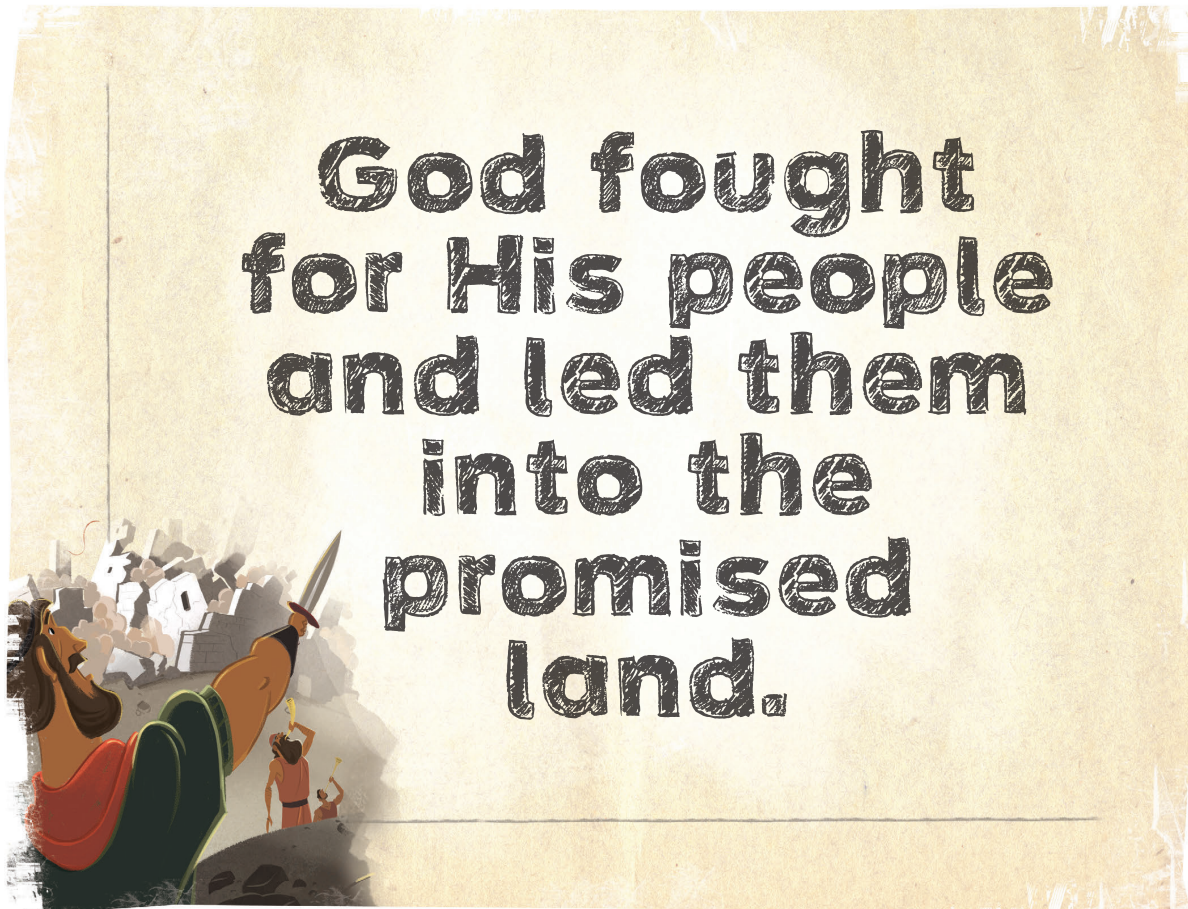


September 12

Session 3: The Promised Land and Jericho

Bible Passage: Joshua 2-4; 6

Main Point:



Wall of Jericho Word Search

INSTRUCTIONS: Find the hidden words from the word bank on the wall of Jericho.



KEY PASSAGE: Joshua 1:9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Whom can we trust? We can trust God to take care of us.

BIBLE STORY: THE PROMISED LAND AND JERICO

- Joshua sent two spies into Jericho where they were protected by Rahab.
- The spies promised to protect Rahab and her family.
- The Israelites crossed the Jordan on dry ground.
- The Israelites marched around Jericho and the walls fell down.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How can we see God's power and glory around us?
- What do you think it would have been like to march around Jericho in the Israelite army?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Make a "city wall" with pillows or boxes, march around it, and knock it down. Talk about how God knocked down Jericho's walls.
- Go further: Invite another family to walk laps around a track with you to exercise and build relationships.



Journal Page

List several things that God has done to help you or your family. You may also list events from the Bible in which God helped His people. Remember, God takes care of His people!



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- How many times did the Israelites march around Jericho? (See Joshua 6:3-4.)
- Who knocked down the wall of Jericho? (*God did.*)
- As a family, how can you give God glory for providing?

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The Promised Land and Jericho

Joshua 2-4; 6

MAIN POINT: GOD FOUGHT FOR HIS PEOPLE AND LED THEM INTO THE PROMISED LAND.

When Moses died, Joshua became the leader of the Israelites. God told Joshua it was time to go into the land God promised to give Abraham's family. Other people lived in the land, so the Israelites had to defeat them.

Joshua sent two spies into Jericho to check it out. They stayed at the house of a woman named Rahab. Rahab hid the men on her roof to keep them safe.

The spies promised to keep Rahab and her family safe when the Israelites came into the city. Then the spies left Jericho.

Now the Israelites traveled toward the Jordan River, which separated them from the promised land. The people got ready to cross. The priests carried the ark of the covenant to the edge of the water. Then the priests stepped into the water, and the river stopped. All the people crossed the Jordan on dry ground.

Joshua set up a reminder that God stopped the water and helped them cross the river.

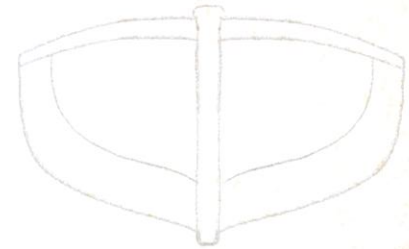
Next, God told Joshua, "March around the city one time each day for six days. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times. Then all the people should shout, and the walls of Jericho will fall down. The Israelites can then go into the city and conquer it."

Joshua did what God said. On the seventh day, they marched around the city seven times. The people shouted, and the wall fell down. The Israelites went into the city and captured it. They destroyed everything in the city, but Rahab and her family were safe.

Christ Connection: God fought for His people and led them into the promised land. Just as the Lord defeated Jericho for the Israelites, Jesus defeats His enemies and leads believers into the promised land of eternity.

Design a Boat

Imagine you and your family needs to cross a wide, deep river. What would you use? In the space below, design a boat to carry you across.



Across the Jordan

Number the stones from 1 to 12 to put the events from today's Bible story in the order that they happened. (We've done the first one for you.)
Tip: Need help? Read Joshua 2-4; 6 in your Bible.

The Israelites shouted.

Joshua sent two spies into Jericho.

The priests carried the ark of the covenant to the edge of the water.

Rahab hid the spies on her roof.

God told Joshua to go into Canaan. **1**

The Israelites captured Jericho.

Rahab tied a bright red rope in her window.

The Israelites marched around Jericho.

Joshua set up 12 stones as a reminder.

All the people crossed the Jordan on dry ground.

The wall of Jericho fell down.

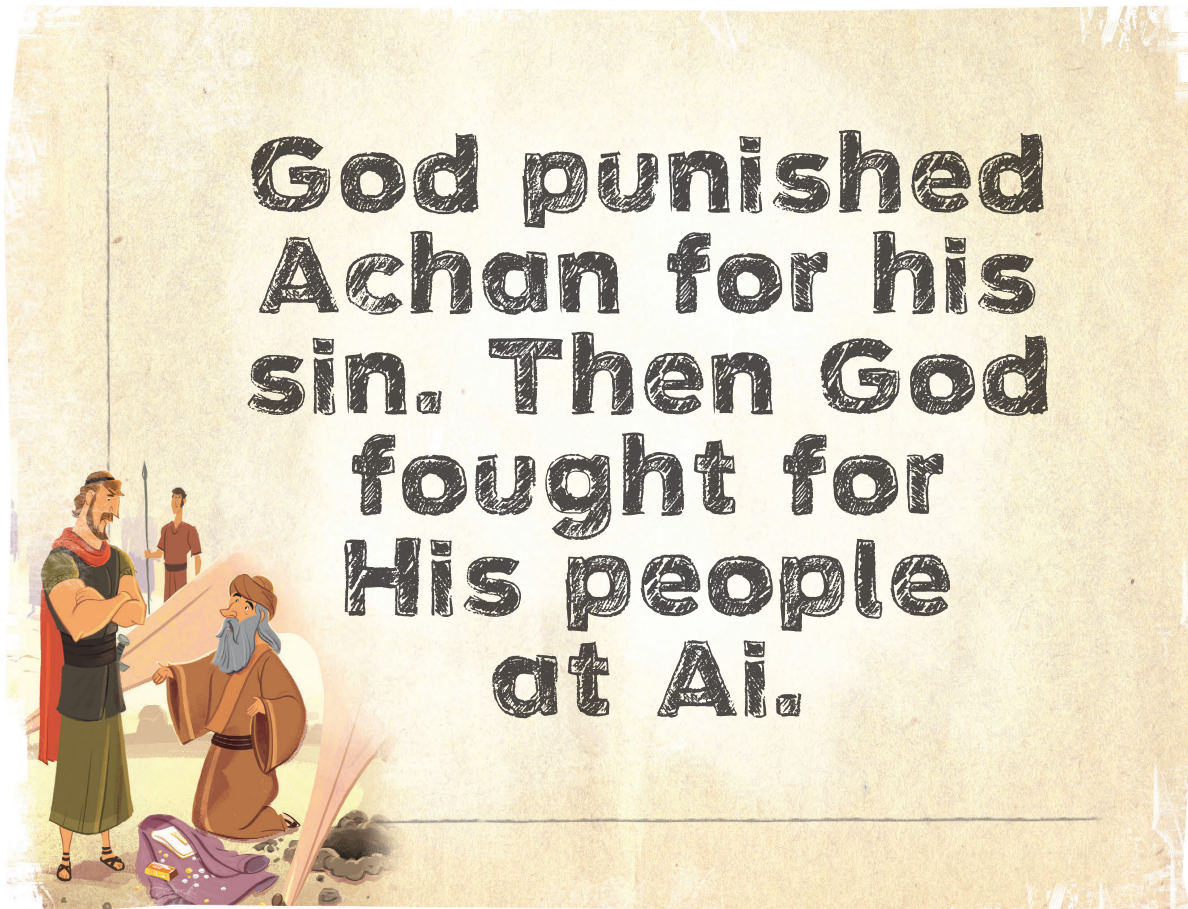
The water stopped flowing.

September 19

Session 4 Achan's Sin & the Defeat of Ai

Bible Passage: Joshua 7-8

Main Point:



Commandments Review

INSTRUCTIONS: Write the letter of each picture with the commandment it represents.

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- _____ 1. Do not have other gods besides Me.
- _____ 2. Do not make an idol for yourself.
- _____ 3. Do not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
- _____ 4. Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.
- _____ 5. Honor your father and your mother.
- _____ 6. Do not murder.
- _____ 7. Keep your marriage promises.
- _____ 8. Do not steal.
- _____ 9. Do not lie.
- _____ 10. Do not want what belongs to someone else.

KEY PASSAGE: Joshua 1:9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Whom can we trust? We can trust God to take care of us.

BIBLE STORY: ACHAN'S SIN AND THE DEFEAT OF AI

- God had told the Israelites to take nothing from Jericho.
- Achan disobeyed God and was punished for his sin.
- When Israel attacked Ai, God did not fight for them.
- After Achan was punished for his sin, God fought for His people and they defeated Ai.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How can our sin affect others? Share specific examples.
- Read Proverbs 3:12. Why is discipline loving?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Invite each person to write down ways he/she has sinned on paper. Destroy the papers, and thank God for His complete forgiveness through Jesus.
- Go further: Drive through your community, praying that people who live and work there turn from sin and trust in Jesus.



Journal Page

Write about a time you wanted to or tried to hide from God. How did you feel? Why do you think people might want to hide from God? Is this a good idea? What can we do when we sin?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What did Achan do wrong?
- What is the penalty for sin? (See Romans 6:23.)
- What should you do when you sin?



Achan's Sin and the Defeat of Ai

Joshua 7–8

**MAIN POINT: GOD PUNISHED ACHAN FOR HIS SIN.
THEN GOD FOUGHT FOR HIS PEOPLE AT AI.**

The Lord had helped the Israelites take over the city of Jericho. He had given them specific instructions about what to do with everything in the city. But the Israelites did not obey God completely. They kept some things for themselves, and God knew. So when the Israelites attacked the city of Ai, God did not fight for them and Israel lost the battle.

God said to Joshua, "Israel has sinned. They took some of the things I told them not to. This is why they cannot defeat their enemies."

The next day, the Israelites came together and God showed Joshua which man had sinned. The man's name was Achan. Achan confessed that he had taken from Jericho a beautiful cloak, some pieces of silver, and a bar of gold.

After Achan was punished for his sin, God told Joshua to attack Ai again. This time, God promised to give them victory over the city.

The king of Ai sent out his men to fight. When the enemy army got near, Joshua and the Israelites pretended to be afraid, so the army of Ai chased them away from the city.

Joshua held out his sword, and the Israelite men who were hiding behind the city took over the city. This time, the Israelites did just what God said.

Christ Connection: The punishment for Achan's sin was death. It seems harsh, but the Bible says that the wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23) Because we sin, we deserve to die too. Jesus came to die in our place. When we confess our sins and trust in Jesus, we are forgiven and saved from spiritual death.

Something Is Missing

Fill in the missing consonants to complete today's main point.

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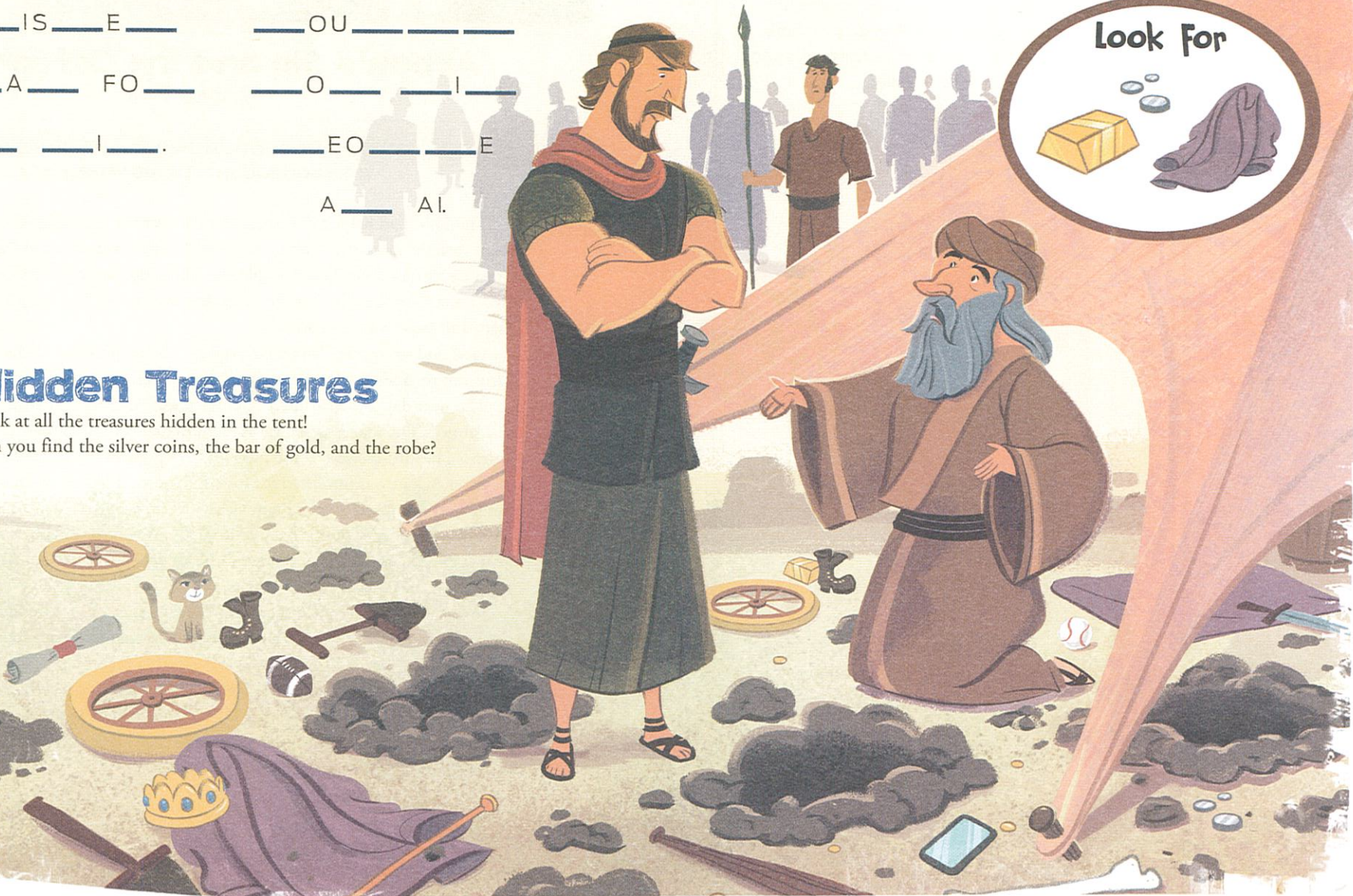
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Hidden Treasures

Look at all the treasures hidden in the tent!
Can you find the silver coins, the bar of gold, and the robe?

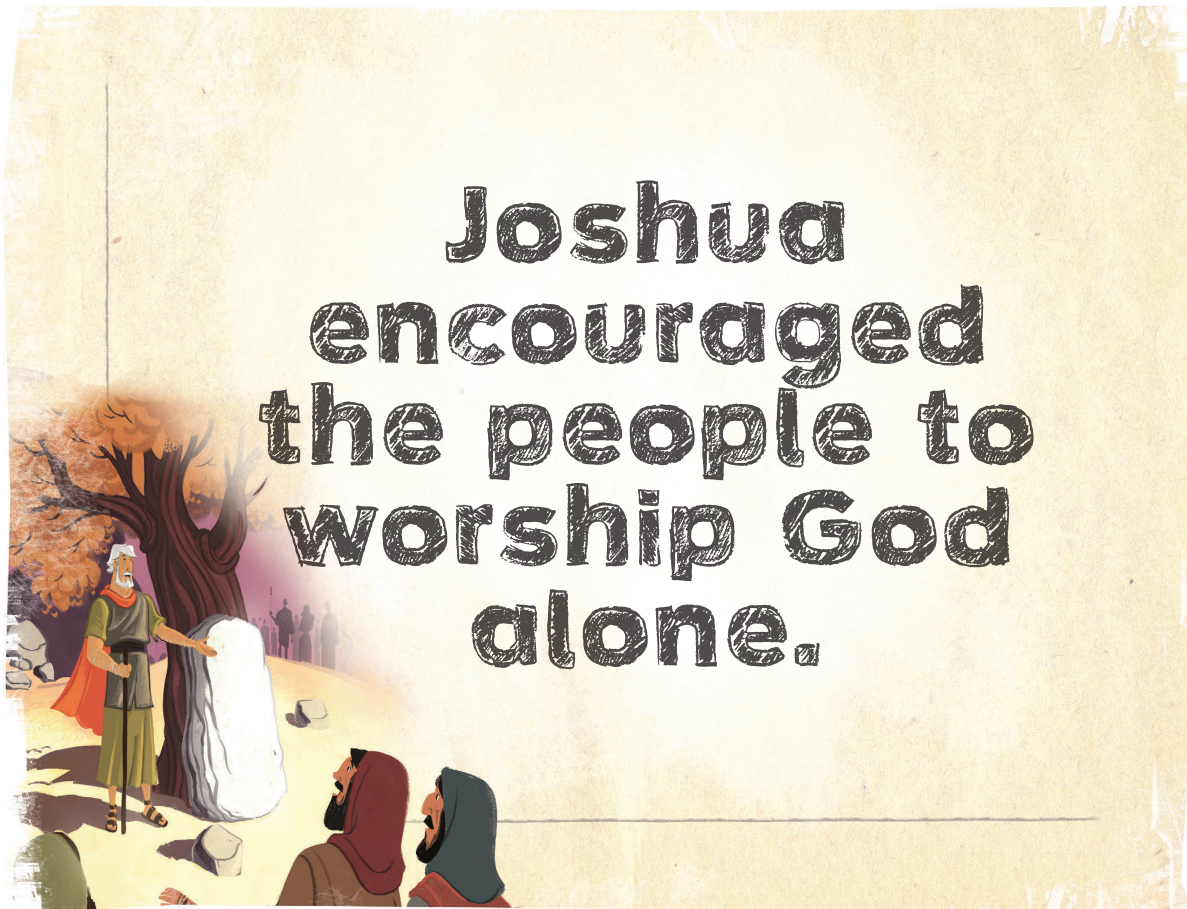


September 26

Session 5: Joshua's Final Encouragement

Bible Passage: Joshua 23.1-24.28

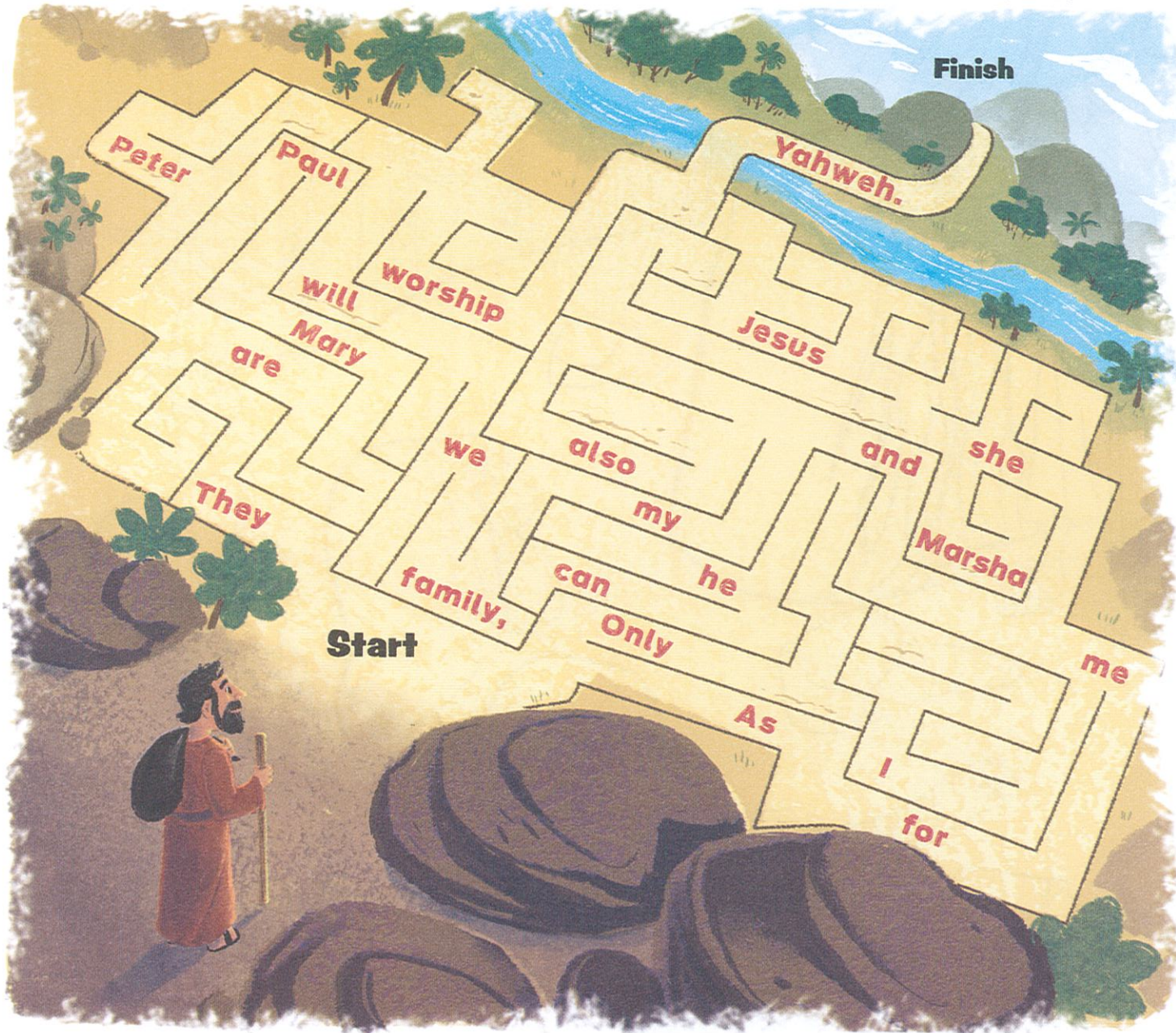
Main Point:



Promised Land Maze

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INSTRUCTIONS: Find your way through the maze. The words you cross will make up a sentence from today's story.



KEY PASSAGE: Joshua 1:9

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

- Whom can we trust? We can trust God to take care of us.

BIBLE STORY: JOSHUA'S FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

- When Joshua was old, he gathered Israel together to talk with them.
- Joshua reminded the people of how good and faithful God is.
- Joshua told the people to obey and worship God.
- The Israelites said they would worship and love God.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

- How can we talk with someone about the gospel? What should we remember to talk about?
- What things do you worship instead of God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

- Review the Bible stories learned to this point paying close attention to where you see God's goodness.
- Worship together as a family.
- Go further: Send an e-mail or letter of encouragement to an international missionary.

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Journal Page

Imagine you could make a speech on national television. What would you say? List some points below. What do you think is the most important thing for people to know or remember?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What did Joshua remind the Israelites? (He reminded them of all the things God had done for them.)
- What legacy did Jesus leave for His followers? (See Matthew 28:18-20.)
- What has God done for your family? How will you remember to worship Him?



Joshua's Final Encouragement

Joshua 23:1–24:28

MAIN POINT: JOSHUA ENCOURAGED THE PEOPLE TO WORSHIP GOD ALONE.

Joshua was getting old and knew he would die soon. He gathered all the people of Israel because he had some important things to say to them.

Joshua said, "Be careful to obey everything that is in the book of the law of Moses. You will die here if you disobey Him."

Joshua reminded all the people about the things God had done for them in the past. Joshua told the people about how God had rescued the Israelites from the Egyptians. God had done so many great things for His people!

"Fear the Lord and worship Him," he said.

The people replied, "We know how much God has done for us, and we love Him!" The people said, "We will worship Yahweh!"

On that day, Joshua made a covenant with the people. He set up a large stone under an oak tree.

Joshua said, "This stone will be a reminder of your duty to serve the Lord, who fulfilled every promise in bringing you into this land."

Christ Connection: As Joshua prepared for his own death, he left a legacy of obedience to God. After Jesus' death and resurrection, He appeared to the disciples and left them with a legacy: to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded. (Matthew 28:19-20)

