

# I'm In The Lord's Army



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*Lesson 8*

## **Dividing the Land—Deciding About the Lord**

### **Your child should understand...**

Obedience—Deciding to serve God

### **Your child should be able to...**

1. Identify who really decided on the land division.
2. Identify at least two ways that God fulfilled His promises to Israel.
3. Identify at least two things Joshua emphasized to the people before he died.
4. Identify the decision each person must make about the Lord.

### **Your child should be able to say...**

Joshua 21:45

“The Lord kept all of the good promises He had made to the people of Israel. Every one of them came true.”

### **Please read to your child:**

Thursday	Joshua 18:1-4, 6-7
Friday	Joshua 20:1-3, 7-9
Saturday	Joshua 21:1-3, 41-45
Monday	Joshua 23:1-3, 6-8, 11
Tuesday	Joshua 24:14-18, 23-24, 29

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Which part of the land went to each tribe? All but seven of the tribes were on their own land. Joshua told the seven tribes to divide the land into seven parts—one for each tribe. They did that. When they showed him their map, Joshua asked the Lord which part to give to each tribe. Then *God* decided where each tribe would live.

Who really decided where each tribe would live?

Aaron

Caleb

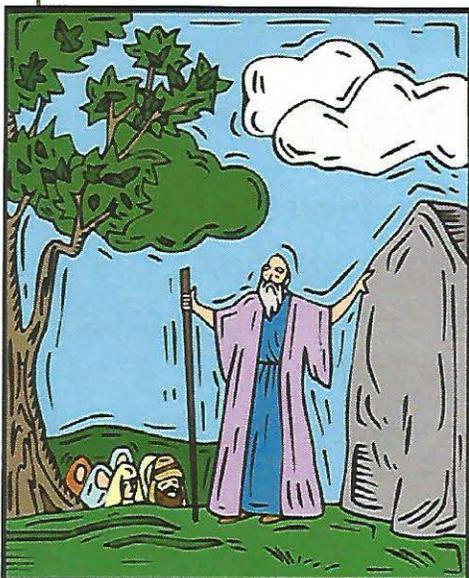
God

The tribe of Levi didn't get any land to own. But God gave the Levites forty-eight cities. He gave them farmland for their animals near those cities. Now all of the Israelites had their land from God. They lived in the land in peace.

God gave three promises to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God promised them that He would make them a great nation and give them their own land. Now the people had both of those promises. The last promise was about *Jesus*. The people had to wait many years before God sent that promise to them. But remember—God always keeps His promises!

Circle the two promises that God gave *then* to the Israelites:

being a great nation    Jesus    their own land



Joshua was old. He knew he would die soon. Joshua wanted the people to stay faithful to God so they could enjoy God's wonderful blessings. Joshua also knew that there were

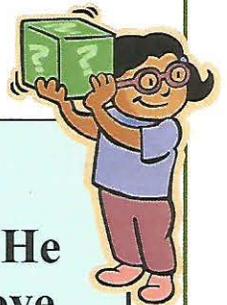
still some Canaanites living in Israel. Joshua knew they could make trouble for the Israelites. So, Joshua told them *not* to marry the Canaanites or be friends with them or worship their idols. The Israelites were to stay away from the Canaanites because the Canaanites might get them to disobey God's laws.

**Draw a line under the warnings Joshua gave the Israelites:**

**Don't marry the Canaanites.      Don't drink the water.**

**Don't worship idols.**

Joshua asked the people that day whom they wanted to serve. They all said they wanted to serve God. Joshua knew that after he died, some of them would change their minds and worship idols. That made him sad. But each person had to make up his own mind whom he would serve.



**Each of us is different. God made us that way, and He loves every one of us. He wants every one of us to love Him back and to serve Him!**

**Whom will *you* serve?**



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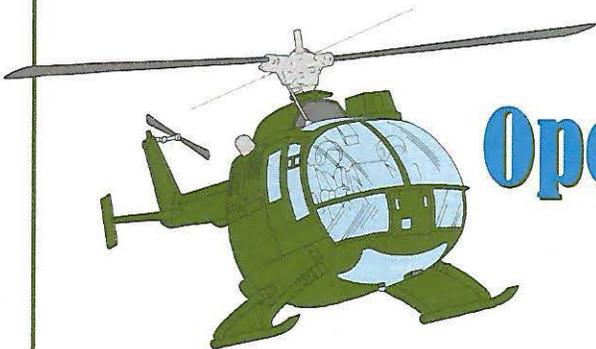
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### **Memory Verse:**

Be ready to say your memory verse without any help in Bible class. You'll need to practice!

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## **Operation Bible Facts**

What is the book of **Numbers** about?  
(Spying out the Promised Land;  
wandering in the Wilderness)

**Lie down on the floor, and say all 66 books of the Bible!**

Point to the **Red Sea** on your **Bible map**. Does all of the Red Sea show on your map?