

I'm In The Lord's Army



Parents' Page

Lesson 3

Crossing the Jordan River

Your child should understand...

Faith—Trusting God to do what He says He will do

Your child should be able to...

1. Describe how Rahab helped the spies.
2. Identify why faith was needed for the Israelites to step into and cross the Jordan River.
3. Define “memorial.”
4. Name one memorial that we have today.

Your child should be memorizing...

Deuteronomy 6:5

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Love Him with all your strength.”

Please read to your child:

Thursday	Joshua 1:1-3, 5, 9
Friday	Joshua 2:1-6, 8, 12-14
Saturday	Joshua 2:15-18, 20-21, 23-24
Monday	Joshua 3:1-3, 13-17
Tuesday	Joshua 4:1-3, 6-7, 9, 14, 18

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The Israelites needed a leader. Before Moses died, God told him that the next leader was to be Joshua. Joshua was one of the two good spies who had gone into Canaan forty years before. Joshua trusted God. The Lord talked with Joshua. God told Joshua that he must be strong and brave.

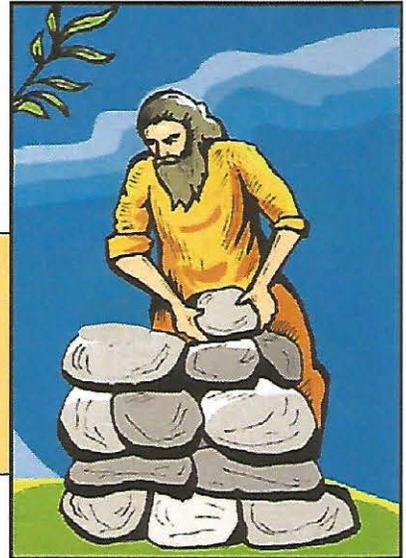
Now, Joshua sent two spies into Jericho to find out about the people there. Everyone in Jericho knew that the Israelites were camping just across the Jordan River. The people in Jericho were becoming more afraid of the Israelites every day. But Rahab let the spies stay in her house. She hid them when the king's men came looking for them. Rahab knew that God was more powerful than the gods her people worshiped. So the spies said they would save her and everyone who was in her house when they attacked Jericho. They told Rahab to hang a red rope out her window so the Israelites would know to save her and her family. Then the spies went out Rahab's window. Rahab had faith that God would save her when the Israelites came back to take over Jericho.

Can you tell the story of how Rahab helped the spies?

At last it was time for God's people to cross the Jordan into their new land. But crossing the Jordan River was going to be hard. God told them just how to do it. The priests were to carry the ark of the



covenant into the river. As soon as they stepped into the river, God promised to make the water part for them, just as He had done at the Red Sea! Remember, Joshua was to be strong and brave. He and the people had to trust God to help them when they stepped into that river. And they did!



Why did Joshua and the people have to trust God when they stepped into the water to cross the Jordan River?

When all of the people had crossed, they took twelve big stones from the river and made a memorial. A *memorial* reminds us of something that we never want to forget. The stones were a memorial of how God had parted the waters of the Jordan River for them as they went into the Promised Land.

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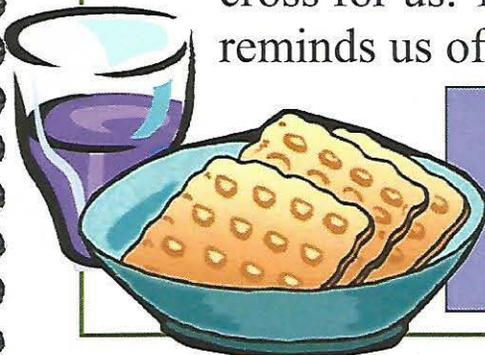
What we make or do to remind us of something that we never want to forget is called a...

mystery.

memorial.

monster.

Can you think of a memorial in the Lord's church? Think about the Lord's Supper. It helps us to remember that Jesus died on the cross for us. The bread reminds us of His body, and the juice reminds us of His blood. That's a memorial for Christians.



What do Christians do as a memorial of how Jesus died on the cross for us?

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Memory Verse:

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“Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
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Can you fill in the blanks in your memory verse?

Deuteronomy 6: _____

“Love the _____ your _____ with all your
_____ and with all your _____.”

Love _____ with all your _____.”



Operation Bible Facts

What is the book of **Genesis** about?
(Creation, Flood, Tower of Babel,
Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph)

Look in a **mirror** while you say the names of **Jesus’ twelve apostles**.

(Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas,
Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas)

On your **Bible map**, walk your fingers up and down the **Jordan River**.