



Unit 6, Lesson 21

TODAY'S EPIC STORY: JOSHUA

NUMBERS 27:15-23;
JOSHUA 1:1-2, 7-9;
6:1-20; 23:14-16;
24:14-15

THE STORY HOME

Finally, after wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, it was time for the Israelites to cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land. God chose Joshua to lead the people across and God parted the river just as God had parted the Red Sea. Under Joshua's leadership, the Israelites defeated the town of Jericho and all of the other people living in the land. All of God's promises to the Israelite people were fulfilled.

PARENTS & KIDS QUESTIONS:

- Why do you think God chose Joshua to lead the Israelite people into the Promised Land? Could God choose someone like you or like me to do something great? What characteristics are important to be used by God?
- What do you think it was like for the Israelites to finally cross into the land God had promised them? How did they feel? What did they see? What did they do and say? What would you have done?
- How did the Israelites know God was with them?
- In Joshua 24:15, Joshua said, "...Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Is that true for your family? What would make outsiders watching your family say that is true?

TOGETHER HOME

The story of how Joshua and the Israelites defeated the city of Jericho is found in Joshua 6:1-16. Read it together and then act it out. Build a small model of Jericho using blocks or empty boxes that can easily be knocked down. Use homemade paper cones or paper towel rolls as trumpets. March around the city blowing the trumpets once on each of six "days." Then, march around the city seven times on the seventh "day," blow the trumpets, and knock the city down. Repeat as many times as you'd like.

BIBLE MEMORY HOME

"I will lift up my eyes to the mountains—where does my help come from? My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth." (Psalm 121:1-2)

Read the verse together and then draw pictures of the images that this verse brings to mind. Share your pictures and what they mean to you.

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