

K - 5TH GRADE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Crossing the Jordan

Joshua 1–4

Ask the following questions:

What did God tell Joshua as he became the new leader of the Israelites? (Be strong and courageous, do not be afraid; Josh. 1:9)

How did God help the people cross the Jordan? (God stopped the flow of the water so that it piled up on one side, Josh. 3:16)

What did Joshua do to remember the amazing thing God had done for His people? (He instructed men from the twelve tribes to take 12 stones from the middle of the riverbed and set them up as a memorial, Josh. 4:3-7)

Why do you think God helped His people cross the Jordan? Guide kids to discuss the fact that most of the people who had seen God's amazing miracles in Egypt and at the Red Sea had died. God helped them cross the Jordan River in an amazing way to demonstrate His power to them and strengthen their faith in Him.

Why do you think God wanted the people to have the stones to remember what He did for them? Guide kids to discuss the fact that God proves His faithfulness again and again, but people tend to forget and walk into sin. God wanted them to have a reminder that He is good and trustworthy.

God told Joshua to be strong and courageous and to obey His commands. What commands do Christians need strength and courage to obey? Discuss the different commands Jesus talks about, such as loving God, loving people, sharing the gospel, and so forth.

Say • **God held back the Jordan River for His people to cross.** He is good and provides for His people. We see that very clearly in the way He sent Jesus for us.

Journal and prayer

Give a sheet of paper to each child. Ask the kids to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?

What does this story teach me about myself?

Whom can I tell about this story?

Memory Verse:

Deuteronomy 31:8

8 It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."