

K - 5TH GRADE ACTIVITIES AND CRAFTS

Crossing the Jordan

Joshua 1–4

Treasure Stones

Find stones outside

Write on the stone, with sharpies or paint, something that God has done in your, or your family's, life!

Say • **God held back the Jordan River for His people to cross.** The stones that the Israelites took from the Jordan did not have treasures hidden in them, but they were used to remind the people of something valuable: God was with them. He is always faithful to provide for His people. You keep your stone in a spot where you can often see it and remember what God has done for you. ***How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.***

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What did God promise Joshua?
- What was the purpose of the memorial stones?
- Why is it important to tell others about God?

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STORY POINT: GOD HELD BACK THE JORDAN RIVER FOR HIS PEOPLE TO CROSS.

After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, it was time for the remaining people to enter Canaan. God chose Joshua to be the new leader of Israel. God told Joshua, "Be strong and courageous."

Now the only thing keeping the Israelites from the land God promised to them was the Jordan River. The Israelites could never get across on their own, but God was going to help them.

The priests carried the ark of God ahead of the people to the edge of the river. The rest of the Israelites followed behind the ark.

The priests carrying the ark took a step into the river. God made the water stop! The priests stood on dry ground in the middle of the river, and all of the Israelites crossed safely on dry ground.

God told Joshua, "Tell the people to take 12 stones from the middle of the river. Put them down where they spend the night tonight."

God wanted the stones to be a memorial. In the future, people could tell their children that God stopped the water, and everyone would know that God is mighty.

The Israelites did exactly what God told them to do. The priests with the ark crossed the river, and the water began to flow again. At last, God's people were in the promised land!

Christ Connection: God went ahead of Joshua and the Israelites into the promised land. He showed His power to them so they would trust in Him. When Jesus came to earth, He showed His power so people would trust in Him and be saved from sin.



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Remember the Time

Think about one of your favorite memories. Then answer these questions.

After a few minutes, share your answers with a partner.

WHO WAS THERE?

WHAT HAPPENED?

WHEN DID THIS HAPPEN?

WHAT DID YOU DO?

WHY DID THIS HAPPEN?

The Big One

Decode the answer to the big picture question. (Hint: A-3 = E)

HOW CAN WE GLORIFY GOD?

A-1 A-3 B-5 B-4 A-2 A-4 C-5 B-3 D-4 B-2 C-3 D-1

A-4 B-3 B-1 C-2 D-1 C-5 B-3 D-2 B-2 A-2 A-4

D-3 B-2 C-1 B-4 A-2 B-1 B-3 C-2 A-3 D-1 B-2 A-2 A-4

D-3 B-2 C-1

A	W	N	E	G	P
B	D	I	O	A	C
C	M	B	F	K	L
D	Y	V	H	R	T
	1	2	3	4	5



**“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.”**

Deuteronomy 31:8

