

Joshua and the Israelites crossing the Jordan River

Grab your Bibles and please turn to Joshua 3:1-17; 4:1-24.

God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites following Moses' death. After 40 years in the wilderness, it was finally time for the Israelites to move into the land God had promised to them! The Israelites packed up their tents and got ready to follow the Lord's chest, the Ark of the Covenant, into the land, but the Jordan River was between the Israelites and their new home. The situation seemed impossible but Joshua reminded the people to trust God. When the priests carrying the Ark stepped into the Jordan River, the water stopped flowing and the people were able to cross the river on dry land. Sound familiar? Forty years earlier, God has parted the Red Sea to let the Israelites escape Pharaoh's army as they left Egypt.

Once through the river, God instructed Joshua to have the Israelites build a monument out of stones. The stones used in the monument came from the bottom of the Jordan River. Joshua told the Israelites that in the future when their children asked about the stones, they were to tell them the story. We still tell our children the stories of God today. Telling our stories of our faith reminds us of the wonderful things in the past. God continues to do wonderful things in the world today.

Read the scriptures.

As we read our Bible let's look at scripture on 3 levels-our heads (details of the verse), our hearts (prayerfully considering what the verse says to us and how we can apply it to our life) and our hands (how we can take the verse and examples of how we can become the hands and feet of Jesus on earth).

Questions to answer (using our heads!!!!).....what are the facts in this Bible story?

Questions to answer (using our hearts!!!!).....1) What can you take from this Bible story and apply to your life? 2) What lessons do you see from these verses?

Questions to answer (using our hands!!!!).....How can these Bible verses go from your heart to your hands? Share some examples of being the hands and feet of Jesus from these verses.

Close with a prayer.....ask if anyone has any prayer requests. Hold hands and let whoever wants to pray out loud pray and have someone designated to close the prayer. Praying together as a family is an AMAZING GIFT to all!!

Thank you! Joint prayers
Cindy Brown

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Joshua 3-4:7



Joshua leads the Israelites through the Jordan River

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