

Family Worship

Be Strong and Courageous

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GOD IS WITH US!

Opening Prayer

Our Heavenly Father, thank you for our family.

And thank you for the privilege of coming together for worship.

Help us to understand Your Word and obey it with a joyful heart.

In Jesus name, we pray. Amen.

Worthy is the Lamb

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8dR0whTY-ck>



Catechism Time!

Bible truths for teaching children

Question 43

Q: What are the sacraments or ordinances?

A: Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

(Luke 22:19-20) And he took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant (agreement) in my blood, which is poured out for you.'

(Romans 6:4) So when we were baptized, we were buried with Christ and shared his death. We were buried with him so that we could live a new life, just as Christ was raised from death by the wonderful power of the Father.



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Open your Bible and turn to

Joshua 1:1-9

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' assistant:

'Moses my servant is dead.

Now then, you and all these people,
get ready to cross the River Jordan
into the land I am about to give to them -
to the Israelites.

I will give you every place where you set your foot,
as I promised Moses.

Your territory will extend
from the desert to Lebanon, and
from the great river, the Euphrates -
all the Hittite country -
to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.

No one will be able to stand against you
all the days of your life.

As I was with Moses,
so I will be with you;

I will never leave you nor forsake you.



Be strong and courageous,

because you will lead these people to
inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

Be strong and very courageous.

Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you;
do not turn from it to the right or to the left,
that you may be successful wherever you go.

Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips;
meditate on it day and night,
so that you may be careful to do everything written in it.
Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Have I not commanded you?

Be strong and courageous.

Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged,
for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.'

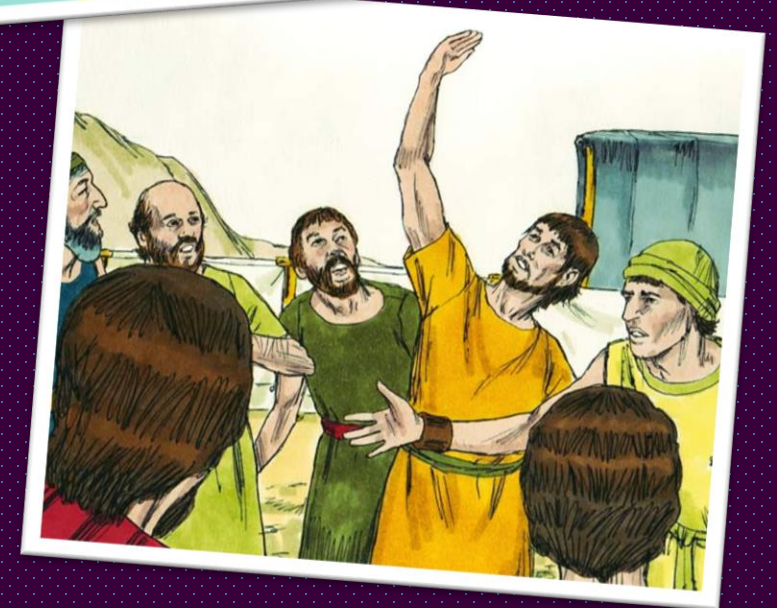
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Joshua was Moses' assistant.

After Moses died, Joshua had to lead the Israelites into the land God had promised them.

The land was beautiful - it was flowing with milk and honey !

But first, God wanted Joshua and his people to drive out the Canaanites.



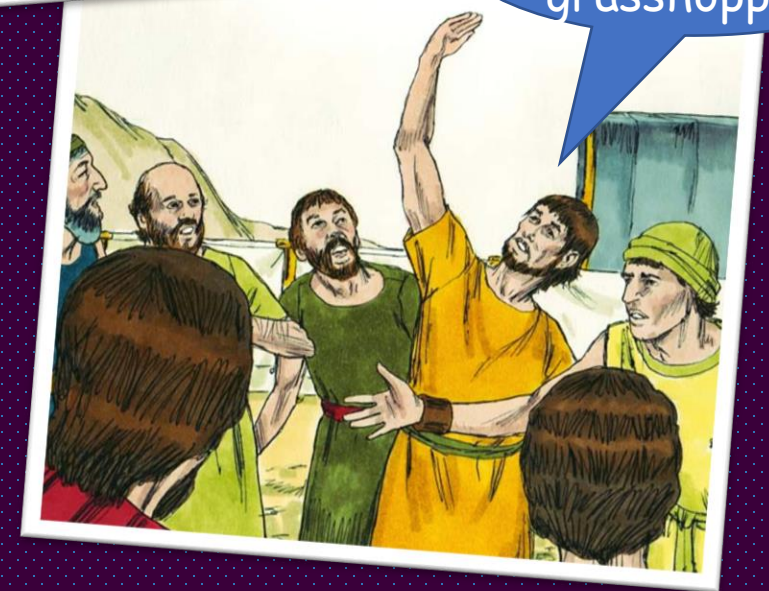
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But Joshua had...umm...a few problems.

1. The Israelites were disobedient. A whole generation died in the desert because they rebelled against God.
2. The Canaanite towns were large and well protected.
3. The Canaanites were giants. The Israelite spies reported that "next to them we felt like grasshoppers..."
4. Joshua was already old (grandpa's age)
5. The Israelites could be tempted to live like the Canaanites who displeased God greatly. They even sacrificed children to their gods!



I'm old now,
and my people
don't listen.



Next to them
we felt like
grasshoppers

What if you are an **old** man and someone tells you
to lead a group of **hard-heads** and fight **giants**
living in **strongholds**?



Mission Impossible

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1. What did God repeat 3 times to Joshua? Why did God have to say it multiple times?
2. Right after each time God said those words, he gave Joshua
 - ✓ a Mission,
 - ✓ a Command
 - ✓ a Promise

Can you spot the Mission, the Command and the Promise?

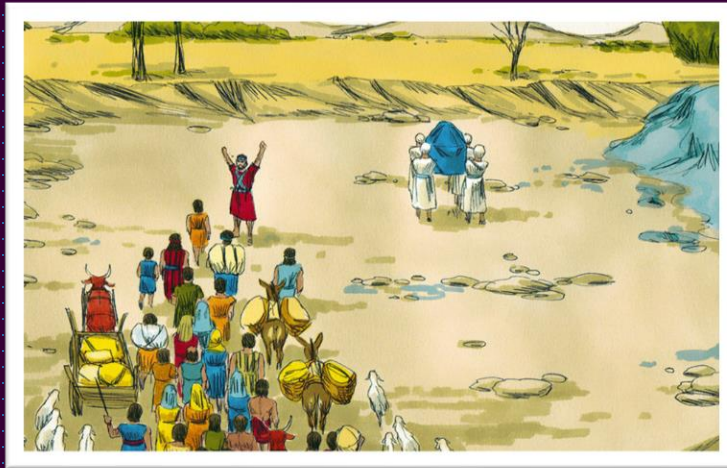
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Mission



"You will lead these people to inherit the land"



Command



"Obey all the Law...
Meditate on it day and night"



Promise

"The Lord your God will be with you"



Family Sharing

1. Would Joshua succeed in his mission if he disobeyed God's Law? Why?
2. God told Joshua to be strong and courageous to face a hostile environment
 - a. Why did Joshua and his people need strength and courage to conquer Canaan?
 - b. Would they also need strength and courage to stand against the surrounding Canaanite culture? Why?
 - c. Do you need strength and courage to be a Christian in your school or in your workplace? When? (E.g. are you afraid of even telling others you are a Christian?)
3. But how can we gain strength and courage? Through His Word of course!
 - a. When we obey and meditate on His Word, God is with us.
 - b. When God is with us, we will not fear.

Family Sharing

1. God gives us missions since he wants us to be his agents to love the world around us. Think for a moment. What is the mission God has given you? (See some examples below)

Parents - My mission is to...

- Live out God's Word in my life
- Raise a Jesus-centred family
- Share Jesus with my friends

Children - My mission is to...

- Learn to follow JESUS
- Read God's Word diligently
- Love my friends who don't like me

2. God gave Joshua a mission, a command and a promise. It is the same for you.
 - For the **mission** God gives you,
 - His **command** is the same: **Obey God's Word and meditate on it.**
 - Then you can claim God's **promise**: **He will be with you!**
3. Share how you can apply what you have learnt to complete your mission.



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Family Prayer Time

1. Thank God for His Word and help so we may learn from Jesus.
2. Ask your children to pray for what they have learned just now.
3. Ask your family how you can pray for them specifically.

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