

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.

HE IS EXALTED

He is exalted means He is lifted high



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pM3DCuDvafY>

He is exalted
the King is exalted on High
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and Earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
the King is exalted on high

Catechism Time!

Bible truths for teaching children

Question 12

Q: What does God require in the 9th and 10 commandments?

A: 9th - You shall not give false testimony

10th - You shall not covet

You shall not give false testimony

- Means we do not lie or deceive, but speak the truth in love

You shall not covet

- Means we are content, not envying anyone or resenting what God has given them or us

Bible verse (James 2:8)

If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you are doing well.

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Joshua 1:1-9

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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.'

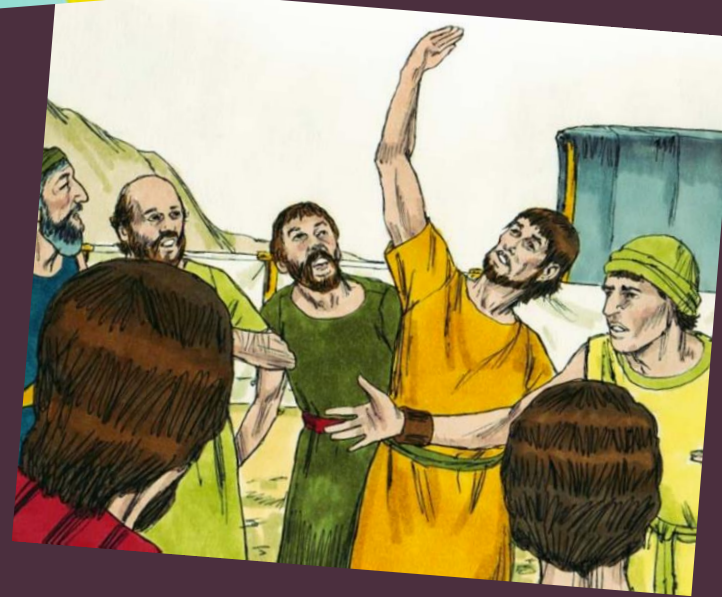
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Joshua was Moses' assistant.

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 there were...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 fortified.
3. The Canaanites were like giants. The Israelite spies reported that "next to them we felt like grasshoppers..."
4. Joshua was already grandpa's age !



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"

Promise



"The Lord your God will be with you"

God told Joshua to **Be Strong and Courageous** and gave him a Mission, a Command and a Promise

1. Would Joshua succeed in his mission if he disobeys God's Law? Why?
2. Was God's Law for the good of the people? What would happen if the people did not obey the Law (Hint: would they be any different from the Canaanites who worshiped other gods?)

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Sharing By Each Family Member

1. What is your Mission? (Can be more than one, some examples below)

Parents - The Mission that God has given me is to...

Examples

- Faithfully teach God's Word to my children
- Raise a JESUS-centred family
- Be salt and light in the workplace

Children - The Mission that God has given me is to...

Examples

- Learn to follow JESUS
- Study God's Word diligently
- Love my friends at school who don't not like me

2. Give examples where you need to be strong and courageous to carry out your Mission

Finally, God Wants All Of Us To Be Joshua



God wants all of us to be strong and courageous like Joshua...



So we can carry out our Missions according to His Word, and...



He will be with us and give us success.



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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.

喜樂河流 River of Joy

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IMCBQ1xa_d0



喜樂河流 來充滿我
生命泉源 來澆灌我
有祢同行 不再懼怕
無論何處 緊緊跟隨

我要 walk, walk, walk in the river
我要 jump, jump, jump in the river

我要 dance, dance, dance in the river of joy
我要 walk, walk, walk in the river

我要 jump, jump, jump in the river
我要 dance, dance, dance in the river of joy