

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program C-1

Joshua: The New Leader

Deuteronomy 31:1-7, 34:1-9 Joshua 1: 6-9

Moses Series: Lesson #14

Bible Verse: The LORD God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Past Verses: Open my eyes that I may see. Psalm 119:18

Remember to obey all my commands. Numbers 15:40

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: God is with us.

Prop ideas: Pictures of World Leaders (Presidents, past or present) – New Leader

Weights (Small hand weights) – Be Strong

Night Light – Do Not Be Afraid

Bible – I Am With You

SAMPLE STORY

It was time for the people to enter the Promised Land. The wandering in the desert was finally over! Moses had been leading the people of Israel for forty years. He was eighty years old when he brought them out of Egypt. Now he was one hundred and twenty years old. But Moses was not going to go with them. He had disobeyed God and was not allowed to go in. (Remember when the people were thirsty and needed water? God told Moses to strike a rock with his rod and water flowed out. Later when the people were thirsty again God told Moses this time to *speak* to the rock to get water. But Moses disobeyed and struck the rock with the rod like he did the first time).

Back when Israel sent the first twelve spies to the Promised Land, there were two who gave good reports about entering the land: Joshua and Caleb. God said then that they would be the only two adults allowed to enter the Promised Land. Because of his faithfulness, Joshua served as an assistant to Moses. Now, God chose Joshua to become the new leader of the Israelites. Moses called all the people together as he blessed Joshua. *“Be strong and courageous, for you must go into the Promised Land. The LORD himself goes before you and will be with you. He will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.” Deuteronomy 31:7-8*

Even though Moses was not allowed to go into the Promised Land, God told him to climb to the top of Mount Nebo. There he would be able to see it from a distance. Moses did just what God had said. God showed Moses the whole land, the land He had promised to Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. After he saw the Promised Land he died on the mountain. Even though he was one hundred and twenty years old, he was still strong. Israel was very sad that Moses was gone. They mourned him for 30 days before moving on.

Joshua was full of the Spirit of wisdom because Moses had laid hands on him and blessed him. All the people listened to him and did what he said. God now talked to Joshua like he had done with Moses. God told Joshua to *“Be strong and courageous. Be careful to obey my laws. Do not turn from them and you will always be successful. Do not be afraid or discouraged. The LORD God will be with you wherever you go.”* Joshua 1:6-9 Just like God was with Moses and Joshua, He is with us today. Because He is with us wherever we go, we do not need to be afraid. We can be strong and courageous, too.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

Playing Commandment Bingo

Playing a Parachute Game

Making Telescope Tubes & Playing I Spy

COLORING PAGE

Materials: Coloring Page
Crayons/marker (In room)

Do: Help children write their names on their page.
Allow them to color freely.

Talk about: God chose Joshua to be the new leader of Israel. Moses told them that Joshua was to become their leader and they should listen to him. All the people listened to him and did as he said.

BIBLE VERSE BASKETBALL

Materials: Basketball Goal and Ball

Do: Have the children line up a few feet from the goal. Say a Bible Verse (See below) and have them repeat it before shooting a basket.

Talk about: How can we obey God's commands or do what these verses say?

This week's verse: The LORD God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua 1:9

Past Verses: Open my eyes that I may see. Psalm 119:18

Remember to obey all my commands. Numbers 15:40

The LORD watches over all who love him. Psalm 145:20

Have them build a church for me, and I will stay among them. Exodus 25:8

If you love me, you will obey me. John 14:15

This is my God and I will praise Him. Exodus 15:2

The Lord will protect you. 2 Thessalonians 3:3

Trust in the Lord with all your heart. Proverbs 3:5

PLAY-DOUGH

Materials: Play-dough (In room)

Do: Give each child a lump of play-dough. Let them make whatever they want. They can make people and animals. Ask what they are making.

Talk about: Review the Bible story. Moses went on top of a mountain to see the Promised Land. (You can make a mountain, rocks and a river). Joshua became the new leader. (Make lots of little people following a 'Joshua').