

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

Program C-2

In the Promised Land at Last & Joshua's Farewell

Joshua 13-19, 23-24

Joshua Series: Lesson #5

Bible Verse: As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD. Joshua 24:15
The LORD said, "Do not be afraid." Joshua 10:8
Seek the LORD and His strength. Psalm 105:4
Obey the LORD God. Deut. 27:10
The LORD will do wonders among you. Joshua 3:5

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: God has fulfilled His promise. We should choose to serve Him
Prop ideas: Map of Promised Land

SAMPLE STORY

Joshua had been obedient in following God's instructions as they moved into the Promised Land. The children of Israel were finally there! They were living in the land God had promised to Abraham hundreds of years ago. The Promised Land was said to "flow with milk and honey." The food was abundant and sweet. There were pastures for flocks and fields for planting crops. It was a wonderful to live.

God and Joshua's armies had driven out most of the people who had been living there. The people of Israel could now go and live in the land. Moses, before he had died, had already promised certain areas to some of the tribes. Joshua divided the rest of the land up and told the different tribes where to go and live. Every tribe except the Levites had their own land. The Levites served as priests and would live in towns throughout all of Israel.

Some areas still had a few enemies living in them. Joshua told the people, "The **LORD** your God himself will drive them out of your way." (Joshua 23:5) Joshua told them it was very important to obey God and all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses. Do not become friendly with the people remaining in the land. Do not start doing the things they do. Do not worship their gods and idols. For if you do become friendly with these people, the ones who do not worship God, then God will no longer drive out the enemies and give you complete possession of the land.

Joshua was now very old (110 years old) and ready to die. He reminded the people all the things that God had done. He had promised the land to Abraham and Isaac and Jacob. He brought all the children of Israel (Jacob)

out of Egypt with many miracles: the plagues, the Passover, the parting of the Red Sea. He provided manna and quail and water in the desert for forty years. He stopped the Jordan River. He defeated many enemies including those in Jericho. Remember these things and fear the **LORD** and serve him. You can choose to reject God and serve the false gods of the people in this land. Or you can choose to serve the God of Abraham and Isaac. *“As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.” Joshua 24:15* God kept His promise to His people. He brought them to the Promised Land. The Israelites promised to serve God and worship only Him. They had to choose for themselves, just like we do, to serve and love God.

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

Eating a Land of Milk and Honey Snack
Choosing Bible Verses
Singing and Praising

COMMANDMENT BINGO

If you have a large class, there may not be enough cards for everyone to play at the same time. Have them take turns or play with a partner.

Materials: Bingo Cards w/Bag of symbols
Markers (Circles, beans or squares)

Do: Give each child a card and a handful of markers.
Explain that they are to place a marker over the item you call out. Draw a symbol from the bag and call out. Read the Bible thought or verse as well. Play until someone has 3 in a row, or fills the card. (Younger children may have a hard time understanding a straight line of three).

Talk About: The commandments in this game come from the Bible, just like the commandments of the Law of Moses Joshua told the people of Israel to obey.

DIVIDE THE LAND MURAL

Materials: 12 Foot Piece of Bulletin Board Paper
Piece of copy paper
Pencil (In room)
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Rip the copy paper into small of pieces and number according to how many children are in your room.
Using the pencil, lightly divide the 12-foot piece of paper into sections, again according to the number of children in your room. (Leave a few extra for late-comers)

Number the sections.

Let children draw a number to see which section they can draw on. You can even write their names in the sections.

Tell them to color and draw freely. No rules except to stay in their own section.

Talk About: Joshua divided the Promised Land into sections. Some of the tribes drew lots (numbers, straws) to see who would move where.

BIBLE VERSE PICTURE

TEACHER EXTRA: Bring stickers (especially flowers) for decorating the picture.

Materials: Construction Paper
Small Craft Sticks
Bible Verse Paper
Glue (In room)
Scissors (In room)
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Cut apart the Bible verses.
Give each child a piece of construction paper, a Bible verse strip and 5 or 6 craft sticks.
Show how to make a house with the craft sticks. (See below)
Help glue in place.
Let them color the Bible verse strip.
Glue to the construction paper.
Allow them to color or decorate as desired.

Talk About: Joshua said that his family chooses to serve God. Our family can choose to serve God as well.

