

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

Program C-2

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

First Session Classes will be:

Coloring Page

Bible Verse Basketball

Play-Dough

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: God told Joshua that the people should obey his commands. We need to learn them in order to obey them. What are some of God's commandments? (Think about past Bible verses).

PARACHUTE GAME

Materials: Large Sheet

Do: Have children form a circle.
Tell them to grab hold of the edge of the sheet.
Work together to slowly raise and lower like a parachute.
Say the following chant:

*Alex, Alex, Are you afraid?
No, not I. No, no, no.
God is always with me
Wherever I go.*

As a child hears his name he should run under the sheet. He should run out when he hears **GO**.
Change the name and repeat the chant so everyone gets a turn.

Talk about: We can be brave and courageous because God is always with us.

TELESCOPE TUBES & I SPY

Materials: Toilet Paper Tubes
Bible Verse Stickers
Construction Paper Pieces (4 1/2" x 5 1/2")
Tape (In room)
Crayons/Markers (In room)

Do: Give each child a piece of construction paper to color.
Add Bible verse sticker
Tape to a toilet paper tube.
Play I Spy using the 'telescopes.'

Talk about: Moses had to look at the Promised Land from a distance. He saw it from the top of a mountain. We can pretend we are looking at things from the top of a mountain. We can also look at things across the room. What do you see?

TEACHER EXTRA: Bring *I Spy* books from home.