



At-A-Glance: Ages 2-3  
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis—Joshua  
Unit 9, Lesson 46

## Promised Land: Crossing the Jordan River

Lesson Aim: To know we can be strong, brave leaders.

### THE WELCOME TREASURE CHEST

#### CENTERS

- COLORING CENTER: Crossing the Jordan River
- PLAY-DOUGH CENTER: Remember the Miracle
- BLOCK CENTER: Make a Way
- ACTIVITY CENTER: In the River

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SENDS

Today, we sing praises to God for helping us to be strong and brave. Let's pray. Have the children bow their heads and close their eyes. Dear God, thank You for helping us be strong and brave. We know You are always with us. Amen.

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

**OFFERING:** Collect the offering.

**WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION:** *The Adventures of Delbert & Lello* puppet script or storybook

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE:** Practice Bible Memory Verse with the motions. "Here am I. Send me!" Isaiah 6:8

### THE WORD GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE TO THE PROMISED LAND CLASSROOM PROMISE

Shake the bag. What do you think I have in this bag? Take the twelve stones out of the bag. Let's count these stones together: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-8-9-10-11-12.

Today, we will hear how God sent Joshua to lead the people into that new land. Something amazing happened on the way and the people used twelve BIG stones to remember the miracle. Do you remember what a miracle is? (Something only God can do.)

Let's find out what that miracle was. Handle Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Joshua 1:6.

**WATCH THE WORD: JOSHUA 1:6-9; 3:15-17; 4:4-9, 17-18**

Read poem. Display visual.

- The Lord told Joshua, "Be strong and brave.
- I am making you the leader of my people today.
- Lead them to the Jordan River and say,
- 'We are crossing over to the promised land today!'"
- The priest went first with the ark of gold;
- They put their feet in the water as they were told.
- Right away the Jordan River stopped its flow,
- Then the water piled up, and Joshua said, "Go!"
- All the people walked across as dry as ever,
- While the ark stayed in the middle of the dried-up river!
- Then the Lord told Joshua to choose 12 men.
- "Get stones from the middle of the river," He said.
- They piled up stones by the river's edge
- To remind us of this story so no one would forget
- How the Lord made Joshua strong and brave
- And He stopped the Jordan River from flowing that day.

What did God say to Joshua when He made him leader? ("Be strong and brave.") Who will help you be strong and brave like Joshua? (God.)

### THE WAY BE STRONG AND BRAVE

**CRAFT:** Crossing on Dry Ground

**GAMES:** Crossing the Jordan, Follow Joshua

**SNACK:** Safe Across the River

#### FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE
- PRAY
- PLAY
- DISMISSAL (Coloring page, craft, Ponder, Pray & Play)

### GOT TIME?

**SAY & DO:** Joshua 1:6-9; 3:15-17; 4:4-9, 17-18

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** Here Am I!, Send Me!

**STORY TIME**