



At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5
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

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Be strong and brave."

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SENDS

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who sends us where He wants us to go. Giving our offering, singing, and praying to Him are great ways we can thank Him for all He has done for us. Play: "Give Thanks" as background music while collecting the offering.

OFFERING: Collect the offering.

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

God sent Joshua to lead His people across the Jordan River. God helped him to be strong and brave. That's our Whisper Verse. Review: "Be strong and brave." Include sign language. God will help you be strong and brave like Joshua. When God calls you to be a leader, you can say, "Here am I. Send me!" Let's march around the room and sing as we pretend to cross the Jordan River on dry land. Sing: "Here Am I."

God wants us to remember His miracles. Let's sing a promise to God that says, "I will remember the deeds of the Lord. Yes, I will remember Your miracles!" Sing: "I Will Remember." We can be strong and brave to go wherever God sends us because we know He is with us. Sing: "I Am with You."

THE WORD GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE INTO THE PROMISED LAND CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned God sent twelve spies, including Joshua and Caleb, to spy on the land He had promised His people. Today, we will learn God made Joshua the new leader. He sent His people and the golden ark across the Jordan River and into the land He had

promised. The golden ark was not a boat; it was a special golden box that held reminders of God's miracles. Let's open the Bible to the book of Joshua to find out how they got the golden ark across the river. Handle the 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 of God's people? ("Be strong and brave.") **Let's find our answer in the Bible.** Read Joshua 1:6 from the teacher's Bible.

That reminds me of our Whisper Verse. Let's say our Whisper Verse together: "Be strong and brave." Include sign language or hand motions.

THE WAY BE STRONG AND BRAVE

CRAFT: Crossing on Dry Ground

GAMES: Crossing the Jordan, Follow Joshua

SNACK: Safe across the River

CIRCLE OF PRAYER

FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

GOT TIME?

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

CRAFT: Medal of Bravery

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Stepping Stones
STORY TIME