

Joshua's Final Instructions

Session 2024-30

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Hi Tweens,

Opening Prayer

"Dear God, everywhere I walk, let it be on your path. Everything I see, let it be through your eyes. Everything I do, let it be your will. For every hardship I face, let me place it in your hands. Every emotion I feel, let it be your Spirit moving in me. Everything I seek, let me find it in your love". In Jesus Name. Amen!

The story in this week's lesson "**Joshua's Final Instructions**" is from the book of Joshua. Joshua was old! God had given Israel rest as He promised. Joshua had been faithful to the Lord all of his life and as he knew the time was coming for him to die, Joshua called the people together to give one final address and challenge the people to faithfully commit to following God. **Enjoy this week's story!**

Bible Passage: Joshua 24:1-28

Memory Verse: Isaiah 12:2 NIV

*Surely God is my salvation;
I will trust and not be afraid.*

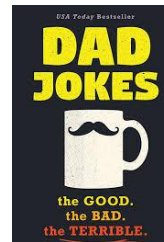
*The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and
my defense[a];
he has become my salvation."*

Bible Verse: Joshua 24:24 NIV

And the people said to Joshua, "We will serve the Lord our God and obey him."

Text Truth: We should be completely devoted to God.

Bible Skills Spotlight: Understand that the Bible teaches people how to live in a way that brings glory to God.



Q: Why did the child **punch** the bed?

A: Her mother told her to **hit** the hay.

Here are your 3 random questions:

1. Question 7: On what occasion do you lie? (*Interesting question????*)
 2. Question 2: What is your greatest fear? (*Very close quarters*)
 3. Question 367: Do you hold a grudge? (*Sometimes, but I get over it with prayer.*)
- "Do you remember the names of the three tribes that were mentioned in last week's story?" (*Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh*)

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- “Today we are going to finish Joshua’s part of the Israelites’ long story. What have you learned about Joshua?”
- “The last three weeks we have learned from the Israelites to pray and seek God’s guidance, listen to what God tells us, and that God always keeps His promises. These are very important things to remember as you grow in your faith.”

ENJOY THIS WEEK’S STORY!

Joshua’s time of leading the Israelites was ending. Joshua called the people together. He needed to teach them one more time about loving and obeying God. Joshua had a message from God for the people. Joshua began to remind the people of the things God had done for them. “Long ago, God chose Abraham and led him to the land of Canaan. God gave Abraham children and grandchildren. Jacob and his sons later traveled to Egypt.”

Eventually the people became slaves. So, God sent Moses and Aaron to rescue His people. God sent plagues on Egypt until Pharaoh agreed to let the people go. Then God parted the Red Sea so the people could walk across on dry land. God protected the people from Pharaoh’s army. The Israelites lived in the wilderness for many, many years.



Joshua continued the story, “Later, God brought you to the promised land. The Amorites fought you, but God helped you defeat them. A

man named Balaam tried to curse you. But God protected you and Balaam blessed you instead. When you crossed the Jordan River, you came to Jericho.”

Now Jericho was a large city with a huge wall around it. Joshua shared God’s message, “The people of Jericho and many other people fought against you, but God helped you defeat them.” God told the people, “I gave you a land that you did not work to get. I gave you cities that you did not build. You are eating from plants that you did not plant. Therefore, worship only the LORD.” God told the people to get rid of any idols and worship only Him—the one true God.

Then Joshua said, “Choose today whom you will worship. Will you worship the false gods? My house will worship the LORD.”

The people all agreed to worship only God. “We will worship the LORD because He is our God.”

Joshua warned the people that God was a holy God. God is a jealous God. He cannot allow His people to worship anything or anyone other than Him. The people needed to be completely devoted to God—loving Him more than anyone or anything else. The people agreed to only worship God. Then, the people made a covenant with God and Joshua wrote it down. He also set up a large stone under an oak tree next to the tabernacle to remind the people of their promise. Joshua sent the people back to their homes throughout the promised land. Then, Joshua died. Throughout Joshua’s lifetime and during the lifetime of the Israelite leaders who lived longer than Joshua, the people worshiped the LORD.

OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO THE BOOK OF JOSHUA, CHAPTER 24

READ JOSHUA 24:1-7

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- “Joshua’s time was ending and he called the Israelites together to tell them one more time to love and obey God. Joshua reminded them how God had provided for and loved their ancestors.”
- “Did you read any familiar names from the verses?” (*Abraham, Moses, Aaron, Isaac, Jacob, Esau*)
- “The 12 tribes of Israel are named after the 12 sons of Jacob. Joshua reminded the Israelites that God had been with them a very long time. He went on to tell them that God would continue to be with them if they worshiped only God and not foreign gods.”
- “What do you think happened to the Israelites? Do you think they all did what Joshua said and worshiped and obeyed God? Do you think the Israelites let other people pressure them into worshipping false gods?”
- Memorized this Text Truth: **We should be completely devoted to God.**

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to cameronfamily10@gmail.com. Remember to LAUGH, have a blessed week, watch, or come to church Sunday morning, call a friend, enjoy the summer, and remember

GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE.

The Tween Teachers

Pray for the team in Ghana and safe travels as they leave July 30.

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Examine Joshua 24 to help you fill in the crossword to review today's Bible story.

WORD BANK:

God, worship, homes, Israelites, stone, covenant, choose, loving

JOSHUA 24 CROSSWORD

JOSHUA'S TIME OF LEADING THE _____ (2 DOWN) WAS ENDING.

JOSHUA TAUGHT THE PEOPLE ONE MORE TIME ABOUT _____ (1 DOWN) AND OBEYING GOD.

JOSHUA REMINDED THE PEOPLE WHAT _____ (3 ACROSS) HAD DONE FOR THEM.

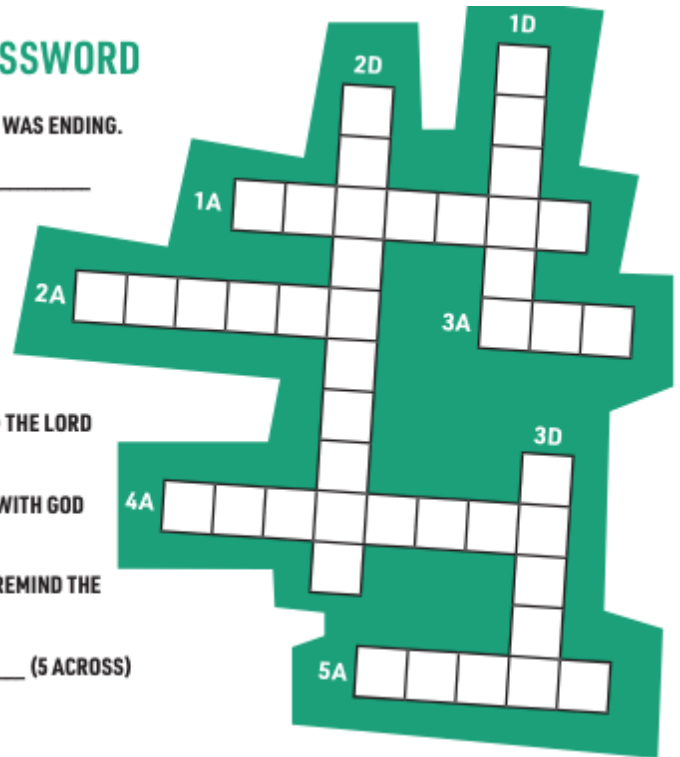
THEN JOSHUA SAID, " _____ (2 ACROSS) TODAY WHOM YOU WILL WORSHIP."

THE PEOPLE SAID, "WE WILL _____ (1 ACROSS) THE LORD BECAUSE HE IS OUR GOD."

THEN, THE PEOPLE MADE A _____ (4 ACROSS) WITH GOD AND JOSHUA WROTE IT DOWN.

JOSHUA SET UP A LARGE _____ (3 DOWN) TO REMIND THE PEOPLE OF THEIR PROMISE.

JOSHUA SENT THE PEOPLE BACK TO THEIR _____ (5 ACROSS) IN THE PROMISED LAND.



ISAIAH 12:2 RECALL

Find this month's Memory Verse, **ISAIAH 12:2**, in the Bible. Color each word of the verse in order. (Hint: Not all words will be colored.) For an extra challenge, try to say the verse in order after you finish coloring.

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 SURELY GOD IS
 MY SALVATION
 I WILL TRUST
 HIM AND NOT
 WILL BE AFRAID
 FOR THE LORD
 GOD JEHOVAH THE
 LORD HIMSELF IS
 MY STRENGTH AND
 MY SONG DEFENSE
 AND HE HAS ALSO
 IS BECOME MY
 SALVATION