



# BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel.  
Our desire is to see families use this resource  
as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19.

## UNIT 7: GOD IS POWERFUL

Moses commissioned Joshua to be the Israelites' new leader. Joshua courageously brought the Israelites into the Promised Land, trusting that God would be with them. God aided the Israelites in their conquest by demonstrating His power and holiness amid sin. God confirmed that He alone is worthy of their trust and devotion.

### BIG PICTURE QUESTION

**Why can we trust God?**  
We can trust God because He is faithful and does everything for His glory and our good.

### KEY PASSAGE:

**Psalm 24:8**  
Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty,  
the LORD, mighty in battle!



## AT HOME RESOURCES

# March 2 | Session 1

CROSSING THE JORDAN RIVER | JOSHUA 1; 3-4



**STORY POINT:**  
God gave Joshua courage to lead the Israelites.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

God's presence went before the people, and the waters of the Jordan were stopped. God's people crossed safely into the Promised Land. Jesus went before God on behalf of sinners. All who trust in His life, death, and resurrection are saved from judgment and enter into eternal life.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why did God tell Joshua to be strong and courageous?

How does God's presence in our lives encourage us?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Make a memorial wall in your home. Use objects, photos, or drawings to help your family remember the amazing things God has done in and through your family. Take time sharing the stories with one another and praising God for His goodness.

### TO SERVE :

Visit an elderly church member. As you share a meal or visit together, ask the person to share stories of God's faithfulness in his life.

Encourage your kids to ask questions and listen to learn more about who God is and how He displays His power.

# March 9 | Session 2

## CONQUERING JERICO | JOSHUA 2-4; 6



**STORY POINT:**  
Joshua and the Israelites trusted God to defeat Jericho.

### CHRIST CONNECTION:

God's people could not bring down Jericho's walls in their own power. They trusted God and were victorious. We cannot defeat sin and death in our own power. When we trust in Jesus, we are saved from sin and death.

### FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

How did the Israelites show they trusted God?

How can we show we trust God?

### FAMILY ACTIVITY:

#### FOR FUN :

Hold a competition to see who in your family can build the sturdiest tower using building blocks or interlocking blocks. Use books or weights to see whose structure can hold the most weight. As you build, discuss why only God could defeat Jericho. Then, read Matthew 1 to find Rahab in Jesus' genealogy. Discuss how God used this event to save Rahab and how she became part of His story to bring Jesus as the Savior we need!

#### TO SERVE :

As a family, donate to or serve a local organization that supports children in foster care. As a family, commit to praying for foster care workers and for children to be united with loving families. Thank God for His love through Jesus that makes it possible for anyone who believes to be welcomed into His family and loved forever!

# March 16 | Session 3

ACHAN'S SIN AND THE DEFEAT OF AI | JOSHUA 7-8



## STORY POINT:

God desires obedience and punishes disobedience.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

Achan disobeyed the command of God, and his punishment was death. We also deserve the punishment of death for our sin. Jesus, God's sinless Son, was punished in our place for our sin. Those who trust in Him are forever forgiven of their sin.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why was God right to punish Achan's sin?

How does Jesus save us from the punishment our sin deserves?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Talk about how no sin is hidden. As a family, choose five sins that people often try to hide (lying, being prideful, being jealous, and so forth), and write those sins on index cards. Then have your kids close their eyes as you hide the cards around the room. Hide the cards so they are difficult, but not impossible, for kids to find. As kids find the cards, make the connection to how Achan tried to hide his sin. Though we all try to hide our sin, God sees it and must punish it. However, there is forgiveness for all who believe in Jesus and His sacrifice for our sins.

### TO SERVE :

Volunteer to help with the next baptism celebration at your church. Your family could fill the baptistry prior to the service, arrange the supplies and rooms where families will prepare, or make cards for those who are getting baptized. Talk as a family about how baptism is a picture of what Jesus has done to save us. He died for our sin, and He rose again to give us new life in Him.

# March 23 | Session 4

TAKING THE LAND | JOSHUA 10-11



**STORY POINT:**  
God fought for Israel.

## **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

God fought for Israel, and all their enemies were defeated. Jesus lived a sinless life and defeated our enemies – sin and death – when He died on the cross. If we believe in Him, we receive His righteousness.

## **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

How did God show His power and fight for His people?

How has Jesus defeated our enemies: sin and death?

## **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

### **FOR FUN :**

Take your family on an outing to a place where you can get a good view of the sunset (or sunrise). As you take in the beauty of the changing sun, talk about how God fought for His people by making the sun stand still. Remind your kids that God is in control of everything, and we can find comfort in trusting Him.

### **TO SERVE :**

Guide each family member to come up with a way they can serve another family member this week. It could be making their lunch, doing their chores, cleaning their room, and so forth. Remind each family member that these acts of service for one another are just small reminders of how God loves and helps His people. The greatest example of this is Jesus, who came to serve as the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

# March 30 | Session 5

JOSHUA'S FAREWELL | JOSHUA 23-24



**STORY POINT:**  
Joshua reminded the Israelites to worship and obey God.

## CHRIST CONNECTION:

Joshua reminded the people that God saved them from Egypt and gave them the Promised Land. He told them to worship God alone. Jesus is worthy of all worship because He saves those who trust in Him from sin and gives them eternal life.

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why does God deserve all our worship and obedience?

What should we do when we are tempted to love other things more than God?

## FAMILY ACTIVITY:

### FOR FUN :

Look through family photo albums with kids. Talk about the seasons or special moments when your family experienced God's loving-kindness. Discuss how remembering His love for us makes our love for Him grow. Encourage kids to worship God with their obedience.

### TO SERVE :

Write a card or letter to the individuals God has used to teach you about Him. It could be a Sunday School teacher, pastor, friend, or family member. Thank the person for telling you about God and all the things He has done. Thank them for taking the time to encourage you in the faith.



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