

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



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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

My child has completed the Christ Connection on his/her own and has discussed it with me:
Parent Signature: _____



Unit 7 • Session 1

CROSSING THE JORDAN RIVER

Joshua 1; 3-4

WHY CAN WE TRUST GOD? WE CAN TRUST GOD BECAUSE HE IS FAITHFUL AND DOES EVERYTHING FOR HIS GLORY AND OUR GOOD.

God spoke to Joshua and said, "You will be the new leader of My people. Get everyone ready to cross the Jordan into the land I promised to your ancestors! Be strong and courageous, Joshua. You will lead the people to take the land. Think about My commands and follow them carefully."

After three days of camping by the river, the officers of the army told all the people: "When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord being carried, pack up your things and follow it."

The priests carrying the ark of the covenant stepped into the Jordan River, and as soon as their feet touched the edge of the water, the water flowing downstream stood still. The people of God could cross over on dry land!

Once the entire nation crossed the Jordan River, Joshua chose one man from each of the twelve tribes. He told them to go back to the river and pick up a large stone and bring it back to the shore. They made a large pile out of the rocks. Joshua said, "When people ask you in the future, 'What do these stones mean?,' you will tell them, 'God stopped the Jordan River so we could cross into this land He promised us on dry ground.'" When the priests carrying the ark of the covenant fully crossed the river onto the bank, the Jordan River started flowing again.

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.

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