



Family Worship Experience

- READ THE SCRIPTURE -

GOD ENCOURAGED JOSHUA



The Israelites have finally arrived and will get to see God's promise fulfilled as they enter the Promised Land! But this is not as easy as it sounds. This week we heard a great lesson from Joshua 1 on the words God used to encourage Joshua as a new leader. He was put in charge at a time when the job he had ahead of him was great. Our Big Idea this week was 'God gives me strength and courage'.

Use this Family Devotion to continue the conversation of how we can be encouraged by God's words too. Our Big Picture Question is 'What is the Bible?' and the answer is 'The Bible is God's Word that tells us what is true about God and ourselves'. Joshua was encouraged by God's words and we can be encouraged today by God's words because we can read them in the Bible.

Begin by watching the Bible story video, and then read this story from Joshua 1 in the Bible. If this is all you have time for today, pray as a family, and then come back to the family devotion later in the week.

Or choose to continue reading through the family devotion provided here. Be sure to let your kids talk and discuss. Give everyone opportunity to share a prayer request and have a chance to pray aloud.



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-TALK ABOUT THE SCRIPTURE -

Do you remember learning to ride a bike? It can be a scary experience because we're afraid of falling, getting hurt, or just looking silly in front of our friends. The biggest comfort when learning to ride a bike is knowing that your parent or someone else you trust is running alongside you and holding onto the bike. You feel fearless if you know they are with you!

After Moses died, Joshua was chosen to be the new leader for the Israelites. There were a lot of reasons for Joshua to be afraid. The Israelites were near the land God had promised, but they had to cross the Jordan River and face the people who lived in the land. Even in all the fear, Joshua led with courage because he knew God was with him! Like the comfort of your parent running alongside you, Joshua had confidence that God would be with him and always keep His promise!

We all feel scared or alone sometimes, but God has made us a promise too! God promises that anyone who calls on the name of Jesus will be saved! If we trust in Jesus as Lord, we are forgiven, accepted, and loved by God. All the courage and hope we need is found in Jesus!

God encouraged Joshua and promised to be with him as he led the Israelites into the promised land, where they would be victorious and find rest. We have victory over sin and rest for our souls in Jesus, who is with us always and leads us into the promised land of God's kingdom.

Pray: God, thank You for Your promises. Thank You for loving Joshua and always being with him and for leading Your people into the promised land. Most of all, we thank You for Jesus and the promise that all who trust in Him will find forgiveness and rest in the promised land of Your kingdom.