

## Bible Story 13: JOSHUA, THE NEW LEADER

**SCRIPTURE:** Joshua 1:1-2,5-9,16-17; 3:1-17; 4:23-24; 6:1-5,12-17,20; 11:23; 24:1,14-15,24,29-31

**MEMORY VERSE:** Joshua 1:9

### BIBLE STORY:

After Moses, Joshua became leader of the Israelite people. God told Joshua to be strong and courageous. Whenever he was afraid, trust in Him. God promised to be with him wherever he went. Joshua always tried to obey God.

God told Joshua that it was time to enter the Promised Land. They went to the Jordan River. The river was very full of water. How could they pass to the other side? They did what God told them. The religious leaders, called Levite priests, carried the Ark of the Covenant with the Ten Commandments inside. When the priests' feet touched the water, God stopped the flow of the water. All the Israelite people walked safely to the other side. Now they had finally arrived in Canaan, the Promised Land. Thanks to the power of God!

They were close to the first city, Jericho. A huge wall was all around the city. God told Joshua how to conquer the city and everyone obeyed. A chosen group marched around the city once every day for seven days. Everyone was quiet, except for the Levite priests who blew their trumpets. Then on the seventh day, they marched seven times. On the seventh time, they shouted loudly when the priests blew their trumpets. The wall around Jericho fell down! The Israelite soldiers conquered the city! They gave thanks to God for His help.

Later Joshua said: ***"...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord"*** (Joshua 24:15<sup>B</sup> NIV). Joshua always served God during his life.

### PART 1: PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. What did you learn from the story?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. How can you apply this story to your life?

## **PART 2: GENERIC QUESTIONS**

1. What do you like about the story?
2. What is there in the story that you do not understand?
3. Who are the main people in the story?
4. What problems did the people face?
5. How did the people face their problems?
6. How have you faced similar problems?
7. Is there someone in the story who is similar to you or who is different from you?
8. What does the story tell about God?

## **PART 3: SPECIFIC QUESTIONS**

1. Who was the new leader after Moses? What did God tell Joshua when he became the new leader? Did he follow God's leadership? How?
2. Who are some leaders in your church? Your city? Our country? What happens when they leave their job? How are new leaders elected to take their places?
3. Should leaders follow God's leadership? Why?
4. What are some ways you can help the leaders in your church, community, work, school and nation?
5. How did the Israelite people cross the Jordan River safely?
6. Did God help the Israelites conquer Jericho? What happened?
7. What are some problems or difficult battles that you, your family, friends, community or nation face? Who can help you? How can you receive God's help?
8. Joshua said, "...Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord" (JOSHUA 24:15 NIV). Have you chosen to follow and serve God? Would you like to make that decision today? (If you do, pray and let God know of your decision.) What are some ways you can serve God?