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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?



Unit 7 • Session 1

## GOD ENCOURAGED JOSHUA

Joshua 1

### WHAT IS THE BIBLE? THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD THAT TELLS US WHAT IS TRUE ABOUT GOD AND OURSELVES.

God's people were near the land of Canaan. The Israelites had wandered in the wilderness for 40 years. The older generation had died. Moses, their leader, had died too, and now it was time for the remaining people to go into the land.

God chose Joshua to be the new leader of Israel. It was a big job, but God encouraged Joshua. He promised to give Joshua success in the land. God said, "I will be with you."

Then God said, "Be strong and courageous."

God encouraged Joshua again: "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged, for I, the LORD your God, will be with you wherever you go."

So Joshua sent a message throughout the Israelites' camp: "Get ready! We are going to cross the Jordan River and take this land. God is giving it to us, just like He promised."

The Israelites agreed and got ready. "We will do everything you have commanded us," they told Joshua. "We will go everywhere you send us. We will obey you like we obeyed Moses. We trust that God will be with you like He was with Moses."

**Christ Connection:** 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.

**Secret Message** | Find and circle the words in the list. Then start in the top left corner and copy the leftover letters into the blanks to reveal a hidden message.

B E C O S F A E V A R B U R R  
 A G E E O N E U S N N O Y U I  
 M L S B X M H A G X C O O D V  
 U O G I F C A U R E C D W I E  
 M K O L W S D K G E L B I B R  
 S U C Y X E J A Z T N R S G F  
 S C R W S A R D Z G E X N B O  
 W C A E T U O A U H S O J D C  
 V X R R O G L G T H R D J L U  
 L T I C E Z C K X T Y I O U S  
 E E N Y A D C H S W A G C V C  
 H E A S V V T D J P M M J X J  
 F T G D W D J L Z Y W B V X Y  
 V U X U E C P W E I C Y E B O  
 G S S P C R C E F I V D I C J

**Wild Wanderings** | Complete the maze to get the Israelites to the promised land.



- ANXIOUS
- BIBLE
- BRAVE
- DESERT
- ENCOURAGE
- FEAR
- FOCUS
- GOD
- JOSHUA
- LEADER
- MOSES
- OBEY
- RIVER
- SCARED
- STRONG