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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What did God promise Joshua?
- What was the purpose of the memorial stones?
- Why is it important to tell others about God?

Crossing the Jordan

Joshua 1-4

STORY POINT: GOD HELD BACK THE JORDAN RIVER FOR HIS PEOPLE TO CROSS.

After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, it was time for the remaining people to enter Canaan. God chose Joshua to be the new leader of Israel. God told Joshua, "Be strong and courageous."

Now the only thing keeping the Israelites from the land God promised to them was the Jordan River. The Israelites could never get across on their own, but God was going to help them.

The priests carried the ark of God ahead of the people to the edge of the river. The rest of the Israelites followed behind the ark.

The priests carrying the ark took a step into the river. God made the water stop! The priests stood on dry ground in the middle of the river, and all of the Israelites crossed safely on dry ground.

God told Joshua, "Tell the people to take 12 stones from the middle of the river. Put them down where they spend the night tonight."

God wanted the stones to be a memorial. In the future, people could tell their children that God stopped the water, and everyone would know that God is mighty.

The Israelites did exactly what God told them to do. The priests with the ark crossed the river, and the water began to flow again. At last, God's people were in the promised land!

Christ Connection: God went ahead of Joshua and the Israelites into the promised land. He showed His power to them so they would trust in Him. When Jesus came to earth, He showed His power so people would trust in Him and be saved from sin.

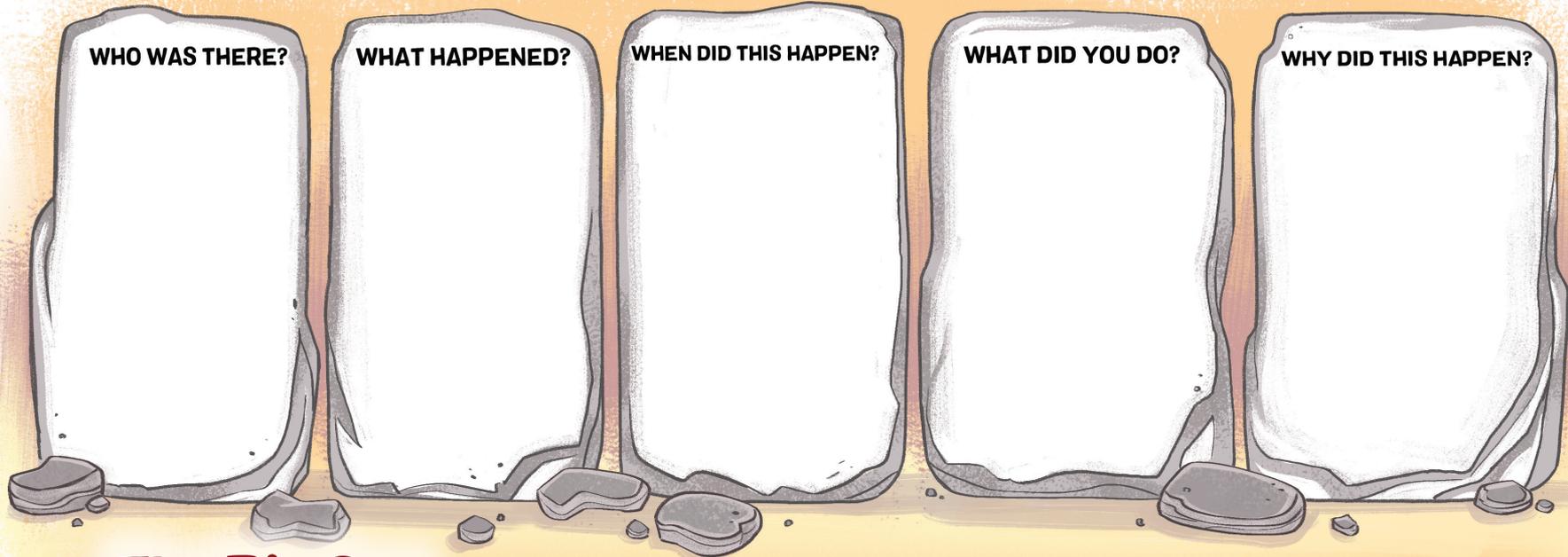


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Remember the Time

Think about one of your favorite memories. Then answer these questions.

After a few minutes, share your answers with a partner.



The Big One

Decode the answer to the big picture question. (Hint: A-3 = E)

HOW CAN WE GLORIFY GOD?

 A-1 A-3 B-5 B-4 A-2 A-4 C-5 B-3 D-4 B-2 C-3 D-1

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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Who knocked down the wall of Jericho?
- Write down one or two ways you could show surprising love to someone this week. Then follow through!
- What are some ways God has taken care of your family?

The Battle of Jericho

Joshua 2; 6

STORY POINT: GOD BROUGHT DOWN THE WALLS OF JERICHO.

The Israelites finally arrived at the promised land, but there was one problem: other people were living there. God's people had to go to battle against their enemies, and they had to win.

Joshua sent two spies into Jericho to see what it was like. The spies stayed at the house of a woman named Rahab. Rahab wanted to help God's people. Rahab said, "Please be kind to my family since I have been kind to you. When you attack Jericho, please do not kill us." So the spies promised to keep Rahab and her family safe, and they left Jericho.

God told Joshua to lead the people to march around the city one time each day for six days. On the seventh day, they would march around the city seven times, and the priests would blow the trumpets. All the people would shout, and the walls of Jericho would fall down. Then the Israelites could go into the city and take over.

So Joshua commanded the people to march around the city. On the seventh day, they marched around the city seven times. The people shouted, and the wall fell down flat. The Israelites went into the city and captured it. They kept Rahab and her family safe because she had helped the spies.

Christ Connection: By faith Rahab believed God would win the battle, and she asked the spies to show mercy to her family and keep them safe. When the Israelites attacked Jericho, Rahab and her family received mercy and became part of God's people. Jesus has won against sin and death. Everyone who trusts in Jesus receives mercy and becomes part of God's family forever.



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What Really Happened?

Use the words from the word bank to fill in the missing portions of the Bible story.

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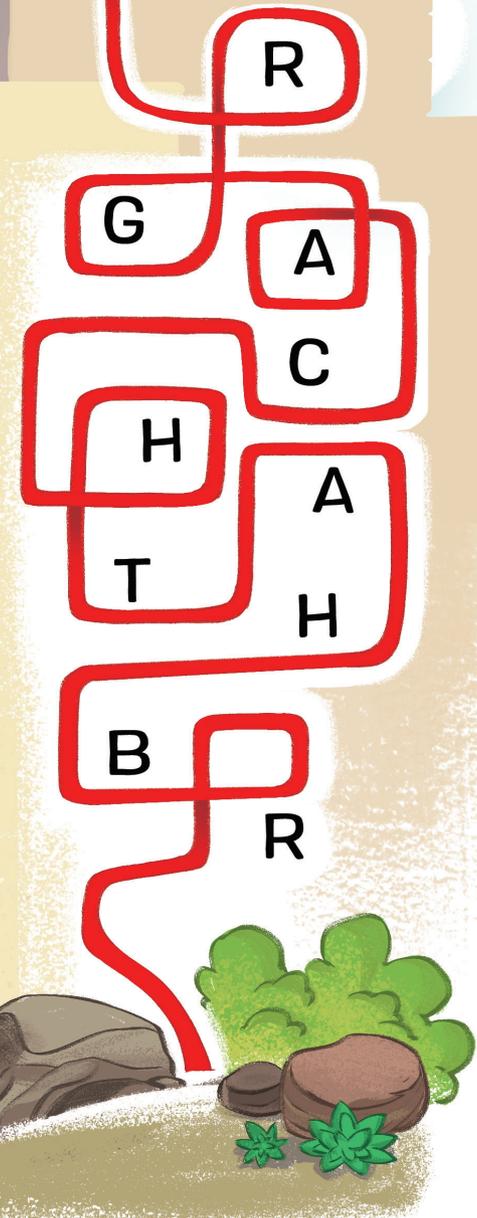
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Escape from Jericho

Collect every other letter, beginning with R, as you trace the path down the wall. Write them in the blanks:

WORD BANK

- JERICO
- MARCH
- RAHAB
- SEVEN
- SHOUT
- SPIES
- TRUMPETS
- TWO
- WALLS



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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Has God miraculously worked in the lives of your family members? Praise and thank Him!
- What do you do when you don't get along with someone else?
- Share prayer requests and pray, trusting God will hear and answer your prayers.

Taking the Land

Joshua 10-11; 24

**STORY POINT: GOD MADE THE SUN STAND STILL
AND GAVE HIS PEOPLE VICTORY.**

The Israelites came to a place ruled by five kings. The king of Jerusalem called to the other four kings in the land. He said to them, "Help me attack Gibeon because it has made peace with Joshua and the people of Israel." So the five kings joined forces and went up with all their armies to fight against Gibeon.

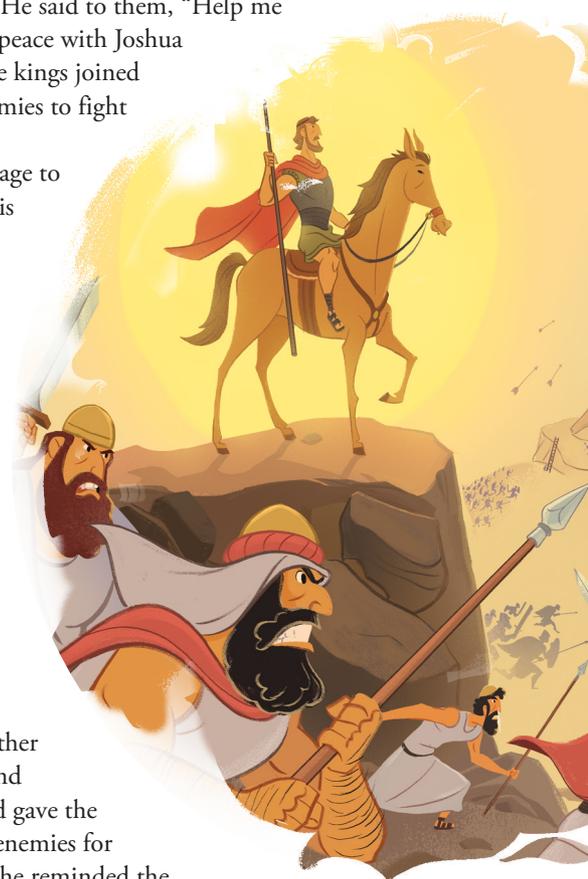
The men of Gibeon sent a message to Joshua: "Help us!" So Joshua and his whole army went to Gibeon.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of the kings, for I have handed them over to you."

As the Israelites fought, God confused the kings' armies and helped Israel defeat them. The kings' armies fled. The Lord sent hail from the sky to stop them. The battle was not over. Joshua needed more time to fight before the sun went down. So Joshua prayed to God. The sun stood still and the moon stopped until Israel and Gibeon defeated the kings.

The Israelites took over many other cities. God fought for His people and helped them conquer the land. God gave the Israelites peace and rest from their enemies for many years. When Joshua was old, he reminded the Israelites about all the great things God had done for them. The people said, "We will worship the LORD because He is our God."

Christ Connection: Joshua's name means "The Lord is salvation." God fought for Joshua and the Israelites, saving them and giving them victory over their enemies. Sinners can look to God for victory over sin and death. God brought us salvation by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and rise again.



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FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What type of attitude did Jesus have when He was wronged?
- What could you do to help someone in your family?
- What could you do to help a stranger?

Jesus' Crucifixion and Resurrection

Matthew 26–28

STORY POINT: JESUS DIED ON THE CROSS TO PAY FOR SIN AND ROSE AGAIN TO DEFEAT DEATH.

Jesus was arrested and led to the high priest, who asked, "Are You the Son of God?" Jesus replied, "Yes, that's right." The high priest said, "He has spoken against God! He should die!"

The religious leaders led Jesus to Pilate, the governor. "Are You the King of the Jews?" Pilate asked. "Yes, that's right," Jesus replied.

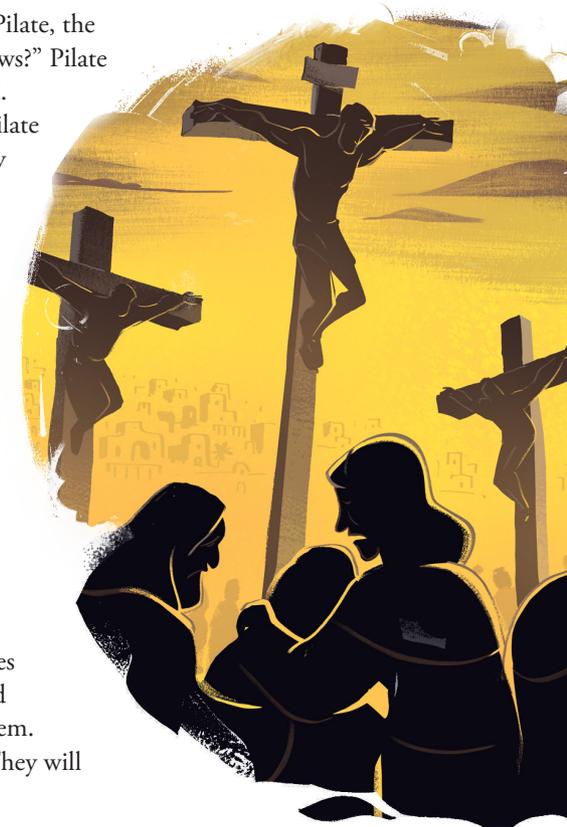
"What should I do with Jesus?" Pilate asked the crowd. "Crucify Him!" they answered.

The governor's soldiers nailed Jesus to a cross. Two criminals were crucified next to Him. Jesus died and was buried in a tomb sealed with a stone.

On the third day, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the tomb. Suddenly an angel of the Lord rolled back the stone. The angel spoke to the women, "Don't be afraid! Jesus is not here. He has risen, just like He said He would."

The women ran to tell the disciples the good news. Just then Jesus greeted them. "Don't be afraid," Jesus told them. "Tell My followers to go to Galilee. They will see Me there."

Christ Connection: The death and resurrection of Jesus is the center of the gospel. We deserve to die because of our sin, but Jesus died in our place. Because Jesus is alive, we do not need to fear anything. Those who trust in Jesus have forgiveness and eternal life, and we can joyfully obey Him.

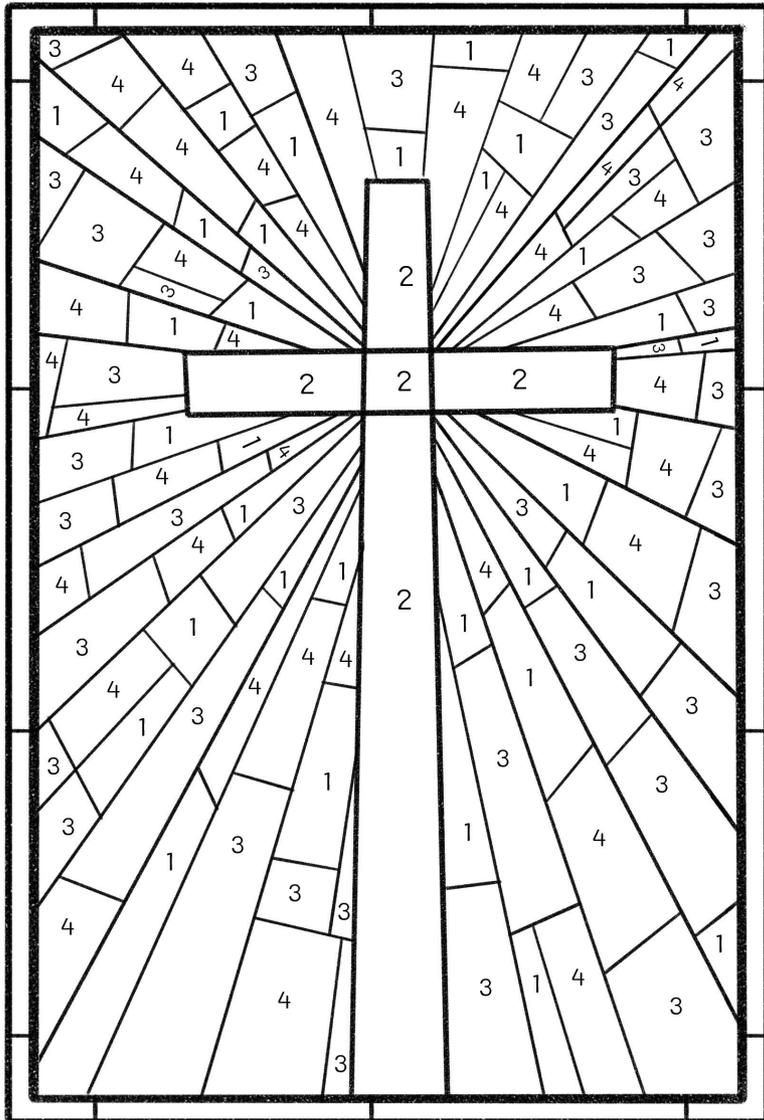


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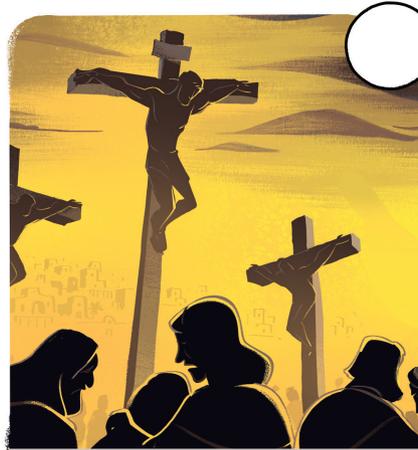
Color the picture according to the key.

- 1 YELLOW
- 2 RED
- 3 BLUE
- 4 ORANGE



From Death to Life

Number the events in the order they happened.



SOLDIERS NAILED JESUS TO A CROSS. HE DIED.



A CROWD GRABBED JESUS AND ARRESTED HIM.



ON THE THIRD DAY, JESUS ROSE FROM THE DEAD.



PILATE HANDED OVER JESUS TO THE CROWD TO BE CRUCIFIED.