

## Bible Story 13: JOSHUA, THE NEW LEADER

**SCRIPTURE:** JOSHUA 1:1-2,5-9,16-17; 2:1-10,15,18-19,21,23-24; 3:1-14.17; 4:23-24; 6:1-5,12-17,20,22-23; 11:23; 24:1-15,24,29

**MEMORY VERSE:** “...BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. DO NOT BE TERRIFIED;...FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.” JOSHUA 1:9B NIV

### BIBLE STORY:

After Moses, Joshua became leader of the Israelite people. God told Joshua to be strong and courageous. Whenever he was scared to 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. There was a huge wall 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. But 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 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 24:15B NIV). Joshua always served God during his life.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What do you like about the story?
2. Is there anything in the story that is hard to 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?

### RETELL THE STORY:

Ask volunteers from the group to retell the story.