crossroads kids' club

3rd-5th

August 10-11, 2013

DATE

The Israelites Enter the Promised Land

LESSON TITLE

Joshua 6-10 (Pg.241-249)

WHERE TO FIND IT

God is Omnipotent (all-powerful)

MAIN POINT

schedule

Hang out with kids (10 minutes): Ask kids about their week. Get kids into groups and play games together.

Large Group (30 minutes): Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group. And don't be afraid to redirect kids who aren't!

Small Group (20-30 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. *If you **all** have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.*

tips

Pray with your team. It's a great idea to invite God into the hour that you serve in Kids' Club. It's totally cool if the kids see you praying about the hour. In fact, it sets a good example for them. So, gather your other volunteers for a few minutes when you all arrive and pray—it could be the most important thing you do to have a successful service in Kids' Club.

check-in/out

As kids leave, remind them to tell their parents why they have a tattoo.

large group heads up

Today, we're covering a lot of ground in large group. Our emphasis is on the way God led and provided for his people as he led them into the Promised Land. We can trust him to provide, because he is omnipotent! (Kids will learn what that means today too.)

SMALL group

instructions

Goal: to help kids review the story and reflect upon God's power and provision

Why? When we understand how powerful God is, knowing that he is with us and is our loving father can transform our lives.

Tip: Engage kids in sharing about their card/object. You can ask pairs to stand up and answer their question. For older kids, you can even turn it into charades!

small group

CONNECT

1. Share your name and one word to describe the best part of your week (if you've already connected before large group, move directly to question #2).

REVIEW ACTIVITY / DIG DEEPER THROUGH DISCUSSION

Ask kids to choose a partner (or 2—don't leave any kids out). Give each pair a card or a prop. Tell them they are going to be responsible to help each other answer a question about that card/prop. Proceed in this order:

1. **(4 elements card)** What does omnipotent mean?
2. **(manna card)** How did God give his family food?
    a. He rained down manna from heaven. Tell kids we don't know exactly what manna was like, but the Bible describes it as "thin flakes like frost." **Pass around the frosted flakes** and tell kids to imagine waking up and seeing this on the ground each morning.
3. **(water card)** How did he give them water?
    a. Moses hit a rock with his stick and water came out. **Pass around the rock** and ask this:
4. How do you think God did that? (all kids answer as rock passes)
5. **(tour guide card)** How did God show them where to go? (a cloud led them by day and a pillar of fire by night)
6. **(rules card)** Why did God give them rules?
    a. To help them understand how to love him and love each other—and so that his family knew how to follow him!
7. Do you have any rules in your life that somebody gave you to protect you? (all kids answer)

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SMALL group (continued)

8. **(block)** What was the obstacle they faced as Joshua prepared to lead them into the Promised Land? (Jericho and the walls)
9. How did God tear down the walls? (asked people to march around 7 times and on the 7th time yell)
10. Why didn't God just tear down the walls? (all kids answer: he wanted his people to obey; it shows they loved him)
11. Why do you think we can believe that today's verse is true? **(Joshua 1:9: Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be terrified. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.)**
12. What's one thing you would do differently if you believed that God was always with you? (ask each kid to come up with one)

COLLECT PROPS FOR NEXT SERVICE (kids can keep the cards as reminders)

ACTIVITY

Sometimes it's hard to remember that God is with us. So today, we're all going to get a tattoo to help us remember this week. (If there's not time to apply them in small group, let kids take them home.)

- Place a ***heart tattoo*** face down on a kid's hand (May have to remove a clear plastic cover first.)
- Hold a ***wet/damp paper towel or sponge*** over the back of the tattoo for 15 seconds.
- Remove damp cloth and paper backing!

***Pray with the kids, thanking God for his power and asking him to help us each remember that he is always with us this week.**

Extra time? Grab a group game and bring it to the table. Or play Pictionary or hangman, using words or pictures from today's story.

LARGE group

special notes

Today's script is a bit longer. Make sure you cover it all. Small groups are shorter than usual to make up for it.

presenter tips

There's a game in the middle of today's lesson. Pretend you're a game show host—really make it fun and ask the kids to stand to answer to get everybody moving!

script

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. I'm so happy to see each of you here today. Today we've got an awesome story all about how God took care of his family. I can't wait to tell you about it!

GOD IS OMNIPOTENT
See, God took care of his family because he is "omnipotent." Raise your hand if you've ever heard that God is "omnipotent." (Let kids raise hands.) In case you haven't, everybody, turn to your neighbor and say, "omnipotent." (Let kids respond.) That's fun to say, isn't it? Now, does anybody know what omnipotent means? (Let kids say: all-powerful)

Yes, it means all-powerful. So when we say God is omnipotent, we are saying God has unlimited power—he can do anything he wants and he can control anything and everything in the entire earth. **(*Show picture of the elements.*)** He can control the elements like in Avatar or The Last Airbender. But he can do way more. He can even control people's hearts. After all, he *created* everything and every person!

Can you guys imagine that?? What's one thing you would do if you were omnipotent? **Turn and tell a friend one thing you would do if you have complete power.** (Let kids turn and tell a friend. Ask 3-5 kids to share.)

RECAP: GOD PROMISES A NEW HOME
Well, God used his power in today's story to take care of his people. Remember how God's people were stuck as slaves in Egypt? So God sent Moses to lead them to freedom. God told Moses that he didn't want his family to live as slaves. He wanted them to take them to a wonderful land he promised to them, where they would have plenty to eat and drink. They would be free there!

LARGE group

script continued

GOD PARTS THE RED SEA
But God's family had to get across the Red Sea to get away from Egypt and start traveling toward the Promised Land. So remember, God made a dry path right through the middle of the Red Sea. (***Show the picture of the Red Sea.*)** Yep, right in the middle of that huge sea. God just pushed the water to two sides with a big wind. He used air to move the water and make a path—and his people walked through it.

"HOW GOD PROVIDED IN THE DESERT" GAME
God's family had to wander in the desert for 40 years before they reached the Promised Land. That's a long time! But even while they were stuck in the wilderness, God used his power to take care of his people.

We're going to play a little game. I'm going to show you a picture of something God provided for his family—and you see if you can figure out what it is. When you think you know it, stand up! Think about what you would need if you were stuck in the desert with a bunch of people! Ready?

(*Show picture of manna*; let kids stand and say food) Yes! That's an easy one. The people need food, right? Well, God sent manna from heaven for them to eat. We don't know exactly what manna is, but the Bible says it tasted like wafers made of honey. And it just arrived on the ground each morning! Let's try another one:

(***Show picture of water***; let kids stand and say water): Yep. When the people ran out of water, he gave them water to drink. But they didn't just stumble across a stream. No, God actually made water flow out from a rock! This next one's a little harder:

(***Show picture of a tour guide***) Look at the person pointing. This is a big tour through the mountains, and the person pointing knows where to go. What do we call a person like that? (Let kids stand and say a tour guide) Yes, a tour guide is kind of like a human map. See, the desert was HUGE. And the people didn't know how to get to the Promised Land, so God gave them direction. But there weren't any maps, so God was like their personal tour guide! He led them with a big cloud during the day and a pillar of fire at night! Alright, here's the next one:

(***Show picture of rules***; let kids stand and say rules) That's right. God gave them rules called the 10 commandments! That was to help keep the people safe. He knew they would be happiest if they loved God and each other more than anything. God showed them how to treat each other. Okay, one more:

(***Show picture of a teacher***; let kids stand and say teacher) Yes, a teacher—or a leader. Somebody to be in charge and to be a prophet—that's a person who gives messages from God. Who was the leader who led the people out of Egypt? (Let kids say: Moses) Yes!

And by the time God's family reached the Promised Land, Moses was getting really old and was ready to die. So God provided a new leader. His name was Joshua.

LARGE group

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JOSHUA FACES JERICHO
Joshua knew God wanted him to lead the people into the Promised Land. But that wasn't easy. This land was blocked by a huge city called Jericho. The city had thick walls to protect it…and a huge army full of giant people!

So God gave Joshua a special command. He said:

SLIDE: Joshua 1:9 Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be terrified. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.

Why shouldn't Joshua be afraid? (Let kids say: because the Lord was with him and would never leave him). That's right! And remember, the all-powerful God will be with Joshua! He loves to provide for his family.

GOD TELLS JOSHUA HOW TO CONQUER JERICHO
But even though Joshua knew that God was with him…and that a city is no match for God, he was worried. He knew the Israelites could never possibly defeat Jericho by themselves. But he chose to trust God and ask God how to get into the Promised Land.

And guess what? God gave them some crazy instructions that made no sense at all. So all the people could do was obey God and trust that he was powerful. We're going to watch a clip of what God asked his family to do before he tore down the walls of Jericho. As you watch, see if you can figure out God's instructions:

***Video: Play Bible DVD Clip* (about 2 minutes)**

Wow, so what were God's instructions for his people? (Let kids say: to walk around the walls seven times—and on the 7th time yell). Yes, God asked his people to walk around the walls seven times—and on the 7th time yell.

GOD TORE DOWN THE WALLS
Now, we've all been walking around these walls this morning and we know walking doesn't make walls fall down. We've been pretty loud too and (knock on the walls) they seem pretty strong. Should we all try yelling as loud as we can, just in case that would help put a crack in these walls? (Go ahead and YELL together!)

Nope, still standing. So…if all God's people did was parade around the city seven times—and yell and blow some horns, how did the walls fall? (Let kids say: God tore them down). Yep, God caused them to come crashing down. See, he is omnipotent and can do whatever it takes to rescue his family.

Did Joshua have anything to be afraid of? (Let kids say: NO!) Nope, God was in control the whole time! He's all-powerful!

LARGE group

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WORSHIP
Let's worship God and tell him how great and powerful we think he is.

Song: You Come in a Hurry
Song: Bravery

PRAY
Ask somebody to come and thank God that he is omnipotent.

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PREP needs

small group supplies

Coloring pages
Markers
Per small group (will all be re-used at each service):

- Jenga Block
- One small stone
- 1 Ziploc bag of Corn Flakes (not for eating!!!)
- small bowl of water
- small washcloth/sponge or paper towels for tattoo application

Per small group (cannot be re-used):

- 5 cards, each with a separate image (printed in color on card stock; template in curriculum folder)

Per kid: 1 heart tattoo (IN-32/898)

large group supplies

Adventure Bible (pg. 241-249)

a/v needs

1. The following images, each on its own slide: (jpegs in curriculum folder)
    a. Slide 1: 4 elements
    b. Slide 2: Red Sea
    c. Slide 3: Manna
    d. Slide 4: Water
    e. Slide 5: Tour Guide
    f. Slide 6: Rules
    g. Slide 7: Teacher
2. SLIDE: Joshua 1:9: Here is what I am commanding you to do. Be strong and brave. Do not be terrified. Do not lose hope. I am the LORD your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.
3. Video: The Bible DVD (Disk 1, Chapter: Homeland: 10:16-12:23)
4. Song: You Come in a Hurry
5. Song: Bravery

special room set-up

None

connect questions

Tell me about Joshua.
Why can we trust God to provide?

parent page

We covered a lot of ground in today's story: from the Israelites wandering in the desert to Joshua leading God's family into the Promised Land (Exodus 16-Joshua 6). Read the whole thing together if you want. Make sure you ask your kids why we can trust God to provide for us, too! For a practical way to help remember God's power, his presence, and provision, memorize Joshua 1:9 as a family.