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## STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 7

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# UNIT 7: GOD IS POWERFUL

## Session 1: Crossing the Jordan River Joshua 1, 3-4



Sunday, March 2

Why can we trust God?

Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

### **Memory Verse: Psalm 24:8**

“Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.”

# Session 1 Monday



## Before you read...

- ▶ A long time ago, we read about God's promise to Abraham to give his family some land, the land of Canaan. Abraham believed and trusted God to keep His promise. Many generations later, God's people are right on the edge of the Promised Land. Moses, God's chosen leader, was not able to lead the Israelites into the land and has died.
- ▶ This week, we will see how God's promise to bring His people into the land of Canaan came true. God gave Joshua courage to lead the Israelites, and they crossed the Jordan River.



## Read Joshua 1:1-9

- ▶ What phrase did God tell Joshua three different times in this passage?

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- ▶ What were the people supposed to "be careful to obey?"

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- ▶ What would happen to the people if they did obey?

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## Before you read...

- ▶ God's people are right on the edge of the Promised Land. Moses, God's chosen leader, was not able to lead the Israelites into the land and has died. God gave Joshua courage to lead the Israelites into the land of Canaan.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God instructed Joshua and the Israelites to be strong and courageous and to obey all of God's laws and commands. God also promised to be with the Israelites wherever they went.



## Read Joshua 3:1-8

- ▶ What were the Israelites supposed to follow?

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- ▶ What instruction did God give the priests who carried the ark of the covenant?

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- ▶ After all of the more than 40 years of waiting, how do you think the Israelites felt about entering the land? Imagine you were an Israelite at this time? What would you be thinking and feeling?

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# Session 1 Wednesday



## Before you read...

- ▶ God's people are right on the edge of the Promised Land. Moses, God's chosen leader, was not able to lead the Israelites into the land and has died. God gave Joshua courage to lead the Israelites into the land of Canaan.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God commanded the priests to carry the ark of the covenant into the Jordan River and stand in the water.



## Read Joshua 3:14-17

- ▶ What happened when the priests' feet touched the water of the Jordan River?

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- ▶ When is another time the Israelites crossed a body of water on dry ground?

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- ▶ How is this time different than the last time?

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- ▶ God's people are right on the edge of the Promised Land. Moses, God's chosen leader, was not able to lead the Israelites into the land and has died. God gave Joshua courage to lead the Israelites into the land of Canaan.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that as soon as the priests' feet touched the water, it stopped flowing and the whole nation of Israel crossed the Jordan River on dry ground.



Read Joshua 4:1-7

- ▶ Why did God tell Joshua to choose 12 men—what is important about the number 12?  
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- ▶ What special instructions did God and Joshua give those 12 men?  
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- ▶ What did the stones mean?  
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## Session 1 Friday



### Before you read...

- ▶ God's people are right on the edge of the Promised Land. Moses, God's chosen leader, was not able to lead the Israelites into the land and has died. God gave Joshua courage to lead the Israelites into the land of Canaan.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God told Joshua to choose 12 men—one for each tribe of Israel—to take a stone from the middle of the river and place them in the land of Canaan with the Israelites.



### Read Joshua 4:15-24

- ▶ What happened when the priests and the ark of the covenant came up out of the river?

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- ▶ Why did God dry up the river and let the Israelites cross? (look at verse 24)

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- ▶ The Israelites chose to trust God, and they entered the good land. When we choose to trust in Jesus, what do we receive?

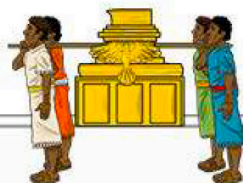
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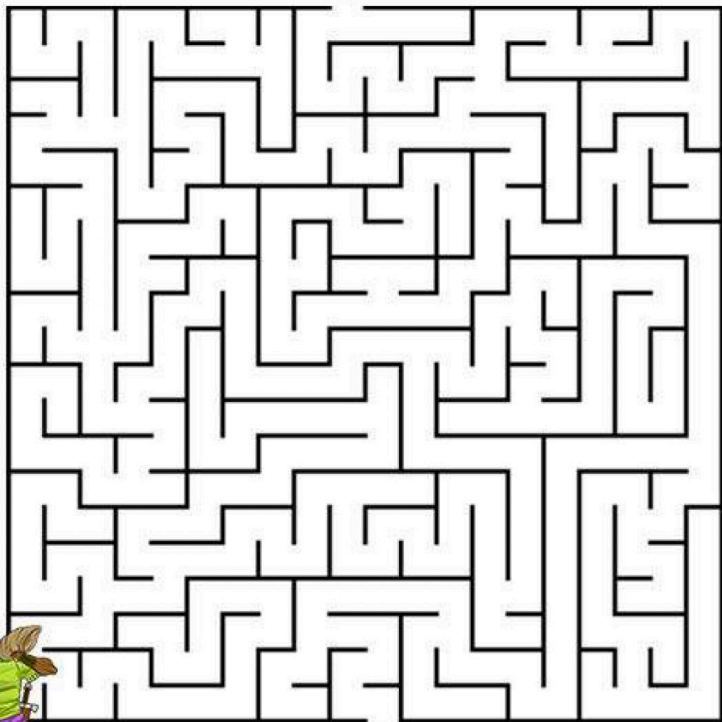
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# UNIT 7: GOD IS POWERFUL

## Session 2: Conquering Jericho Joshua 2, 6



Sunday, March 9

Why can we trust God?

Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

### **Memory Verse: Psalm 24:8**

“Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.”



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we read that God dried up the Jordan River so that the Israelites could cross over into the Promised Land. When they arrived in their new land, they came to the city of Jericho with huge walls and an army ready to defend their city.
- ▶ God promised Joshua that Jericho, and everything in it, would be given over to the Israelites. Joshua and the Israelites trusted God to defeat Jericho.



Read Joshua 2:1-7

- ▶ Whose house did Joshua's two spies hide in?

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- ▶ Why did they need to hide?

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- ▶ Challenge question: Was the owner of this house an Israelite?

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## Session 2 Tuesday



### Before you read...

- ▶ When the Israelites arrived in their new land, they came to the city of Jericho with huge walls and an army ready to defend their city. But, God promised Joshua that Jericho, and everything in it, would be given over to the Israelites. Joshua and the Israelites trusted God to defeat Jericho.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Joshua sent spies into the city of Jericho to look over the land. The spies hid in the house of a woman named Rahab, who was not an Israelite.



### Read Joshua 2:8-14

- ▶ What did Rahab tell the spies she knew about the Lord?

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- ▶ How did the people who lived in Jericho feel about the knowledge that Rahab shared about the Lord?

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- ▶ What did the spies promise Rahab?

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- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Rahab knew the Lord had given the land to the Israelites and the people of Jericho were melting in fear because of the Israelites. The spies promised Rahab that she and her family would be protected as long as they all stayed in Rahab's house during the battle.



## Read Joshua 6:1-7

- ▶ What instructions did God give to Joshua to defeat Jericho?

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- ▶ Do you think blowing horns and shouting is strong enough to knock down huge, thick walls of a city?

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- ▶ This seems like a strange plan. Why could the Israelites trust God's plan?

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## Session 2 Thursday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God instructed the Israelites to march around the city of Jericho once each day for six days. Then on the seventh day, they were to march around seven times and blow the trumpets and shout. I wonder what the Israelites thought of these strange instructions for destroying a city!



### Read Joshua 6:8-19

- ▶ Did the Israelites follow God's instructions? How do you think the people inside the city felt when the Israelites were marching around it?

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- ▶ Who were the only people in Jericho who were to be saved?

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- ▶ What were they supposed to do with all of the silver, gold, bronze, and iron?

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Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the Israelites followed God's strange instructions exactly. They marched around for seven days and only shouted on the seventh day. Let's see what happened next!



Read Joshua 6:20-25

- ▶ What happened to the wall at the sound of the trumpet and the loud shout?

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- ▶ What did the Israelites do to the city?

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- ▶ What happened to Rahab and her family?

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- ▶ Bonus Question: In the New Testament, Rahab is listed in the genealogy (or the family) of what person? (Read Matthew 1)

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# Joshua Fights the Battle of Jericho

*Nothing will be impossible with God.*

*Luke 1:37*

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**What God Wants Us to Know:** Following God’s way is always the best choice. Do we do this perfectly, every time? No. That’s why God sent Jesus to save us from our sins. Because of Jesus, you are forgiven!

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# UNIT 7: GOD IS POWERFUL

## Session 4: Taking the Land Joshua 10-11



Sunday, March 16

Why can we  
trust God?

Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

### **Memory Verse: Psalm 24:8**

“Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.”

# Session 4 Monday



## Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we read how Joshua and the Israelites trusted God to defeat Jericho. But before the Israelites could possess all the land of Canaan, they needed to face many more enemies and conquer many cities. Just like at Jericho, God fought for the Israelites.



## Read Joshua 10:1-5

- ▶ Who made a treaty of peace with Israel?

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- ▶ How many kings joined together to attack Gibeon?

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- ▶ Why did they attack Gibeon?

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## Before you read...

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- ▶ Yesterday, we read that 5 kings joined together to attack the city of Gibeon because they had made peace with Joshua and the Israelites.



## Read Joshua 10:6-8

- ▶ What did the Gibeonites ask of Joshua?

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- ▶ What did the Lord tell Joshua?

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- ▶ Do you think Joshua and the Israelite army were able to have courage? Why or why not?

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## Session 4 Wednesday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we read how Joshua and the Israelites trusted God to defeat Jericho. But before the Israelites could possess all the land of Canaan, they needed to face many more enemies and conquer many cities. Just like at Jericho, God fought for the Israelites.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that the Gibeonites asked Joshua to save them from the 5 kings who joined up against them. The Lord told Joshua not to be afraid and that he would defeat the enemy.



### Read Joshua 10:9-11

- ▶ Who killed more of the enemy, God or the Israelites?

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- ▶ What did God use to kill the enemy?

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- ▶ The enemies worshiped a false god called the sky-god. Who truly has power over the sky?

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Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God hurled large hailstones down and killed more of the enemy than Israelites did with their swords.
- ▶ The enemy, the Amorites, worshiped a false god called sky-god. Today, we will read another way God showed His power over all of creation, including the sky.



Read Joshua 10:12-15

- ▶ What did Joshua ask the Lord to do?

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- ▶ How long did the sun stop?

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- ▶ What do you think it was like when the sun held still? Describe how you would have felt on that day.

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## Session 4 Friday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Joshua asked the Lord to make the sun and moon stand still—and it happened! The sun delayed going down for about a full day! God is so powerful!!
- ▶ Joshua and the Israelites had to fight many more battles to completely take over the Promised Land. Today, we are going to read a summary of all that Joshua and the Israelites did.



### Read Joshua 11:16-23

- ▶ How many places can you count in this passage that Joshua and the Israelites destroyed?

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- ▶ Clear back in Exodus 3:8, God said to Moses, “I have come down to rescue them from the power of the Egyptians and to bring them from that land to a good and spacious land, a land flowing with milk and honey—the territory of the Canaanites, Hittites, Amorites, Perizzites, Hivites, and Jebusites.” Did God remain faithful and keep His promise?

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- ▶ Why can we trust God to keep His promises?

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## The Sun Stands Still Joshua 10

Joshua and the Israelites were fighting a major battle against five kings of Canaan. The Israelites needed more time to finish the fight. Joshua prayed to God for help. Solve the puzzle to see how God answered Joshua's prayer. Cross out the letters of the alphabet in order. The remaining letters spell out the answer.

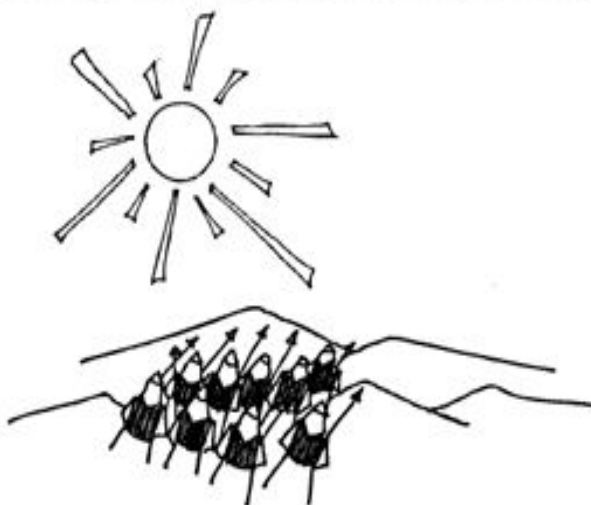
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# UNIT 7: GOD IS POWERFUL

## Session 5: Joshua's Farewell Joshua 23-24



Sunday, March 23

Why can we  
trust God?

Jesus taught about God and His kingdom. He taught that all Scripture is about Him.

### **Memory Verse: Psalm 24:8**

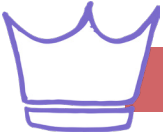
“Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle.”





Before you read...

- ▶ In this unit, we have learned that God's people finally entered the Promised Land, the land God promised Abraham way back in Genesis! Once they entered the land, the Israelites had to face many enemies, but God always fought for the Israelites. Last week, we read that God's people finally had rest from war.
- ▶ This week, we will read about Joshua's final message to God's people. We'll see that Joshua was growing old and would soon die. But before his death, Joshua reminded the Israelites to worship and obey God.



Read Joshua 23:1-5

- ▶ Who fought for the Israelites?

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- ▶ Who will drive out the nations in the land?

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- ▶ Who keeps every promise He makes?

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## Session 5 Tuesday



### Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about Joshua's final message to God's people. Joshua was growing old and would soon die. But before his death, Joshua reminded the Israelites to worship and obey God.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Joshua reminded the people of God's faithfulness to keep His promises and fight for the Israelites, drive the enemies out of the land, and give the Israelites the land.



### Read Joshua 23:6-13

- ▶ What instructions did Joshua give the people in verses 6-8?

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- ▶ What will happen if the Israelites turn away from God and follow the false gods of the enemies?

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- ▶ How can we, today, remember God's faithfulness and obey His commands?

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Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about Joshua's final message to God's people. Joshua was growing old and would soon die. But before his death, Joshua reminded the Israelites to worship and obey God.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Joshua told the people to be strong and to obey all of God's commands. If the people did not obey, then God would no longer drive out the enemies and they would be a trap for the Israelites.



Read Joshua 23:14-16

- ▶ How many of God's promises failed?

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- ▶ What is the main thing in verse 16 that Joshua warns the people not to do?

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- ▶ Why should we still today worship God alone?

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## Session 5 Thursday



### Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God kept ALL of His promises. And the people were to be sure to worship God alone and NOT bow down to or serve other gods.
- ▶ In chapter 24, Joshua reminds the people of all God has done clear back to the time of Abraham. If you want a challenge, read all of Joshua's words in chapter 24!



### Read Joshua 24:11-13

- ▶ Who is speaking in this passage?

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- ▶ Who won the battle against all those enemies?

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- ▶ What things did God give the Israelites that they did not earn on their own?

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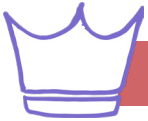
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Before you read...

- ▶ This week, we are reading about Joshua's final message to God's people. Joshua was growing old and would soon die. But before his death, Joshua reminded the Israelites to worship and obey God.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God defeated the enemies and gave the Israelites land, cities, vineyards, and olive groves that they did not earn.



Read Joshua 24:14-18

- ▶ How did the people respond to Joshua's speech?

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- ▶ Why do you think, before he died, that Joshua reminded the Israelites of all that God had done for them?

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- ▶ We have the same choice today. Will you obey and worship God alone or live "me first, my way?"

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# JOSHUA'S LIFE TIMELINE

Fill in the key events in Joshua's life on the timeline below, placing them in chronological order.



Led the Israelites in battles to conquer Canaan (Joshua chapters 6-12)

Born in Egypt (Exodus 1:8-14; 33:11)

Served as Moses' assistant (Exodus 24:13; 33:11)

Led the battle against the Amalekites (Exodus 17:8-13)

Chosen as one of the 12 spies (Numbers 13:1-16)

Gave a farewell address to the Israelites (Joshua 23:1-16)

Crossed the Jordan River (Joshua 3:1-17)

Conquered the city of Jericho (Joshua 6:1-27)

Divided the land among the tribes of Israel (Joshua 13-19)

Succeeded Moses as the leader of the Israelites (Numbers 27:15-23)

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