JOSHUA

Joshua was a strong man who followed after everything God said to do. For years, he served under Moses, the leader of many, many people, as they walked to a new land God picked out just for them. But the people living in that land were big, and mighty and very evil. Then, Moses died and God chose Joshua to lead the people.



Joshua 1

Now after the death of Moses, the Lord spoke to Joshua. Get up and cross over the Jordan—you and all this people— to the land that I am giving you. I have given you every place that the sole of your footsteps – just as I said to Moses. No man will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, I will be with you. I will not abandon you. I will not leave you. Be strong and courageous, for you will have the land I swore to their fathers.



What did God want Joshua to do?

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God gave us His Word so that we can know Him. So, now that you know a bit about Joshua and God's instructions to him, let's look to see what we can learn about God from this story. Circle every mention of God (including pronouns like "I").



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Do you see the things I see?

- 1. God spoke to Joshua and gave him instructions. Knowing that, do you suppose God speaks to us and give us instructions, too?
- 2. God provided for the people who followed Him. Did you know that the Bible tells us that God also provides for us?
- 3. God keeps His promises. What He promised to Moses, He told Joshua He would do. If God keeps His promises, do you think we can trust what He says to us?
- 4. God was with Joshua and promised never to leave him.



God has a special ability to be **everywhere**, **all the time**. It's one of His many superpowers! Did you know that when you belong to Him, He's always with you and will never leave you?

Have you ever been very afraid? Perhaps you were going to the doctor's office and was unsure what to expect. Or you were going to join a new class at school.

How does what you learned in Joshua 1 help you as you face something unknown or something new?

When I learn something new about God from His Word, I like to thank Him for letting me know Him better. It might go something like this:

"Thank you, God, that you care enough about me to give me instructions that are just for me – instructions to help me live a peaceful life that pleases you. Thank you also that you provide for all my needs, and that you are always with me – no matter where I am. But most of all, Father, thank you that you keep your promises. I can count on your."

AMEN!

When we know Him, we can trust Him. Remember – He keeps His promises!!

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