

MAY 1

GOD GAVE THE PEOPLE THE LAND (Joshua 7-11)

RECAP

Christ Connection

God saved the Israelites and gave them victory over their enemies. God saved sinners by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross. Jesus gives us victory over sin and death.

Big Picture Question

What is a miracle? A miracle is something God does that usually cannot be done.

Key Passage:

You are the God who works wonders; you have made known your might among the peoples. Psalm 77:14

THE GOSPEL PROJECT @HOME

FAMILY WORSHIP

Consider doing this during a designated time each week or before/after a meal together.

Read all or parts of Joshua 7-11 from the Bible, talk about the scripture, pray and do the fun activity or family serve project this week.

Derek Redmond was ready to run the 400-meter race at the 1992 Olympic Games. He was one of the favorites to win the race. Halfway through the race, Derek fell to the ground with an injured hamstring that made it impossible to run. He stood up and attempted to limp toward the finish line. Derek's father, Jim, came from the crowd, lifted his son on his shoulder, and helped him finish the race. When he needed it the most, Derek's father was there to help.

God had promised victory for the Israelite army. As Joshua and the Israelites fought the five kings' armies, the Lord was with them. And when they needed it the most, God was there to help. When Joshua prayed, God made the sun stand still and allowed the Israelites to conquer the enemy armies. Like a father who comes to help his children, God fought for His people and gave them the land He had promised.

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.

***Pray:** God, we know that You are a loving Father. You love Your children and always want to help them in their time of need. We praise You because You saw our greatest need was salvation, and You sent Jesus to be the Savior we needed.*

***Pray:** Lord, help us to trust that You are good and always in control. We know that Your plans will never fail, and we thank you most of all for Your plan to send Jesus so that everyone who trusts in Him will be saved.*

FAMILY PRAYER

Mornings

Thank God for the people who help you and care for you. Ask God to help you show appreciation for the ways they serve you today. How has God met your needs through the help of others? How is this a sign of His love for you?

Evenings

Ask God to remind you of His power to do what might seem impossible. What thoughts did you have about God when you read of His miracle to help Joshua? How does this story show us His power over creation?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

For Fun

Take your family on an outing to a place where you can get a good view of the sunset (or sunrise). As you take in the beauty of the changing sun, talk about how God fought for His people by making the sun stand still. Remind kids that God is in control of everything, and we can find comfort in knowing we can trust Him.

To Serve

Guide each family member to come up with a way she can serve another family member this week. It could be making their lunch, doing their chores, cleaning their room, etc. Remind each family member that these acts of service for one another are just small reminders of how God loves and helps His people. The greatest example of this is Jesus, who came to serve and lay down His life as the perfect sacrifice for our sins.