

MAY 8

JOSHUA CHALLENGED THE PEOPLE (Joshua 23-24)

RECAP

Christ Connection

Before Joshua died, he left the Israelites with a task: obey God. After Jesus' death and resurrection, Jesus appeared to His disciples and left them with a task: obey Him by telling others about Him.

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 23-24 from the Bible, talk about the scripture, pray and do the fun activity or family serve project this week.

Here's a quick challenge: make a list of all the gifts your family has ever given you. Try to remember as many gifts as you can from birthdays, Christmas, or other special occasions. As you look over the list of gifts that show how much your family loves you, you likely find your love for them growing bigger and bigger.

Remembering the ways others have shown love to us naturally makes our love for them grow. When Joshua came to the end of his life, he took time to recall all the ways God had shown love to him and the Israelites. Joshua reminded the Israelites how God had rescued them out of Egypt, brought them across the Red Sea on dry land, and helped them to win so many battles. God had shown His faithful love to Israel over and over again.

As they remembered the ways God had shown His love, Joshua urged the people to give thanks by worshiping and obeying God. Their obedience would be a sign that they remembered everything God had done. It would be an act of worship to the God who had shown them such great love!

As Joshua prepared for his own death, he left behind a legacy of obedience to God. After Jesus' death and resurrection, He appeared to the disciples and left them with a legacy: to obey Him by making disciples of all nations.

Pray: God, help us remember all the ways You have shown love to us. When we think of those things, help us respond by loving You with our trust and our obedience. Thank You for loving us through Jesus and helping us to find our hope in Him.

FAMILY PRAYER

Mornings

Thank God for the gifts and talents He has given you. What abilities has God gifted to you? How can those abilities be used to worship Him?

Evenings

Ask God to help you use the gifts and talents He gave you to tell others about Jesus and bring glory to Himself. How can the talents and abilities God gives be used to share the gospel with others? How can we honor God by using our gifts this way?

FAMILY ACTIVITIES

For Fun

Look through family photo albums with kids. Talk about the seasons or special moments when your family experienced God's loving kindness. Discuss how remembering His love for us makes our love for Him grow. Encourage kids to worship God with their obedience.

To Serve

Write a card or letter to the individuals God has used to teach you about Him. It could be a Sunday School teacher, pastor, friend, or family member. Thank the person for telling you about God and all the things He has done. Thank him or her for taking the time to encourage you in the faith.