

# Miracle at the Jordan

## **Big Idea:**

God encourages and helps us by demonstrating his power and love.



## **Bible Verse:**

With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible. Matthew 19:26

## **Read the Bible:** Joshua 3 and 4

The Israelites were camped by the Jordan river. But before the people could cross, they had to listen carefully to Joshua's instructions. "When you see the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant, you are to follow it. That's how you will know the way to go."

Then Joshua told the people to get ready for something amazing – God was going to stop the river! The river was flowing high and FAST, but the Israelites did just what God told them to do. And sure enough, just as the priests stepped into the water, the river stopped! It all piled up on one side and the place where the priests were standing dried up! Then the thousands of Israelites passed right by the priests and walked to the other side on dry ground.

Then Joshua gave another order. He chose 12 men to go to the middle of the river and pick up a large stone and take it to the place where the people camped that night. "Someday", Joshua told them, "your children will ask what the stones mean. Tell them how God showed his mighty power and stopped the Jordan river so that everyone could cross on dry ground."

Finally, it was time for the priests to come out of the river, and as soon as they set their feet on the riverbank, the deep, fast river flowed right back into place!

That night, the people built a special memorial out of the stones from the riverbed to help them remember how God had brought them into the Promised Land.



God stopped the river.

## **Let's Talk:**

1. Which is more powerful? A pony or puppy dog?  
A tornado or an earthquake?  
A monster truck or a minivan?
2. In this story, how did God show his power?
3. Why did Joshua build a memorial with the stones?

