

# 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 Israelite spies had completed their job and now the people were ready to enter the land God had promised them. Joshua organized the people and gave them specific directions to follow.

**Read Joshua 3:2-4 to find out what the directions were.**

He also told the people to get ready to see God show his power in an AMAZING way! He told the priests to carry the Ark of the Covenant ahead of the people to lead the way. He directed them to step into the Jordan river, (which was SUPER fast and deep at that time of year) and begin to walk across! Even though they had no idea how God would get them across, they obeyed and followed Joshua's instructions. The first two priests stepped into the water...

**Read Joshua 3:15-16 to find out what happened when the priests stepped in.**

Amazing! A wall of water! Dry ground!

The priests walked to the center of the river and waited, while thousands and thousands of Israelites passed by them to the other side.

Once the very last Israelite had crossed the riverbed, God gave Joshua more instructions.

**Read Joshua 4:2-3 to find out what they were.**

Joshua called 12 men to pick up a stone from the middle of the river. As they carried their stones out of the river, Joshua said to the priests, "Come up out of the Jordan." As soon as the priests came out of the river, the water came rushing back.

When the people camped that night, Joshua used the twelve stones to build a memorial. He wanted to help the people and their children - AND their grandchildren - remember the great thing that God had done for them. God had brought them into the Promised Land!

## **Let's Talk:**

1. What things are impossible for a tiny baby to do? What things are impossible for YOU to do?
2. What was impossible for the Israelites to do?
3. Why did Joshua build the stone memorial?
4. Read today's Bible verse out loud. **Remember – God is powerful enough to help us in impossible situations!**

## **Challenge:**

Try making your own memorial to help you remember how God answered a special prayer or helped you when you were facing something that seemed impossible. It could be a pile of stones like Joshua's, or a scrapbook, or even a journal or bookmark.