

The Israelites Cross the Jordan River

Joshua 3:1—4:24



PICTURE THIS!



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Thanking God for what he's done.



Daily Challenge

Choose a way you'll remember and thank God for the things he's done for you.

- At dinnertime, lead your family members in a prayer and have everyone at the table say one thing God has done for them that they're thankful for.
- Keep a list of things God does for you each day.
- Tell a friend about something God has done for you.

BIBLE STORY (THE BASICS)

The big day had finally arrived! It was time for Joshua to lead the Israelites across the Jordan River and into the land God had promised to them. The river was at flood stage, but God had a plan. When the priests carried the ark of the covenant to the river, God stopped the waters and the priests stood in the middle of a dry riverbed! The Israelites crossed over on dry land to the Promised Land.

Then God told Joshua to choose 12 men (one from each tribe of Israel) to each pick up a stone from the middle of the river and to use the stones to make a monument in the new land. The monument would remind everyone of what God had done for the Israelites that day.

Bible Point: Remember what God has done.

Key Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done" (1 Chronicles 16:8).



THE WORD FOR THE WEEK

Happy Memories

Sit down with your family, and together look at old photo albums. Recall your favorite family celebrations and trips, and talk about what made them special. Talk about the friends and relatives you remember while looking at the pictures. Then go back through the albums, and talk about how God has blessed your family through the years. Discuss how God has guided your family, helping you through hard times and blessing you with good times. Close with a family prayer in which each of you thanks God for one specific thing he has done.



Find out how making your own song of thankfulness can teach you more about today's Key Verse! See the activity on page 406 in your *Hands-On Bible*!

PARENT STUMPER

Q. What did God tell the priests who carried the ark to do when they reached the edge of the Jordan River?



A. To go and stand in the river.



SATURDAY 2 Timothy 3:16-17
God has given us the Bible so that we can learn more about him and grow closer to him. Thank God for loving you so much that he gave the Bible to you.

MONDAY

Joshua 4:21-24

God said that the stones would be a reminder for generations to come of what God had done for the Israelites. Make, draw, or write about something that will remind you for years to come what God has done for you.

TUESDAY Psalm 47

The Bible says we should praise him in song! Sing a song, clap your hands, or play an instrument to show God you are thankful today.

WEDNESDAY

Ephesians 2:8-9

If you are a Christian, thank God now for saving you from your sins. If you aren't a Christian, why not commit to praying about becoming one?

THURSDAY

Genesis 1:1-12

God made you and everyone and everything around you. Go for a walk, and thank God for everything that he has made.

FRIDAY Psalm 121

Think of times God has kept you safe. Write a letter to God thanking him for his protection.