

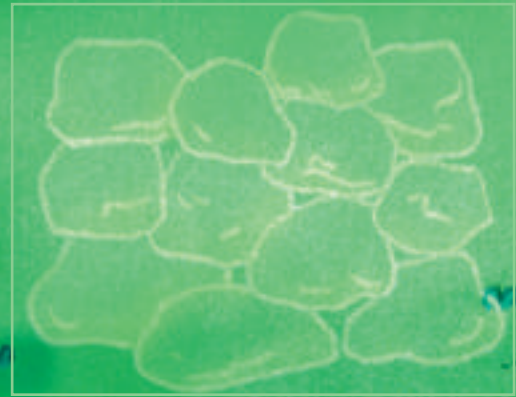
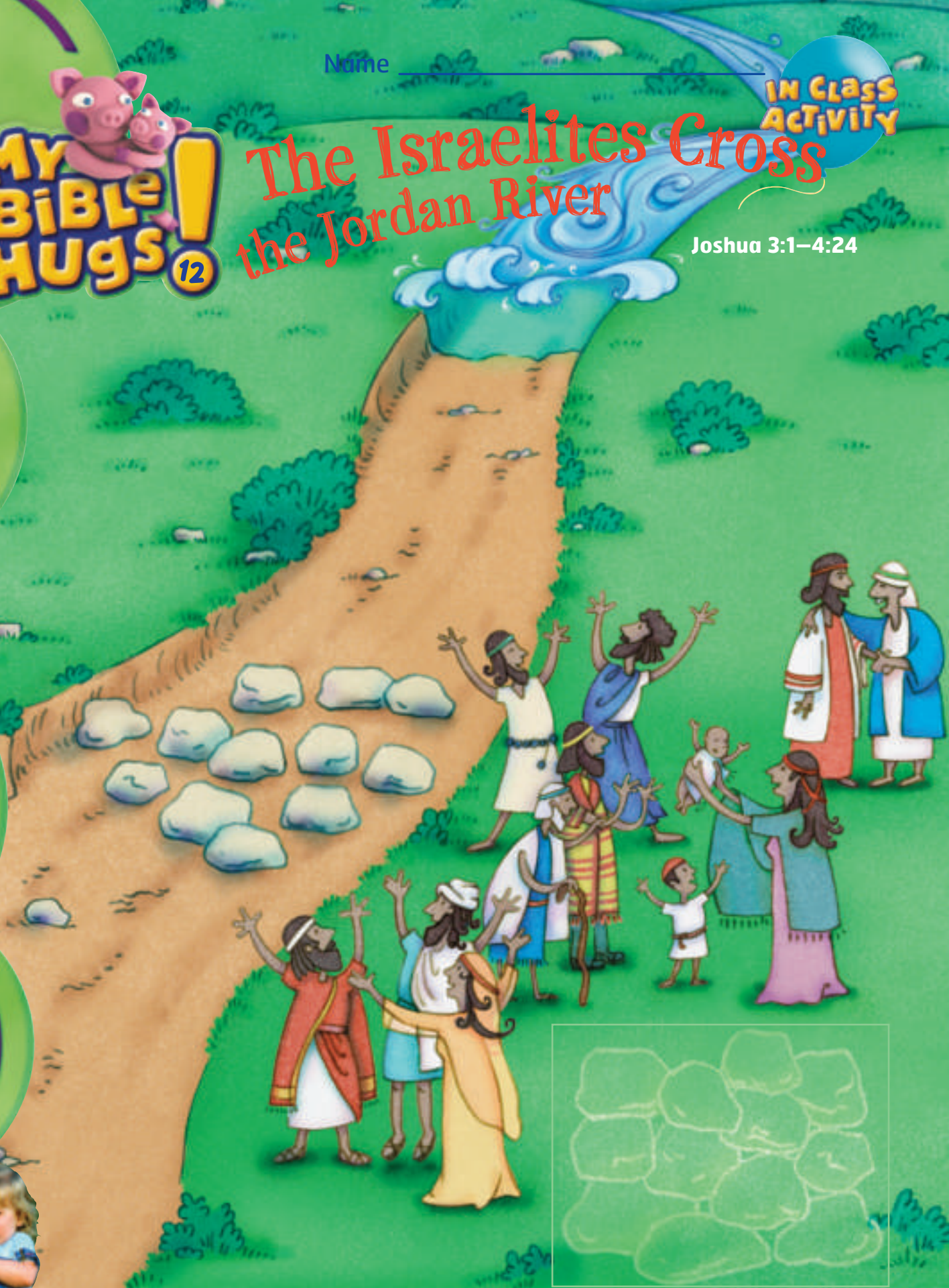
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IN CLASS
ACTIVITY

MY BIBLE HUGS! 12

The Israelites Cross the Jordan River

Joshua 3:1–4:24



Instructions: Set out a small bowl of glue and 12 pieces of puffed-corn cereal. Tell your child to pretend that the pieces of cereal are the 12 rocks from the river. Show your child how to dip the cereal in the glue and then glue the cereal inside the rectangle to make an "altar." (For additional classroom instructions, see Teacher Guide.)

What I learned today...

Bible Story: This week's Bible story (Joshua 3:1-4:24) reminds us to thank God. The Israelites needed to get to the other side of the Jordan River, but it was flooding. Then God stopped the water from flowing, and the Israelites were able to walk across the river. They wanted to remember to thank God, so they took 12 stones from the riverbed and made an altar. The altar helped them remember how God helped the Israelites. It helped them remember to thank God.

Key Verse: God's mighty hand cares for you (adapted from 1 Peter 5:6-7).



The next time your family sits down for a meal together, thank God by having a

one-word "add-on prayer." Start the prayer by saying, "Thank you, God, for..." and adding one word. The next person should repeat the one word the first person was thankful for and then add his or her own word of thanks. Continue until each family member has had a chance to add a word on to the prayer. Be sure your child's turn has only two or three things to remember so he or she will feel successful.

Then have everyone end the prayer in unison by saying, "In Jesus' name, amen."

- ASK**
- ☉ Was it difficult to remember what everyone else was thankful for?
 - ☉ Why is it important to remember to thank God?



Take your child on a "thank you" walk.

Take a small paper bag with you, and have your child collect things that

he or she is thankful for, such as interesting rocks, leaves, flowers, or bugs. When you get home, empty the bag outside and say a prayer with your child, thanking God for each thing you discovered.

- ASK**
- ☉ What were some things you discovered on your walk?
 - ☉ How can you remember to thank God for these gifts?
 - ☉ How do you think God feels when we remember to thank him?



This week your child learned that we need to remember to thank God. Your child committed

to one of the following challenges to remember to thank God for all of things he gives us. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!

- Help your dad or mom wash and clean your toys. As you do, thank God for providing the toys for you.
- Give a piece of candy to a friend. Thank God for giving you wonderful friends.
- Help your mom or dad make dinner. Before you eat, remember to thank God for the food he gives you each day.

