

At Home Lesson **Crossing the Jordan River** **(Joshua 1:1; 3-4)**

Gather your family together. Start off in prayer. Pray for each other, the church, the leaders around the world, and people who you know are in need. Ask God to teach your family something during this time together. Tell the Bible story and discuss. Stay open and make sure kids are invited to participate however, they are comfortable.

BIBLE STORY

Today's lesson comes from Joshua 1:1; 3-4. You can read the verses from the bible you have at home. The video on <https://jcbc.org/jcbc-kids-online/> also retells the story!

CONNECT AND DISCUSS

Ask these questions and explain these things to your children. Break it down on their level and adapt to their age group. The older your kids are, the more they can explain and think outside the box. Instead of defining words, ask them what it means. For younger kids, make sure to explain in the simplest terms. No matter the age, let them answer before you do. Accept their answers and make sure they know you are proud of how hard they are thinking, even if they don't get the "right" answer.

Bible Review/Set the Context Questions

- What happened to the Israelites in Egypt?
- How was Moses able to help free the Israelites?
- What were some things that happened when the Israelites were in the desert?

Bible Story Questions

- Who was Joshua?
- How did the Israelites get through the Jordan River?
- What did Joshua tell them to do after they were through the River?
- What does an altar show?
- What do you think "God is Mighty" means?
- What can we do to show our thanks to God?

CLOSE IN PRAYER

Pray and thank God for being mighty! Tell God that you trust Him to help your family through the good and bad times. Thank God for all that He does for you.

WORSHIP, CREATE, & PLAY TOGETHER

- **Act** out the story! Get some blue towels or a sheet to be the water. Have the kids stand at the edge of the “river” and then the parent pulls the water to the side and the children can move through it!
- **Create** a picture of a river with dry ground in the middle. Get some blue butcher paper or construction paper (or have the kids color a white sheet of paper blue). Color the middle of the paper with brown to represent the dry ground in the middle. Or, find some sand and glue sand in the middle!
- **Make** an altar at home. Find some rocks or nice pieces of wood and stack them together. Make it big outside, or small indoors. If you make one indoors, have kids write things they are thankful for during the week to place at the altar to show their thanks to God.

Sing and dance along to some of our kids' favorite songs!

[My God is so Big](#)

[Red Sea Road](#)

[The Way](#)



"For the LORD your God dried up the waters of Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as the LORD your God did to the Red sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over: that all the people of the earth might know the hand of the LORD, that it *is* mighty: that ye might fear the LORD your God for ever."

JOSHUA 4:23-24

JOSHUA & THE JORDAN RIVER

Guide the priests safely across the Jordan River

