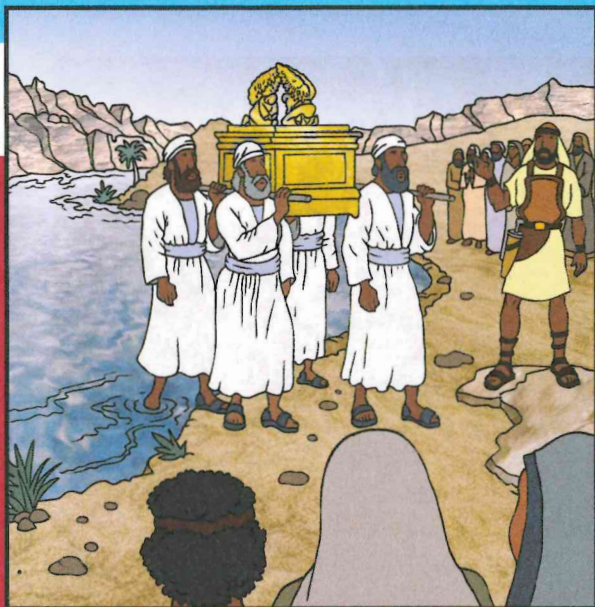


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BIBLE LESSON

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KEY VERSES: [Joshua] said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their parents, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.'" (Joshua 4:21-22)

Stones and Zones

Lesson Scripture: Joshua 4:14-18, 21-22

God's Word

14 That day the LORD exalted Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they stood in awe of him all the days of his life, just as they had stood in awe of Moses. **15** Then the LORD said to Joshua, **16** "Command the priests carrying the ark of the covenant law to come up out of the Jordan." **17** So Joshua commanded the priests, "Come up out of the Jordan." **18** And the priests came up out of the river carrying the ark of the covenant of the LORD. No sooner had they set their feet on the dry ground than the waters of the Jordan returned to their place and ran at flood stage as before.

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Bible Story

Stones and Zones

Joshua 4:14-18, 20-22

The Israelite people had successfully crossed the Jordan River and set up camp. It was at this point that the Lord reaffirmed Joshua as the one who would lead the people following the death of Moses. The Lord did this in front of all the people. The people honored Joshua throughout his life, just as they had honored Moses.

The Lord spoke to Joshua and told him to order the priests who were carrying the Ark of the Covenant (which contained the Ten Commandments) to come out of the Jordan River. Joshua ordered the priests to come out of the Jordan, just as the Lord had told him to do. The priests obeyed Joshua's command, and they carried the Ark of the Covenant out of the Jordan River. As soon as they stepped onto dry land, the waters of the Jordan River returned to their natural course, and the flood waters ran just as they had before. This confirmed the miraculous nature of God's power.

Then Joshua spoke to the people and told them, "In the future, when your children ask you what the twelve stones mean, tell them Israel crossed the Jordan River on dry ground." The stones would serve as a memorial to the twelve tribes of Israel.

Working to Remember

(Part 1)

Dana seemed to have a problem following directions. It seemed that as soon as someone started telling her what to do, she drifted off. When she came back from wandering mentally, the person had moved on or was waiting for a response from her. Many times, she had to ask them to repeat their instructions.

"I don't know what's wrong with me," Dana told her best friend, Nicole. "I can't seem to remember important things."

"I have trouble remembering sometimes, too," Nicole said. "But my mom helped me."

"Okay. I'll talk with my mom about it," Dana said.

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius

Hello, all! Nicholas and Cornelius here! In today's lesson, God told the people of Israel to gather twelve stones from the Jordan River and set up a memorial so that they could never forget God's faithfulness. Memorials are an excellent way for us to remember significant events and people who have made a lasting impact on our lives. Is there an item in your home that reminds you of God's blessings? Let's discuss it.



Working to Remember

(Part 2)

Later that evening, Dana talked to her mother about what was happening to her.

"Nicole suggested that I ask questions or repeat what the person is saying to me," Dana explained. "She also said that I should write lists to help me remember things."

"Those are good suggestions. I have some ideas that may help you, too," her mother replied. "I know how much you like to draw. Maybe you could draw pictures as a reminder. You can draw a present on the calendar for someone's birthday. Drawing a book to note the date that we take our trips to the library might also be helpful."

"Oh! I can do that!" Dana said excitedly. She then felt more confident about her ability to remember.

Exploring the Story with Nicholas and Cornelius



Have you ever had trouble remembering important things? How did you handle it? Did you remove distractions or discover other ways to help you remember? What are some other tools we can use to help us remember important things? While we may sometimes struggle, we must not forget that God always keeps His promises. It may take some time, but God's promises never fail to come to pass.

Searching for Words

Find and circle the listed words from today's lesson in the word search below.

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