

Curriculum Pack Volume 15



A Complete Nine-Week
Curriculum Series for
Elementary Children





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Introduction

Joshua was an EXTREME hero from the Bible. Throughout his life, Joshua had to do some EXTREME things in order to fulfill God's plan for his life. It started a long time before we ever see him in the battle of Jericho.

In this series, we are going to learn about the EXTREME preparation that God put Joshua through to get him ready to lead the nation of Israel. Then, we will look at the EXTREME fears that Joshua had to conquer as he took over for Moses as leader of God's people.

All of this leads us up to the point where Joshua leads the children of Israel across the Jordan river and conquers the city of Jericho. But, the EXTREME lessons don't end there. We learn another EXTREME lesson by watching how Joshua handles the mistake of Achan.

We hope you and your children enjoy this EXTREME adventure through the EXTREME lessons we learn from the life of Joshua: EXTREME HERO!

For This Generation,

The High Voltage Kids Ministry Team





The Elements

The DVD:

Included on the DVD are the Lesson Intro Video segments featuring Ban Daid and the Power Verse Videos featuring Senor Magnifico. You will also find the "Rap It Up" Videos featuring Skittles, a five-minute Countdown video to begin each service, plus many Misc. Videos that will be used in the lessons. You can also find the mpg-1 files on the Data Disc. *(just put the Data Disc into your computer and click "explore" on the disc from "My Computer"; go to the folder labeled "Mpg-1 files")*

The Music CD:

Contained on this music disc are instrumental game songs, the "BIG IDEA" sound byte, "Let's Play A Game" intro song, and the world famous "OFFERING TIME" song to introduce the Offering. It also includes the theme music for the "Bobby Rockit" skits.

The Data CD:

This CD contains the Printable Lesson Manual and graphics/artwork you can use to promote this amazing series. Also included are PowerPoint games, slides for use during illustrated sermons, and PowerPoint slides for each Big Idea and Power Verse. The Student Weekly Take-Home Activity Sheets are a great way to keep your kids thinking throughout the week about what they learned on Sunday. In addition, you will find a "Family Devotion" for each lesson. These are designed to either send home with the parents *(to reinforce the lesson during the week)*, OR they can be used as ten-minute "small group segments" in your service *(to reinforce the lesson right away)*.

The BIG IDEA:

This is the main thought you want to get across to the kids during the weekly lessons. The BIG IDEA is a simple statement that sums up the entire week's lesson. Sometimes it rhymes, sometimes it relies on rhythm, and other times it is just crazy fun! The goal is to have the kids learn the BIG IDEA by repetition. Included on the CD is the sound byte "Hey! What's The Big Idea?" *(track #1)*. This is a sound byte that your sound engineer can play as many times during the service as desired. Each time the kids hear the sound byte, they should stand up on their feet and say the week's BIG IDEA.

Game Time:

Each week a game has been provided. Most of them are themed with the lesson being taught that week. There are also high energy instrumental game songs included on the Music CD. Some of them are 60-second versions *(to be used for games with a one-minute time limit)*, and some of them are extended versions. More music can be found on our Crazy Kids Game Music CDs at www.highvoltage-kids.com.

Character Skits:

These skits feature "Bobby Rockit" (you can choose to have him as a puppet or a human character) who interacts with another person (you or any member of your team). Names can be changed for each specific church and situation if you wish. Use the skits in whatever way works best for you.

Illustrated Messages:

Because kids tend to learn best if you combine speaking the truth with visual illustrations, we have written an illustrated sermon to be used each week. Materials are listed, and manuscripts are provided. Each illustrated sermon comes with a PowerPoint slide for each main point.



How To Use The Lesson Plan Worksheet

The first page of each lesson includes a lesson plan for the service with a suggested order of service that you may follow. On the second page of each lesson is a worksheet with a schedule of events for your service with blanks that you fill in and photocopy for your team of workers.

Please note that each lesson worksheet includes "Intro Video," "Game Time," "Illustrated Sermon," and the other lesson segments we provide with the curriculum. Just fill in the blanks as you plan your service and give them to the people who help with your service.

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MUSIC CD TRACK LISTING

SOUND EFFECTS AND WEEKLY SONGS

1. WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA?
2. OFFERING TIME
3. LET'S PLAY A GAME
4. BOBBY ROCKIT'S THEME MUSIC
5. "ISRAELITES MARCHING" SOUND F/X (FOR LESSON 8)
6. "PRIESTS TRUMPET BLAST" SOUND F/X (FOR LESSON 8)
7. "WALLS CRUMBLE DOWN" SOUND F/X (FOR LESSON 8)

60 SECOND GAME SONGS

8. ENERGY
9. OMINOUS
10. FUNKY FRIED

EXTENDED GAME SONGS

11. BANG THE DRUM
12. IN THE ROUND
13. SECRET RECIPE

***BONUS* SONGS**

14. "COME ON IN" FROM "HIGH VOLTAGE POWER PRAISE VOL. 2" (AVAILABLE AT WWW.HIGHVOLTAGE-KIDS.COM)
15. "THINGS OF THE WORLD" FROM THE SKITTLES "TASTE THE RAINBOW" CD (AVAILABLE AT WWW.HIGHVOLTAGE-KIDS.COM)



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(Play Track #4 off the Music CD—Bobby's theme music)

(Bobby runs out onstage, yelling like its the beginning of a mega rock concert.)

Bobby: Thank you! Thank you! Hello, Cleveland! Are you ready to ROOOOOOOOOOOOOCK?!
(sings a loud, high-pitched rocker note)

Leader: Whoah! Who are you?!

Bobby: My names Rockit, Bobby Rockit! YEAAAAAAAH!!! Thank you, New York!!

Leader: Um...Mr. Rocker..

Bobby: Drop that "Mr." stuff, bay-buh! And the names ROCKIT! WOOWOOO!!! Buffalo, are you ready to ROOOOCK?!

Leader: Sorry, Rockit. I think you're kind of confused. This isn't ANY of those places you just mentioned.

Bobby: Shucks, I know that! I'm just preparing myself for my first ever world tour with my band!

Leader: A band? You have a band?

Bobby: That's right, baaaay-buh! We are known as EX-SCREAM! YEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!

Leader: Extreme?

Bobby: Naw, man! EX-SCREAM! We're the most extreme hair metal band of all time, and we love to SCREAM! YEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAH!!!

Leader: (*holding ears*) That sounds....well....loud.

Bobby: Oh, you know it bay-buh! We're gonna have the loudest, wildest, most EXTREME tour of all time! We're practicing day and night, playin' our instruments until our fingers don't work (*does an air guitar solo*), singin' 'till we can't talk no more (*lets out a rocker high note*), and playin' our music so loud we can't hear anymore!

Leader: That sounds crazy!

Bobby: What? I can't hear ya!

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CHARACTER SKIT

Leader: *(yells a little louder)* I said "THAT SOUNDS CRAZY!"

Bobby: You know it bay-buh! ExSCREAM's gonna rock the world! YEAH!! Thanks to our awesome preparation techniques!

Leader: Preparation techniques? Like what?

Bobby: Well, I'm the lead singer, so in order to get my voice into tip-top shape every night before I go to bed I gargle ten raw eggs! YEAH!

Leader: Ewww...

Bobby: Oh, that ain't nothin'! Our lead guitarist, Tito, he practices with cinder-blocks tied to his hands so when he takes them off he can play EXTREMELY fast! *(does a super fast air guitar solo)*

Leader: Wow, those are some extreme ways to get prepared. You are taking time to pray, too. Right?

Bobby: Pray?! Why would we need to do that? We're ExSCREAM bayyy-buh! We're ready for anything!

Leader: Bobby, I can't believe what I'm hearing! You've done all this preparation for your big world tour and you're not even going to ask God for help? He has more power than anything in the universe! You need God's POWER if you are going to do God's plan!

Bobby: Did you just say "power"? Like...is God more powerful than WIIIIIIILD robot tiger?

Leader: Absolutely, He is!

Bobby: What about more powerful than a giant golden eagle that burps out hand grenades?!

Leader: I don't think that really exists, but if it did, YES! If you're wanting to do God's plan for your band, you're going to need God's power!

Bobby: WOW!! I didn't realize just how powerful God could be! If we're gonna have the wildest, most EXTREME, most POWERFUL rock tour ever, we'd better start praying to God right now!

Leader: It sounds like you've got the right idea, Bobby!

Bobby: *(looks off backstage)* YO! TITO! Put down them cinderblocks! We got some prayin' to do! I'll see you later kids! My name's Bobby Rockit! YEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHH!!!
THANK YOU, GOODNIGHT!!

(Bobby does an air guitar and dances offstage while his theme music plays)



GAME TIME

"EXTREME SHOE SCRAMBLE"

Items Needed For Game: none

How To Play: Choose an even number of boys and girls to compete in this crazy game. Have them all take off their shoes and place them in a pile in the middle of the room. Mix up the shoes very well.



When you say, "Go!" the music begins and the children must dive into the pile to retrieve their shoes. The first team to find their shoes, put them on (*laced up*) and stand to their feet wins.



ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

"WAIT LIFTERS"

Materials Needed: The Data CD; four pieces of cardstock; four long pieces of yarn or string

Preparation: Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled "Lesson One," begin with the slide titled "Wait Lifters"; read Exodus 17:8-13 and become familiar with all the details of the Bible Story; make four "signs" that you will hang around the necks of four volunteers (*one that says "Joshua", one that says, "Moses", one that says "Aaron", and one that says "Hur"*)



The Message: (*title slide*)

Today we are starting this amazing series called "Joshua—EXTREME Hero"! We are studying the life of Joshua, one of the most EXTREME heroes of the Bible. It is important to know that Joshua did not just appear at the Battle of Jericho. We have many stories about Joshua BEFORE he became the big leader of the nation of Israel.

The life of Joshua teaches us that God prepares us to do EXTREME things for Him. Many times that preparation comes WAY beforehand. You see, kids, something we need to understand is...



1) Preparation Is An Important Step (*slide*)

Preparation is an important step in anything we do in life. Many people want to be a famous athlete. But, you don't get to be a famous athlete without spending many years in preparation. You wouldn't walk out and try to run a marathon without first spending months in preparation to get yourself in shape, right? If you did, you wouldn't last more than a mile or so (if that).

If you want to be a firefighter, you can't skip the process of preparation. If you try running into a burning building to put out a fire without spending the time in preparation to learn the skills and safety of being a firefighter—you will most likely die in that fire.

It's the same way with God. If we want to do EXTREME things for Him, then we have to begin RIGHT NOW to prepare ourselves for that. There are many things that we can do to prepare ourselves to do EXTREME things for God. One of the things we need to get prepared is prayer. Not only do WE need to pray to God every day for His strength and power, but also...

2) We Need Others To Pray For Us! (*slide*)



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ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

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Joshua understood this. We find him in Exodus chapter 17 about to face the army of the Amelekites. Joshua was the general of the army and was going to go to battle. *(choose someone to represent Joshua, put the "Joshua" sign around their neck and instruct them to act out the story as you tell it)* Joshua went down in the valley with the army and began to fight the Amelekites.

Meanwhile Joshua's leader, Moses, *(choose someone to represent Moses, put the "Moses" sign around their neck and instruct them to act out the story as you tell it)* went up to the top of a nearby hill. He stood up there and held his arms in the air with the staff of the Lord in his hands. What was he doing this for? Was he trying to prove how strong he was? Of course not, Moses was praying for Joshua to win the battle.

How do we know this? Because the Bible says that as long as Moses held his arms in the air, Joshua and Israelites were winning. But, when Moses would lower his arms and stop praying, Joshua and Israelites would start losing the battle. So, when Moses' arms got tired, there were two men that came alongside him to help. Their names were Aaron and Hur *(choose two people to represent Aaron and Hur, put the "Aaron" and "Hur" signs around their necks and instruct them to act out the story as you tell it)*.

While Joshua was fighting the Amelekites, and Moses was holding up his arms praying for Joshua; Aaron and Hur were holding up Moses' arms as they would start to drop. They held Moses' arms up as he prayed all day long until sunset. As a result, Joshua and the Israelites defeated the Amelekites and won the battle!

Now, I have a question. Who was most responsible for the victory? Was it Joshua because he was the one fighting? Or was it Moses because he was the one praying? Or was it Aaron and Hur because they were the ones holding up Moses' arms as he prayed? The truth is, they ALL had a big part in the victory! The battle was a HUGE part of Joshua's preparation to become the leader of the Israelites, but it never would have happened if Moses, Aaron, and Hur wouldn't have been willing to be a part of the prayer time.

What does all of this teach us, kids? It teaches us that God wants to use others to help prepare us for the future EXTREME things we will do for Him. You need your parents, pastors, and other adults praying for you as you grow up and become prepared to do the EXTREME things God has planned for you. Bottom line, you can't do it on your own. We need other people praying for us, and...

3) We Need God's Power (slide)



We can't do EXTREME things for God without God's power. If we are ever going to do God's plan, we MUST have God's power. It was true for Joshua, and it is true for us.

Altar Response (play soft music)

Lead the children in prayer for God to give them the power they need to do EXTREME things.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was today's Big Idea?

Answer: *"If I'm Gonna Do God's Plan, I Gotta Have God's Power!"*

2. What was the name of the EXTREME Sports Specialist in our video?

Answer: *Ban Daid*

3. What was Ban Daid trying to jump over?

Answer: *a dump truck (toy)*

4. What was the name of the EXTREME Wrestler who taught the Power Verse?

Answer: *Senor Magnifico*

5. Who is the EXTREME HERO from the Bible that we are studying?

Answer: *Joshua*

6. True or False: We don't need to prepare in order to do God's plan.

Answer: *False*

7. According to our lesson today, who prayed for Joshua as he fought?

Answer: *Moses*

8. What did Moses have to do while he prayed in order for Joshua to win?

Answer: *hold up his hands with the staff of the Lord in it*

9. Who helped Moses when his arms got tired?

Answer: *Aaron and Hur*

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: *James 5:16*



MAIN FOCUS

*We must be willing to wait on God
and trust His timing!*

POWER VERSE

*"Be still in the presence of the
Lord, and wait patiently for
Him to act."*

– Psalm 37:7

BIG IDEA

*"I Gotta Trust God's Timing
For My Life!"*

Leader's Info

Joshua is a perfect example of how we should be patient with God and wait on His timing for our lives. When Moses went up to Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments, Joshua waited patiently at the foot of the mountain for Moses to return.

The Israelites, on the other hand, got impatient down in the camp. They thought Moses was taking too long, so they decided to take matters in their own hands. They crafted an idol out of gold in the shape of a calf and worshipped it. As a result of their impatience, they ended up in sin.

Often, when we think OUR timing is better than God's, we find ourselves falling into sin and misery. In this lesson, we will learn how to trust God's timing.

★ INTRO VIDEO

"BAN'S GETS PUMPED UP"

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★ OFFERING TIME

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"HOW LONG DID IT TAKE?"

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Bobby: Thank you! Thank you! Hello, Nashville! Are you ready to ROOOOOOOOOOOOOCK?!
(sings a loud, high-pitched rocker note)

Leader: Boys and girls, it's Bobby Rockit! How're you doing today, Bobby?

Bobby: I tell ya how I am today, bayyyy-buh! I'm madder than a mountain lion chewin' on a hornet's nest! YEAAAAH!

Leader: For somebody who is so angry you always sound so happy.

Bobby: That's just the music in me baaay-buh! I'm mad at my band's manager!

Leader: Boys and girls, in case you didn't know, Bobby's the lead singer of a band called – *(Bobby interrupts)*

Bobby: ExSCREAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAMMMMMM!!!! We're starting our world tour today!

Leader: You're starting TODAY?!

Bobby: That's right bayyy-buh! That's why I'm mad at our band manager! He says we're not ready! Somethin' silly about how "you can't play any music without instruments." Whatever! He doesn't know anything!

Leader: Well, that sounds pretty tough....wait...did you just say that you don't have any instruments?

Bobby: Yeah! We're supposed to be getting these special new instruments made especially for us! New guitars, new drums, new keyboards, new everything! But, we can't wait on stuff like that, we're ExSCREAM! We're ready to take on the world! We gotta kick start this tour right now, with or without instruments!

Leader: How're you going to play without instruments?

Bobby: Like this! *(does an air guitar solo, followed by an air bass solo, an air drum solo, then an air keyboard solo)* It's gonna be great!!!

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CHARACTER SKIT (CONTINUED)

Leader: Bobby, you're energy is awesome.

Bobby: YEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHHH!! Thank you!

Leader: But, I don't think anybody will want to see a concert like that.

Bobby: What're you talkin' about, baayyy-buh?! We're ExSCREAM! It'll be the world's first, air-instrument band! We gotta get this show on the road if we're gonna be the best in the world!

Leader: It sounds to me like you need to trust in God's timing.

Bobby: What're you talkin' about?

Leader: Well you've been praying to God for help, right?

Bobby: Yep!

Leader: Well when you're asking for God's help you have to know that God knows if you're ready or not. Sometimes when we know we're going to do something great for God, we want to do it right here and right now! But if we do that, we mess up because we're not really ready! You have to trust God's timing, because He's going to put you in exactly the right place at exactly the right time.

Bobby: So what' you're saying is that we shouldn't start our world tour today? We need to trust God's timing and not rush into things?

Leader: That's right! Think about it, if you played anything right now, you wouldn't have any instruments and nobody could hear you!

Bobby: Wow! I guess you're right! We almost rushed into this and messed the whole thing up! Our tour would have been a disaster! Thank you, bayyy-buh, for helping me understand God's timing!

Leader: Anytime! So what are you going to do now?

Bobby: Well with all this extra time, I'm gonna go work on my wardrobe! YEAAAH!! I'm gonna have the best looking purple-zebra striped pants EVER! I'll see you later, boys and girls! My name's BOBBY ROCKIT! YEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHH!! THANK YOU, GOOD-NIGHT!!

(Bobby dances offstage while his theme music plays)



GAME TIME

"HOW LONG DID IT TAKE?"

Items Needed For Game:

- The Data CD



How To Play: Open the PowerPoint Presentation for Lesson Two, begin with the slide titled "How Long Did It Take?"

Choose a boy and a girl to compete in this game. They will answer questions pertaining to events in the Bible as it relates to "timing." Have the audience help the contestants by shouting out what they think the answer is.

The team that answers the most questions correctly wins the game!



ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

"HOLY COW?"

Materials Needed: The Data CD; a toy cow

Preparation: Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled "Lesson Two," begin with the slide titled "Holy Cow?"; read Exodus 24-32 and become familiar with all the details of the Bible Story



The Message: *(title slide)*

Today we are continuing to learn about Joshua, and EXTREME hero of the Bible. As we have been learning, Joshua did not just appear at the Battle of Jericho. We have many stories about how God prepared Joshua BEFORE he became the big leader of the nation of Israel.

Our Bible Lesson today is all about when Moses went up to Mt. Sinai to receive the Ten Commandments from God. You may not have realized it, but Joshua actually went with him to the mountain. Joshua was Moses' right-hand man, so he went with Moses in order to serve him. Moses told the people of Israel to wait in the camp while he went up to receive God's instructions.

So, Moses and Joshua left Aaron, Moses' brother, in charge while they went up the mountain. Halfway up the mountain, Moses told Joshua to wait at that very spot until he returned with God's instructions. And, that's exactly what Joshua did. He waited, and waited, and waited. He ended up waiting there for FORTY days! Can you imagine waiting FORTY days for someone to return to you? Well, that's exactly what he did. He was obedient, and waited patiently for Moses to return.

That's much more than we can say about the children of Israel down in the camp below. They started getting VERY restless waiting for Moses and Joshua to return. They started to get impatient, thinking that this whole "Go up to the mountain and meet with God" plan was a bad plan. So, they took things into their own hands and went to Aaron and started to complain. They said, "Where is this man, Moses? Is he even coming back? We want you to do something for us!"

Then, they came up with a plan of their own. They asked Aaron to do something unbelievable! They asked Aaron to gather all of their gold jewelry and melt it down. Then, they asked him to take that liquid gold and mold it into the shape of a cow so they could worship it as a god. Can you believe that? They were going to worship a COW! *(hold up the toy cow, then set it somewhere prominent)*

Can you imagine how silly that must have looked? All these people dancing around worshipping the golden cow must have looked so ridiculous. What kind of worship did they do? What kind of songs did they sing? *(sing a couple lines of modern worship choruses substituting the word "God" with the word "cow" just for fun and to illustrate how silly it must have looked).* It must have looked and

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sounded totally ridiculous. They danced and worshipped the false god all the way until Moses returned. And, when Moses and Joshua returned—Moses was NOT happy.

Moses came down from the mountain with the Ten Commandments and saw what the people were doing. He got so angry that he dropped the Ten Commandments and broke them. He asked the people, "What are you doing worshipping this cow made of gold?" The people started to lie and say that it was all an accident. They claimed to have dumped all of their gold in the fire and then out popped this cow. It was a very sad day for the nation of Israel.

Through this story we can learn some important lessons about trusting God's timing. Remember, this was a time BEFORE Joshua became the leader of the nation of Israel. God was still preparing him to become the leader was soon to be. By looking at this story, we can learn some important things about being patient with God's timing.

Impatience With God's Timing Leads To Sin (slide)



We can look at how the Israelites behaved and see what happens when we get impatient with God's timing. We start to do things "our way" instead of God's way, and that ALWAYS leads to problems, and often leads us right into sin.

We have to be willing to trust God's timing and WAIT for the right time He has planned for us. We can't try to rush things. What would have happened if Joshua would have gotten impatient like the other children of Israel? After all, he had to wait the forty days, too. He probably would never have become the leader, because he would have ended up in sin as well.

Patience With God's Timing Leads To Blessing (slide)



Joshua was patient and waited on God's timing. He waited on Moses to return, and as a result he was eventually chosen as the leader of the entire nation of Israel. When we are patient with God's timing, we position ourselves for God's blessing. He can lead us in the way we should go and be blessed by Him.

If I'm Gonna Do God's Plan, I Have To Trust God's Timing (slide)



Kids, if we ever want to do EXTREME things for God, we have to be willing to be patient and trust His timing. I know you want to grow up TODAY. You want to be an adult TODAY. But, we have to be patient and allow God to prepare us for the EXTREME things He has planned for us in the future.

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ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray with the kids to be patient and not rush God's timing. Pray that they will never try to do their plan instead of God's plan so they can experience God's blessing and do EXTREME things for Him.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was today's Big Idea?

Answer: *"I Gotta Trust God's Timing For My Life!"*

2. Where did Ban go to workout today in the video?

Answer: *the gym*

3. What was Ban Daid trying to jump over in the video today?

Answer: *a swimming pool*

4. What was the name of the mountain that Moses climbed in today's lesson?

Answer: *Mt. Sinai*

5. Who went with Moses halfway up the mountain?

Answer: *Joshua*

6. Who did Moses leave in charge of the nation of Israel?

Answer: *Aaron*

7. What did they make out of gold and worship like a god?

Answer: *a cow*

8. In our lesson, we learned "Impatience with God's timing leads to _____."

Answer: *sin*

8. In our lesson, we learned "Patience with God's timing leads to _____."

Answer: *blessing*

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: *Psalms 37:7*



MAIN FOCUS

*If I want God to use me tomorrow, I
must spend time in His
presence today!*

POWER VERSE

*"I love your sanctuary, Lord, the
place where your glorious
presence dwells."
- Psalm 26:8*

BIG IDEA

*"I Gotta Spend Time With God
Every Single Day!"*

Leader's Info

Moses spent a lot of time with God. He would regularly go to the Tent of Meeting and speak with God face to face. When he would leave the tent, Joshua would stay. Joshua knew that he needed to spend time in God's presence.

In today's busy lifestyle, it is easy for us to come up with all kinds of reasons why we can't spend time in God's presence. But, if we want God to use us to do EXTREME things for God tomorrow, we must spend time in His presence today.

In this lesson, we will learn another lesson from Joshua's time of preparation to be the leader of Israel. The children will learn the importance of spending time in God's presence.

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★ **CHARACTER SKIT**

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CHARACTER SKIT

Character: Bobby Rockit *(loud, wild, big-haired lead singer of the fictional hair metal group "Ex-SCREAM"; he is dressed in 80s heavy metal music attire)*

(Play Track #4 off the Music CD—Bobby's theme music)

(Bobby runs out onstage, yelling like its the beginning of a mega rock concert.)

Bobby: Thank you! Thank you! Hello, Nashville! Are you ready to ROOO...zzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzzz
(falls over onto the leader, asleep)

Leader: Agh! Bobby! Wake-up! You're crushing me! WAKE-UP!!

Bobby: *(wakes up with a jerk)* Whoah! Sorry about that, bayyy-buh, I guess I'm just a little tiredzzzzzzzz
(goes back to sleep, falling onto the leader)

Leader: BOBBY!!!

Bobby: (*wakes up*) THANK YOU, LONDON! GOODNIGHT!

Leader: Bobby, you're not in London! You were having a dream! Why are you so sleepy? You're usually so hyper!

Bobby: Well my band, ExSCREAM, is getting ready to kick off it's world tour. We decided that if we're gonna be the most extreme metal band ever we're gonna have to spend our time doing some extreme stuff!

Leader: Like what?

Bobby: Well, yesterday at around 5 in the morning, we started off with a 3 hour band practice! Then after that we decided to go bungee jumping!

Leader: That's pretty cool..

Bobby: Out of an airplane, bayyy-buh!!

Leader: You went bungee jumping out of an AIRPLANE?!

Bobby: YEAAAAAAAAAAH!! It was AWESOME!!

Leader: Wow, what'd you do next?

Bobby: After that we did some alligator wrestling! It was pretty boring at first.

Leader: Boring??

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CHARACTER SKIT (CONTINUED)

Bobby: That is until we mounted machine-guns on top of their heads, bayyyy-buh!!

Leader: Bobby, that's insane!!

Bobby: No, it's EXTREME! But, after that we were kinda tired, so to relax we did some quilting.

Leader: *(sighs in relief)* Okay, quilting, at least that's normal and safe – *(Bobby interrupts)*

Bobby: QUILTING INSIDE A FIREY VOLCANO! YEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHH!!!

Leader: Extreme quilting? Inside a volcano? That's nuts!

Bobby: Hahaha, yeah it was! But after doing all that stuff, I'm exhausted!

Leader: Well have you found any time to get into God's presence?

Bobby: God's presents? I ain't gonna open any of God's presents before he gets to open them! I did that once to my little brother at Christmas and I got a HUUUUGE spanking!

Leader: That's not what I'm talking about. I mean God's PRESENCE. Getting to hang out with God, getting to know Him better, feeling his love and power.

Bobby: Well, I ain't got time for that with all the extreme stuff my band and I are doing!

Leader: You have to MAKE time, Bobby! If we don't make time for being in God's presence in our lives, we lose focus. We have to spend time daily reading our Bible and worshiping God! He'll give us rest and energy to do the great things he has planned for us!

Bobby: So instead of doing all of this crazy stuff to help me be more EXTREME, I gotta spend time in God's presence and He'll give me strength!

Leader: That's exactly right.

Bobby: Wow! Thanks, baaayy-buh! I better go tell the band what I just learned before it's too late!

Leader: What do you mean?

Bobby: They were talking about riding a roller coaster through the world's largest jello statue! *(yells this towards offstage)* HOLD ON, BOYS! DON'T GET ALL STICKY! *(turns back to the kids)* I'll see you later, boys and girls! My name's BOBBY ROCKIT! YEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHH!!! GOOD NIGHT!!

(Bobby dances off stage as his theme music plays)

GAME TIME

"MUMMY DEAREST"

Items Needed For Game:

- The Music CD (*play one of the sixty second versions of one of the game songs*)
- 2 rolls of toilet paper
- 2 chairs



How To Play: How To Play: Choose three boys and three girls to compete in this game. Choose two leaders from the audience to come sit down in a chair. Give each team a roll of toilet paper.

When you say, "Go," each team begins to try to wrap the leader up in toilet paper. The team that has the leader covered the most by the time the music ends, wins.



ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

"WORTH THE WAIT"

Materials Needed: The Data CD; a clock; a hammer; a paintbrush

Preparation: Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled "Lesson Three," begin with the slide titled "Worth The Wait"; familiarize yourself with the Bible Story found in **Exodus 33:7-11**



The Message: *(title slide)*

"Good things come to those who wait." Have your parents ever said that to you? Doesn't it make you mad sometimes? I used to get so frustrated when my parents would tell me that. It just seemed like an excuse to not give me what I wanted. I like good things, but I don't like to wait. I want it right now!

(hold up the clock) Nobody likes waiting. Waiting in line—stinks! Waiting on Christmas to get here—"Why can't it be December RIGHT NOW?" Waiting to be sixteen and be able to drive a car—seems like it takes FOREVER! Waiting is not fun, but many times it is necessary. And sometimes, what we end up getting at the end of the wait makes the waiting worth it!

We have been talking about how Joshua had to go through a season of preparation before he could become the leader of God's people, Israel. He wasn't born ready to lead an entire nation. He had to be prepared. Today, we are going to learn about one of the most important things he did to prepare to be the leader of the nation of Israel.

In Exodus 33:7-11, the Bible says, *"It was Moses' custom to set up the tent known as the Tent of Meeting far outside the camp. Everyone who wanted to consult with the LORD would go there. 8 Whenever Moses went out to the Tent of Meeting, all the people would get up and stand in their tent entrances. They would all watch Moses until he disappeared inside. 9 As he went into the tent, the pillar of cloud would come down and hover at the entrance while the LORD spoke with Moses. 10 Then all the people would stand and bow low at their tent entrances. 11 Inside the Tent of Meeting, the LORD would speak to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend."*

WOW! Can you imagine that? God would speak to Moses face to face, just like you would talk to your best friend. Turn to the person next to you, and look at their face. Now, imagine that this person is actually God Himself. How cool would that be? Well, Moses got to experience exactly that.

But, I bet you are wondering where Joshua comes into this story, huh? Well, the next part of verse 11 tells us something pretty amazing. *"Afterward Moses would return to the camp, but the young man who assisted him, Joshua son of Nun, stayed behind in the Tent of Meeting."*

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When Moses was done talking to God face to face, he would leave and go back to camp. But, Joshua, his assistant at the time—would not leave God's presence. He would stay behind and continue to spend time with God. Why would he do that?

How long did Joshua stay? We don't know. We just know he stayed longer than Moses. When Moses left the tent of God's presence, Joshua stayed. He just couldn't get enough of God. Joshua must have believed "good things come to those who wait."

Boys and girls, we can learn a big lesson from Joshua. Joshua knew that he needed to spend time with God if he was ever going to become the man of God that he needed to be in order to eventually take over for Moses and lead God's people. Joshua understood:

If I Want God To Use Me Tomorrow, I Must Spend Time In His Presence Today *(slide)*



Did Joshua stay in the tent because he knew he was going to be the leader one day? Or – did Joshua become the leader because he stayed in the tent? We really don't know. But, in that tent, I believe God was teaching Joshua patience, faith, trust, courage and confidence – in the presence of God. Joshua was being prepared to do what God had for him in the future right then—in God's presence.

It's simple. *(pick up the hammer)* If you want to learn to be a carpenter and know how to build houses and things like that—who are you going to spend time with? *(allow response)* You will spend time with a carpenter, of course. *(pick up the paintbrush)* If you want to learn to be an artist, paint beautiful paintings, and create amazing pieces of art—who are you going to spend time with? *(allow response)* You will spend time with an artist, learning everything you can about being the best artist possible.

In the same way, if you want to learn how to become the man or woman God wants you to be, you have to spend time with God. Not just a few minutes a week—not just at church. You have to be like Joshua, and be willing to WAIT in God's presence. Make time for Him. Pray every day. Ask God to change you and make you into the person He wants you to be.

God WANTS to spend time with you. He's waiting on us to choose to put Him first, spend time in His presence, so that He can prepare us to become who He has planned for us. We know that "Good things come to those who wait." The question is, "Are you willing to wait in God's presence to receive the good He has planned for you?"

ALTAR RESPONSE *(play soft music)*

Design a time of worship and reflection—teaching the children how to wait in God's presence. Remind them that "If I want to be used by God tomorrow, I have to spend time in His presence today."

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was today's Big Idea?

Answer: *"I Gotta Spend Time With God—Every Single Day!"*

2. Who was trying to help Ban Daid prepare today in the video?

Answer: *Dr. Boing*

3. What was Ban Daid trying to jump over in the video today?

Answer: *a man getting a tan*

4. What was the name of the place where Moses went to spend time with God?

Answer: *Tent of Meeting*

5. Who went with Moses to the Tent of Meeting?

Answer: *Joshua*

6. After Moses was done meeting with God, what would Joshua do?

Answer: *stay at the tent*

7. Did Joshua understand the importance of spending time with God?

Answer: *yes*

8. In our lesson, we learned "If I Want God To Use Me Tomorrow, I Must Spend Time In His Presence _____."

Answer: *today*

9. True or False: We must MAKE time to spend with God daily.

Answer: *TRUE*

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: *Psalm 26:8*



MAIN FOCUS

*We must keep our eyes on how big
God is, not on how big our
Problems are!*

POWER VERSE

*"The Lord is my light and my
salvation—so why should I
be afraid?"*

- Psalm 27:1

BIG IDEA

*"I Won't Focus On My Problems—
I'll Focus On God's Power!"*

Leader's Info

When Moses sent the spies into the land of Canaan to check out the land, he expected them to come back with great news. Instead, ten of the twelve spies came back with reports of how impossible it would be to take over the land.

But, Joshua and Caleb reported that, although there were giants in the land, God was greater and able to give them the land. They understood that God is bigger than any problem we may face.

In this lesson, the children will learn that God is bigger than any difficulty or problem they may face in life. They must trust God and keep their focus on Him.

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CHARACTER SKIT

Character: Bobby Rockit (*loud, wild, big-haired lead singer of the fictional hair metal group "Ex-SCREAM"; he is dressed in 80s heavy metal music attire*)

(Play Track #4 off the Music CD—Bobby's theme music)

Bobby: Thank you! Thank you! Hello, Las Vegas! YEAAAAAAH!!!

Leader: Hey everybody it's our good buddy, Bobby Rockit, the lead singer of – *(Bobby interrupts)*

Bobby: EXSCREAAAAAM! YEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHH!!! How you doin', baayyyyy-buh?

Leader: I'm doing great man! How're you?

Bobby: *(stays smiling the entire time)* I'm freakin' out! YEAAAAAAAAAAHHH!!!

Leader: Freaking out? You sound pretty happy to me!

Bobby: That's just on the outside! It's all that soda I drink before going onstage! On the outside I'm all "YEAAAAAAAAAAHH!!" *(acts cool)*, but on the inside I feel like *(screams high pitched like a little girl)*

Leader: Ow! Bobby, that hurt my ears! You're going to make us all deaf!

Bobby: What'd you say?

Leader: YOU'RE GOING TO MAKE US ALL DEAF!

Bobby: No! I don't know anybody named Jeff!

Leader: *(to the audience, annoyed)* Nevermind. *(back to Bobby)* Why're you feeling so scared, Bobby?

Bobby: Well as you know, EXSCREAM is getting ready to go on the big world tour, and I'm afraid of all the stuff that could go wrong!

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CHARACTER SKIT (CONTINUED)

Bobby: Our first show is gonna be in London, England on top of the London Bridge! There's a scary song about that!

Leader: Scary song?

Bobby: Yeah! London bridge is falling down, falling down, London bridge is falling down, ON TOP OF BOBBY ROCKIT'S HEAD!!!!

Leader: Bobby...

Bobby: *(interrupts)* Then we're doing a show on the great wall of China!

Leader: That sounds like it'd be fun!

Bobby: Yeah, but what if there's a hole in that wall?! And what if there's a giant mouse in that hole?! A great big Chinese mouse that'll chase us and nibble on us!!! *(makes rabid nibbling noises)*

Leader: Bobby, that's just goofy.

Bobby: It won't be goofy when I get a giant chopstick to the face!

Leader: Sounds to me like you need to change your focus.

Bobby: What're you talking about?

Leader: You're so busy focusing on all the things that could go wrong instead of focusing on the awesome power of God! Instead of being afraid all the time, you have to remember that God is all powerful and that He has an awesome plan for you! He is in total control! As long as you're following HIM, you have nothing to be afraid of!

Bobby: WOW!! Thanks, baaaaayyy-buh! Thanks to you, now I know God's got some EXTREME power and can take down anything I'm afraid of, because HE'S in control! Now I can sell that giant bottle of mouse repellent on ebay! YEAAAH! I'M BOBBY ROCKIT! THANK YOU, GOODNIGHT!!! *(Bobby dances offstage while his theme music plays)*



GAME TIME

"NAME THAT PHOBIA 3"

Items Needed For Game:

- The Data CD (open to Lesson 4 and begin with the slide titled "Name That Phobia" 3



How To Play: Choose one boy and one girl to compete in this crazy game. As we talk about fear today, the contestants will see if they can guess the definition of these phobias in this sequel to our popular game of the same name.

Get the kids in the audience to weigh in with their opinions. The team with the most correct answers wins!



ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

"SPIES LIKE US"

Materials Needed: The Data CD; some "spy" toys from the local toy store (or the standard binoculars, hat, and shades "spy ware")

Preparation: Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled "Lesson Four," begin with the slide titled "Spies Like Us"; familiarize yourself with the Bible Story found in **Numbers 13:1-14:9**



The Message: (title slide)

(come in dressed up in the spy gear) Have you ever wanted to be a spy? Perhaps you have wanted to spy on your brother or sister. Or maybe you have wanted to spy on your parents to find out what you were going to get for Christmas. Most of us have thought about being a spy at one time or another. We think it would be a lot of fun to be undercover.

In our Bible story today, we find that God told Moses to send men to spy out the land of Canaan. He told him to send a man from each tribe. Twelve men were sent. They were to find out about the land and the people in the land. Moses said to find out if the people were strong or weak. Did they live in cities or in camps? He wanted to know what the fruit of the land was like, and if they had forests or not. He asked them to bring back some of the fruit that was ripe.

The twelve men went into the land and found that it really was a good land. The grapes were so big that it took two men to carry a cluster of them on a pole between them. They also saw that the people there were very big and tall. They were gone for 40 days.

When they returned to their own camp, the spies showed Moses the good fruit they had found in the land. Ten of the men began to tell about the giants and how fearful they were. They told of large cities with high walls around them. "We cannot go into this land," they said. "We felt like grasshoppers next to them, and that's what we looked like to them."

Boys and girls, these spies were falling into the trap of Fear. Many times, this is a trap that the devil wants to use on us, too. He wants us to become afraid in life. He knows that if we are afraid, we will worry about what will happen to us. Like these spies, we begin to focus on our problems. But...



1) Whatever you focus on GROWS (slide)

Those ten spies were totally focused on the enemies of the land. They became so focused on

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those enemies that they started calling them "giants." Not only that, but they also began to see them as even bigger than what they really were. They said, "We felt just like grasshoppers next to them. That's what we looked like to them too." Now, I have a question: How did these spies know that's what the "giants" thought? They didn't go conducting interviews with the "giants" and say, "Do we look like grasshoppers to you?"

The fact is, these ten spies were focusing so much on the problems in the land that the problems seemed to be a lot bigger than they really were. We do that sometimes, too. We focus on the fact that it's hard to make friends and we say, "NOBODY likes me at all! EVERYBODY hates me!" Or, we focus on how hard it is to make a good grade in Math and we say, "I'm totally dumb. I can't get ANY questions right!"

Whatever you focus on grows! So, don't focus on your problems like these ten spies did. Because you know what else happens? When you focus on the problems and the fear...

2) Fear Makes Me Want To Give Up (slide)



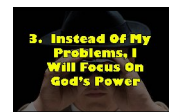
The Bible tells us that after the ten spies gave their fear-filled report, the Israelites wanted to give up and go back to Egypt. They said, "We wish we had died in Egypt, or even here in the wilderness! Let's get out of here and return to Egypt!" Isn't that terrible? They wanted to go back to being slaves in Egypt simply because they let fear take over.

If we allow fear to take over in our lives, we will most likely feel the same way. We won't want to obey God. We will want to quit. We will want to give up and stop serving God. That's not at all what God wants for us, though.

So, what should we do? We should follow the example of the OTHER two spies, Joshua and Caleb. Joshua and Caleb didn't whine and complain and give into fear. Instead, they told Moses and the Israelites, "The land we explored is a wonderful land! The Lord will bring us safely into that land and give it to us. The Lord is with us! Don't be afraid of them!"

When you face BIG problems, do just like Joshua and Caleb...

3) Instead Of My Problems, I Will Focus On God's Power (slide)



It's true that our problems may be BIG, but our God is BIGGER! He is more powerful than our enemy, the devil. He is able to help us do anything and everything He has called us to do. We cannot let fear keep us from accomplishing what God has called us to do. Joshua didn't deny that there were problems, he just didn't focus on them. He focused on the God that was much bigger!

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So, no matter what your problem may be today: sadness, school, family problems, a bad habit, whatever—don't focus on how BIG your problem is. Focus on how POWERFUL God is. That's what Joshua did, and that's what we should do. If we do, then God can use us to do EXTREME things for Him.

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray with the children not to focus on their problems, but on the God who can deliver them from those problems. Pray for God's deliverance in their lives today.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was today's Big Idea?

Answer: *"I Won't Focus On My Problems, I Will Focus On God's Power!"*

2. What was Ban Daid afraid of in today's video?

Answer: *spiders*

3. How many spies did Moses send out to Canaan?

Answer: *twelve*

4. How many of the spies came back with a bad report?

Answer: *Ten*

5. What did the ten spies say they looked like compared to the people in the land?

Answer: *grasshoppers*

6. What were the names of the two spies who came back with a good report?

Answer: *Joshua and Caleb*

7. In our lesson, we learned that "Whatever you focus on _____."

Answer: *grows*

8. In our lesson, we also learned "Fear makes me want to _____."

Answer: *give up*

9. The final lesson we learned was, "Instead of my problems, I will focus on _____."

Answer: *God's Power*

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: *Psalms 27:1*



MAIN FOCUS

God can use us to do bigger things
than we ever imagined we could
ever do!

POWER VERSE

"Do not be afraid, for I
am with you."

- Isaiah 43:5

BIG IDEA

"God Has Promises For Me – From
My Fear He'll Set Me Free!"

Leader's Info

When Moses died, God chose Joshua to lead the nation of Israel. Can you imagine following a great leader like Moses? After all, he had led Israel out of slavery, across the Red Sea, and through miracle after miracle.

Joshua reacted like many of us would have. He was scared that he would not be able to be the leader that the nation of Israel needed. But, God gave several promises to Joshua that He also gives to each of us. He promises to be with us and help us accomplish His will!

In this lesson, the children will learn what each of those promises are and will discover that God can use each of them to do amazing things for Him. They don't have to fear, only trust!

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CHARACTER SKIT

Character: Bobby Rockit (*loud, wild, big-haired lead singer of the fictional hair metal group "Ex-SCREAM"; he is dressed in 80s heavy metal music attire*)

(Play Track #4 off the Music CD—Bobby's theme music)

Bobby: Thank you! Thank you! Hello, Pittsburgh! YEAAAAAAH!!!

Leader: Hey everybody it's Bobby Rockit, the lead singer of – *(Bobby interrupts)*

Bobby: EXSCREAAAAAAM! YEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHH!!! You gotta HELP me, bayyyyyy-buh!

Leader: I'd love to help you, Bobby! What seems to be the problem?

Bobby: Knucklehead!!

Leader: Bobby, that's not a very nice thing to call somebody.

Bobby: No! I wasn't calling YOU "Knucklehead"! Even if I were, that wouldn't be an insult! I'm talking about PICKLES Knucklehead! He's my hero!

Leader: Your hero is a pickle?

Bobby: NO, bayyyyyy-buh! Pickles Knucklehead! Lead singer of the greatest EXTREME band of all time, SUCKERPUNCH! They're the inspiration for my band, EXSCREAM, and Knucklehead is retiring!

Leader: Wow, I'm sorry to hear that, Bobby, I can understand why that's a little sad.

Bobby: That's not what I'm worried about! He's old and needs his rest, but he's asked ME to be the new lead singer of Suckerpunch!

Leader: WOW! Are you serious?? Bobby that sounds so cool! You get to be the lead singer of your favorite band? *(to the audience)* Kids, how many of you would love to get to do something like that?

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CHARACTER SKIT (CONTINUED)

Bobby: It's cool and everything, but that means I'd have to leave my band, EXSCREAM, and we haven't even gotten to start our tour yet!

Leader: Oh wow, that's tough.

Bobby: I know! And I'd be following in the footsteps of THE Pickles Knucklehead! The greatest lead singer who's ever lived! The man that created the Pickles Punch! (*punches wildly into the air*) The Knucklehead Kick! (*Does a high kick into the air*) Not to mention, the Pickles Perfect Pitch screaming technique! (*takes a deep breathe and lets out a long high note*) YEAAAHHHHH!!!!

Leader: That's....um..*(a little confused at what they just saw)* wow...that's a LOT to live up to!

Bobby: Tell me about it, bayyyyy-buh! I can't be the lead singer of SUCKERPUNCH after Pickles!

Leader: Why can't you?

Bobby: He's got all the right moves! He knows all of his songs by heart! My band hasn't even had a world tour yet! I'm not ready!

Leader: Says who?

Bobby: Whaddaya mean, WHO? ME!!! That's Who!

Leader: What about God? If this is what God has called you to do, I think you should go for it. It's scary to follow in somebody else's footsteps. Think about Joshua! He had to lead after MOSES, one of the most awesome leaders to have ever lived! He was scared, but He trusted God and grew into a great leader himself! Maybe this is a chance for you to be the next "Pickles Whats-his-face..."

Bobby: Maybe you're right. I better go pray about this right now!

Leader: That's a great idea, Bobby. We'll see you later!

Bobby: Bye kids! YEAAAH! I'M PICKLES...um.. I mean BOBBY ROCKIT! THANK YOU, GOOD NIGHT!!! (*Bobby dances offstage while his theme music plays*)

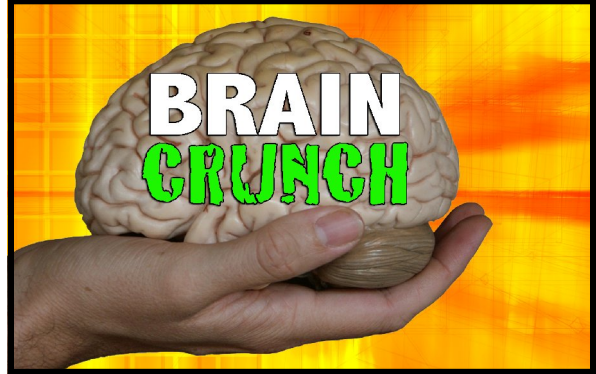


GAME TIME

"BRAIN CRUNCH"

Items Needed For Game:

- 2 pieces of paper
- 2 pencils
- The Music CD (cue one of the sixty second game songs)
- The Data CD (open to Lesson 5 and begin with the slide titled "Brain Crunch")



How To Play: Choose one boy and one girl to compete in this crazy game. Tell them that you are going to show a slide with many words that are from some of the past lessons in our "Joshua: EXTREME Hero" series. They will get sixty seconds to try to look at the slide and memorize as many of the words as possible. *(play one of the sixty second game songs while this takes place)*

Once the sixty seconds are up, give the participants each a pencil and paper. Tell them they now have sixty seconds to write down as many of the words as they can remember. *(play one of the sixty second game songs while this takes place)*

The team that remembered the most words is the winner!



ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

"FOLLOWING THE LEADER"

Materials Needed: The Data CD; a paintbrush

Preparation: Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled "Lesson Five," begin with the slide titled "Following The Leader"; familiarize yourself with the Bible Story found in **Joshua 1:1-9**



The Message: *(title slide)*

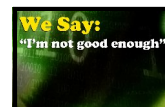
(pick up the paintbrush) Have you ever heard of the famous artist Michelangelo? He lived in the 1500s and painted many wonderful paintings. But, his greatest work ever is thought to be the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel. *(show pic if you so choose—observe it does contain paintings of partially clothed individuals)* It was an amazing thing to accomplish. It took him over four years to paint the entire ceiling—over 5,000 sq ft of ceiling. He did most of it while lying on his back on top of a huge scaffold.



Now, can you imagine being the painter that had to do the NEXT painting at the Sistine Chapel? I can imagine that guy was like, "No way! How could I ever do anything that compares to what Michelangelo did?" Well, you can take THAT and multiply it by 100 and that is probably what our EXTREME Hero, Joshua, was feeling in today's Bible Lesson.

Moses had died. God's people, the nation of Israel had no leader. So, the Lord spoke to Joshua and told him, "Now that my servant Moses is dead, YOU must lead my people across the Jordan River into the land I am giving them." Remember, this is the SAME Moses who parted the Red Sea so that the Israelites could cross on dry land. This was the same Moses who hit a rock with his staff and water came shooting out for them to drink. This is the same Moses who God met with face to face and gave him the Ten Commandments. Joshua must have thought there was NO WAY he could follow this kind of leader.

Many times we feel like there is NO WAY we can do what God is calling us to do. We fear that we might fail or mess up. Joshua probably felt those same feelings. But, God gave Joshua several promises that He also gives to us today. By trusting these promises, we can conquer our fears and become the leader that God wants us to be.



We say: "I'm Not Good Enough" *(slide)*

Joshua must have felt that he was just not good enough to be the leader after Moses. He must

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He must have thought this because God speaks to him in response to this kind of thought by giving Him the first promise:

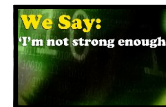
God says: "I will provide for you!" (slide)



God tells Joshua in **Joshua 1:3**, *"I promise you what I promised Moses: Everywhere you go, you will be on land I have given you..."* God says that we don't have to worry about not being good enough. He will provide everything we need. God tells Joshua that HE will give him the land he needs to possess in order to lead the children of Israel.

Many times we compare ourselves to others and think, "I am not as good as they are. I am not as smart as they are. I am not as cool as they are. I can't do this big thing God wants me to do." God tells us not to worry about all of that. He promises to provide for us just as He provided for Joshua.

We say: "I'm not strong enough!" (slide)



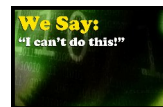
Joshua must have thought to himself, "Moses was such a strong leader. He stood up to Pharaoh and told him to let God's people go! I am just not that strong!" Many times we think the same thing. We think, "I am just a kid. I am not as strong as other people are." God promised Joshua the same thing He promises us...

God says: "I will protect you!" (slide)



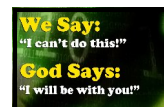
God promises Joshua in **Joshua 1:5**, *"No one will be able to stand their ground against you as long as you live."* WOW! What a promise! God says, "Stick with me and you can't lose! I will protect you!" He tells us the same thing. He will protect us from everything that comes against us. He is stronger than anything we could ever face!

We say: "I can't do this!" (slide)



Joshua must have thought to himself, "I can't do this, Lord! Not by myself! I am just not that good of a leader!" Many times we also think this way. But, God promises Joshua what He also promises us...

God says: "I will be with you!" (slide)



God tells Joshua in **verse 5**, *"For I will be with you as I was with Moses. I will not fail you or*

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abandon you." What an incredible promise! And, that is what God says to each of us. He promises to be with us no matter what! In fact, the last words Jesus told His disciples was, "I will be with you ALWAYS, even to the end of Earth!" How amazing that God promises to always be with us!

So, when you begin to doubt whether or not you "have what it takes" to do EXTREME things for God, you just remember the promises that God promised Joshua in our Bible Lesson. "I will provide for you! I will protect you! I will be with you!" These are the same promises He gives to us!

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray with those who are facing fear and doubt about being used by God. Pray the promises that God has given to each of us. "Lord, I know that You will provide for me! Lord, I believe that you will protect me! I am so thankful that you will be with me no matter what!"

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was today's Big Idea?

Answer: *"God Has Promises For Me – From My Fear He'll Set Me Free!"*

2. What was Ban Daid afraid of in today's video?

Answer: *the waterslide*

3. What was the name of Bobby Rockit's hero?

Answer: *Pickles Knucklehead*

4. Who did God ask to take over for Moses after he died?

Answer: *Joshua*

5. The first promise God made to Joshua was "I will _____ for you."

Answer: *provide*

6. The second promise God made to Joshua was "I will _____ you."

Answer: *protect*

7. The third promise God made to Joshua was "I will be _____ you."

Answer: *with*

8. True or False: God promises us the same promises He gave Joshua.

Answer: *True*

9. What is the name of Bobby Rockit's EXTREME band?

Answer: *EX-SCREAM*

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: *Isaiah 43:5*



MAIN FOCUS

When God does amazing miracles for us, we must always remember how amazing He is.

POWER VERSE

*"For God has not given us a spirit of fear..., but of power, love, and self-discipline."
- 2 Timothy 1:7*

BIG IDEA

"I Will Remember What God Has Done For Me!"

Leader's Info

In order to get into the Promised Land, the Israelites had to cross the Jordan River during the time of a great flood. They were not only scared, they were convinced it was impossible.

But, God did an amazing miracle for them—He caused the Jordan River to stop flowing and allowed the nation of Israel to walk across on dry land. To commemorate the miracle, the Israelites built a memorial so that they and their children would always remember what God had done.

In this lesson, the children will learn from Joshua that we should never forget the amazing miracles God does in our lives. No matter how much time passes, we must keep these miracles in our hearts and minds.

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(Play Track #4 off the Music CD—Bobby's theme music)

Bobby: Thank you! Thank you! Hello TIMBUKTU! YEAAAAAAH!!!

Leader: Hey everybody it's Bobby Rockit, the lead singer of – *(Bobby interrupts)*

Bobby: EX-SCREAAAAAAM! And.....SUCKERPUNCH! YEAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAHHHH!!!!!!

Leader: Wait a minute; you're the lead singer of BOTH bands?

Bobby: That's right, BAYYYYY-BUH!! Last time boys and girls I had to decide whether I should continue with my band EXCREAM or quit and become the new lead singer of my favorite band of all time, SUCKERPUNCH!

Leader: That's right kids. He was having a really hard day.

Bobby: I sure was, bayyyyyy-buh! I prayed and prayed and prayed, asking God what I should do, which band should I sing for, and God told me "Why not both?"

Leader: That's crazy!

Bobby: Nah, what's crazy is now instead of just having EXSCREAM on a world tour, It'll be a double-headliner! For the first time ever! EXSCREAM AND SUCKERPUNCH!! The two greatest EXTREEEEEEME bands of all time, joining forces to take the world by storm!

Leader: Bobby that's the coolest thing I've ever heard of! You'll be the lead singer for BOTH bands? You must be feeling great!

Bobby: *(still grinning as usual)* Not really! Kinda feel like I wanna throw up!

Leader: Wait, what?

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CHARACTER SKIT (CONTINUED)

Bobby: *(grin vanishes, goes straight into panic mode)* What have I gotten myself into?! Have I lost my fragile little mind?! I must be CRAAAAAZAY BAAAAYYYY-BUH!!!

Leader: Bobby, I'm sure you'll do great...

Bobby: Great?! It'll be a disaster!

Leader: What do you mean, a disaster?

Bobby: What if I fall offstage? What if my hair catches on fire! WHAT IF I GET A FROG IN MY THROAT! *(Croaks like a frog)* Oh no.....**ribbit**...OH NO!! **ribbits** IS THERE A VETERINERIAN IN THE HOUSE?! **Ribbits** Why would God do this to me?

Leader: That's ridiculous! God doesn't do that! Think about all the times He's helped you!

Bobby: Well...he did give me an awesome voice, and He helped me learn air guitar, and He once saved me from a terrible pogo stick accident...

Leader: AND He's given you this awesome opportunity to be the lead singer of TWO of the greatest extreme bands of all time! The point is, that even though you don't know what's going to happen tomorrow, you don't have to be afraid! Just remember that God has a plan for you. Focus on all of the great things He's done for you in the past! That's proof that even though we don't know what the future may bring, we don't have to worry because God knows!

Bobby: Wow! I guess you're right! God's been amazing to me my whole life, even when I was scared and didn't know what to do! Thank you, bayyy-buh! I got no reason to be afraid now!

Leader: I'm glad you're feeling better.

Bobby: Me too! Well I better go practice hard! WE GOT A WORLD TOUR TO GO ON!
YEAAAAAAH!!! I'M BOBBY ROCKIT! THANK YOU, GOODNIGHT!!!!

(Bobby dances offstage while his theme music plays)

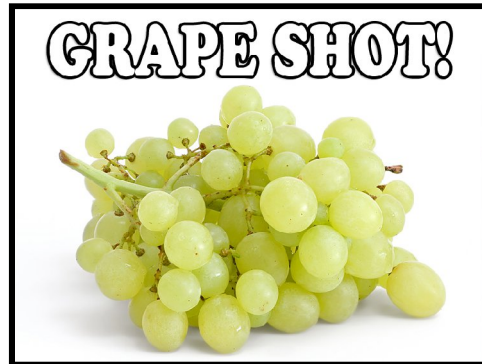


GAME TIME

"GRAPE SHOT"

Items Needed For Game:

- * two clusters of grapes



How To Play:

Choose two boys and two girls to compete in this game. Choose a worker to be the "counter" for each team. Choose one child on each team to be the "shooter" and one child to be the "catcher." Place the "shooters" approximately five feet away from the "catchers."

When you say "GO!", the "shooters" have sixty seconds to toss as many grapes through the air and into the "catchers" mouth. The "catchers" can either chew the grapes or let them accumulate. At the end of the sixty seconds, the team that "caught" the most grapes wins!



ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

"CROSSING THE RIVER"

Materials Needed: The Data CD; twelve large rocks (*need to be somewhat flat on one side so that you can stack them*)

Preparation: Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled "Lesson Six," begin with the slide titled "Crossing The River"; familiarize yourself with the Bible Story found in **Joshua 3:1-4:24**



The Message: (title slide)

Last week, we left Joshua just as he was taking over for Moses as the leader of the Israelites. Now, it is time for Joshua to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. There's just one slight problem. There was a river in front of them called the Jordan River. What's even worse—the river was in the middle of a flood stage.

Joshua had to be wondering what in the world he was supposed to do. How was he supposed to lead a group of people across a flooded river? It's not like they had a ferry boat to take turns going across. But, as usual, God had a plan that was going to amaze everyone. You see, boys and girls...

1) We Don't Know The Future, But God Does (slide)



Many times, we get worried about things because we don't know "what's going to happen." We get worried when someone gets sick because "we don't know whether or not they will be OK." We get worried when our parents lose their job because "we don't know if they will find another job or not." That is true—WE don't know what is going to happen. But GOD does. He knows EXACTLY what He has planned, and we have to trust Him to come through in HIS time.

Joshua understood that. So, he ordered the priests to wade out into the flood waters of the Jordan River with the Ark of the Covenant in their hands. When the priests got out into the water, God caused the river to stop flowing and pile up in a heap in a town several miles upstream.

Right in front of their eyes, the Israelites watched the river go from a flood to completely dried up. The entire nation of Israel crossed over the Jordan River on dry land. While they crossed, Joshua ordered one man from all twelve tribes in Israel to pick up a large rock from the river bed and take it to the other side with them. The moment they got on the other side, they turned around to see the river start flowing again, right back into flood stage. This teaches us something important, kids...

2) God Can Bring Us Through Anything! (slide)



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Sometimes we forget just how powerful God is. We face a BIG problem, and we start to get worried. But, it doesn't matter how "hard" or "difficult" our situation seems, God can bring us through ANYTHING. There is NOTHING that is impossible with God. If He can bring the Israelites through a flooded river on dry land, then He can certainly bring us through ANY problem we face at school, at home, or anywhere!

What happened next was very important. Joshua told the twelve men who had picked up the twelve stones to stack them on top of each other. *(begin to stack the twelve stones)* They built a giant altar in honor to God. Joshua told them that this altar/memorial would remain there for years and years. Why?

Joshua said, "These stones will be something that will always remind you of what God did for you today. Many years down the road, when your sons and daughters ask what these stones mean—you will be able to tell them about how God allowed you to cross the river on dry land!"

The children of Israel made an altar with the twelve stones and made a decision to always remember what God did for them that day. Boys and girls, when God does something amazing for us, we need to do the same thing. Today, let's make this decision:

3) I Will Remember What God Has Done For Me *(slide)*



When you are going through a hard time, remember what God has done for you in the past. When you are sick, remember how God has healed you in the past. When you are sad, remember how God has given you joy in the past.

It's easy to forget these things unless we remind ourselves. Perhaps each of us needs to do just like the Israelites and "build" a memorial to help remind us of what God has done for us in the past. Then, every time we face something that seems impossible we can remember exactly what God has done for us in the past. Then, we will have faith for Him to bring us through the situation we are facing now.

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Pray for those who are facing "impossible" situations in their lives. Ask them to remember what God has done for them in the past and begin to thank God for it. Then, believe that God will do it again.

Optional Craft Idea: If the size of your group permits, gather enough small rocks for each of your students to have twelve rocks each. Then, take a hot glue gun and help them glue their rocks in a "pile". Let this serve as their "memorial" of what God has done for them. Tell them to put this somewhere they will always see it and be reminded of God's miracle-working power.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

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Answer: *"I Will Remember What God Has Done For Me!"*

2. What was Ban Daid afraid of in today's video?

Answer: *heights*

3. What was the name of the river that Joshua had to cross?

Answer: *Jordan River*

4. Why was the Jordan so hard to cross?

Answer: *it was at flood stage*

5. Who did Joshua tell to go into the water first along with the Ark of the Covenant?

Answer: *priests*

6. The moment the priests got their feet into the water, what happened?

Answer: *the river stopped flowing*

7. Joshua told twelve men to pick up _____ and carry it to the other side of the river.

Answer: *a large rock*

8. Today we learned that "We don't know the future, but _____ does."

Answer: *God*

9. We also learned that "God can bring us through _____."

Answer: *anything*

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: *2 Timothy 1:7*



MAIN FOCUS

We must trust God and His plan for our lives, even when it doesn't seem to make sense to us.

POWER VERSE

"Trust in the Lord always, for the Lord God is the eternal Rock." – Isaiah 26:4

BIG IDEA

"I Will Trust In The Lord My God!"

Leader's Info

Joshua and the Israelites had crossed the Jordan River, but now they faced a large city of Jericho with huge walls surrounding it. On top of that, God gave them some outrageous instructions in order to win the victory over Jericho.

In order to defeat Jericho, they would have to walk around the city once a day for six days without saying a word, and then on the seventh day walk around the city seven times and yell. That was the plan.

The Israelites had to learn a big lesson in trust. Your children will learn that same lesson as they go through some of the same emotions the Israelites did in today's lesson. We must trust God's plan, even when it may not "make sense."

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★ CHARACTER SKIT

"BOBBY'S GONE DEAF"

★ OFFERING TIME

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- ISAIAH 26:4

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Character: Bobby Rockit *(loud, wild, big-haired lead singer of the fictional hair metal group "Ex-SCREAM"; he is dressed in 80s heavy metal music attire)*

(Play Track #4 off the Music CD—Bobby's theme music)

Bobby: Thank you! Thank you! Hello ALBAQUERQUE!! YEAAAAAH!!! *(he is wearing ear plugs)*

Leader: Bobby Rockit! What's up?

Bobby: What's that?

Leader: I said, "What's up!"

Bobby: I'm sorry, bayyy-buh, I don't have a pup! I sure do wish I had a pup though. He'd be all cute and furry! I'd name him "Fiddlesticks!"

Leader: Ooookay. I didn't say anything about a PUP Bobby, I said, "What's up?" like "How's it going?"

Bobby: No I haven't been mowing! I don't even have a lawnmower! Maybe I could teach Fiddlesticks to eat grass, but that'd probably make him sick.

Leader: *(screams in Bobby's face)* BOBBY HAVE YOU GONE DEAF?! CAN YOU HEAR ME?!?!

Bobby: Hold on a second, bayyyy-buh! I can't hear ya! I got these earplugs stuffed into my head! *(pulls out the ear-plugs)* What were you saying?

Leader: I was asking you what was up. Bobby, why do you have earplugs?

Bobby: That's a good question! I don't know!

Leader: Don't know what?

Bobby: Why God told me to wear these earplug thingies!

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CHARACTER SKIT (CONTINUED)

Leader: God told you to wear earplugs?

Bobby: Yeah! This morning I was backstage praying for the big EXSCREAM/SUCKERPUNCH world tour coming up, and God started telling me to do some really weird stuff.

Leader: Weird stuff? Like what?

Bobby: Well, first He told me to practice some new dance moves! Like these! *(dances around the stage. It looks a lot more like he's just flailing his arms and legs around like he's on fire.)* THEN he told me to wear these earplugs! It just doesn't make sense! I look like an idiot!

Leader: Hold on now, Bobby, just because you don't understand what God is telling you to do doesn't mean you shouldn't trust Him.

Bobby: But it can't be God! God doesn't tell people to do wacky things!

Leader: Well, sometimes God tells us to do things that don't make sense to us at first. But, that's where TRUST comes in. We have to TRUST God! You TRUSTED God with everything else in your life, haven't you?

Bobby: Well...yeah...

Leader: And you TRUST God with where he's taking your life. God has all the wisdom and power of the universe, and He uses it to bring us closer to Him So that means you have to TRUST God and know that He has a reason for everything, no matter how strange it may seem to us!

Bobby: I guess you're right. I think I'll go backstage, put my earplugs back in and practice my dance moves. As weird as it may sound, I still TRUST God!

Leader: That's the right attitude to have. We'll see you later!

Bobby: So long, kids! I'll see you next time! I'M BOBBY ROCKIT! YEAAAAAAAAAAAAHH! THANK YOU, GOODNIGHT!! *(Bobby does his new flailing dance moves offstage as his theme music plays)*



GAME TIME

"HOW HIGH CAN YOU BUILD IT?"

Items Needed For Game: a table, 24 empty cans of soda; Music CD (*cue one of the one minute versions*)



How To Play: Choose five boys and five girls to compete in this game. Set up the table at the opposite end of the room. Place twelve empty cans on the ground next to each team's starting line. When you say go, the music begins. The players grab one can and run to the table to begin stacking the cans. They do this in a relay form, one person takes one can down, the next person takes another can and stacks it on that can. They can stack them in whatever manner they like.

Tell them they have exactly sixty seconds to run this relay. The goal is to get as many cans stacked on top of each other as they can. If it falls, they have to start over. Tell them that it doesn't matter how they stack them, but the team that has the highest stack at the end of the sixty seconds will win.



ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

"YOU WANT ME TO DO WHAT?"

Materials Needed: The Data CD; large piece of paper folded in half that says "Instructions From God" on the outside

Preparation: Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled "Lesson Seven," begin with the slide titled "You Want Me To Do What?"; familiarize yourself with the Bible Story found in **Joshua 6:1-5**



The Message: *(title slide)*

The time has come for Joshua first BIG battle as the leader of the Israelites. They have crossed over into the Promised Land and are now facing their BIGGEST challenge yet—the city of Jericho. The Bible tells us that Jericho was a city surrounded by a massive wall. The wall was so big and so thick, the people of Jericho would have chariot races on top of it. Now, that is a BIG wall!

So, Joshua was praying one day and God gave him some amazing instructions for how he was going to defeat the city of Jericho. *(hold up the "Instructions from God" paper)* Now, can you imagine that moment? God is about to give instructions for how to destroy this massive city with this massive wall. Joshua had to be totally excited.

Can you imagine what he must have been expecting in those instructions? If it were me, I would have expected God to say, "OK, here's your instructions. Set four nuclear bombs at each corner of the city wall. Then, take a tank and get it ready to ram the city gate." That would have seemed like a pretty good plan, right?

(begin to unfold the "Instructions From God" piece of paper) But, that's not the instructions that God gave Joshua. Instead, God gave Joshua these instructions...

"March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 4 Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. 5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in."

Can you imagine what Joshua must have been thinking? "You want me to do WHAT? You want me to go tell this army that they are not going to fight, but instead they are going to just walk around the city once a day for six days? Then, on the seventh day walk around it seven times, blow some trumpets, and then yell real loud? THAT'S your plan?"

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ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

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This plan had to seem totally crazy to Joshua. Worse than that, he was going to have to go explain this plan to the army of Israel. This was his first battle as their new leader. Now, he was going to look like a crazy person coming in with this plan.

Joshua was about to learn an EXTREME lesson about trust. He had to trust God in this plan. It didn't make sense to him at all. He was a military leader. He was trained to fight, not march, blow trumpets and yell a lot. Joshua had to remember several things that we also need to remember...

1. God Only Wants What Is Best For Me! (slide)



Joshua had to trust that God had his best interest at heart. Jeremiah 29:11 teaches us, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."* That is something we can always trust in. God only wants what is best for me!

The second thing Joshua and we need to remember...

2. I Can Trust God's Instructions! (slide)



If we know God only wants what is best for us, then whatever He tells us to do—we can trust those instructions. God wouldn't give Joshua instructions that would lead him into destruction. God is not like that. He doesn't try to "fool" us or lead us the wrong direction. God only wants what is best for me, so I can trust God's instructions.

3. Even When It Doesn't Make Sense, I Can Trust God Completely! (slide)



God's instructions didn't seem to make much sense. After all, how could marching and blowing horns and yelling bring down a massive wall around the city? But, that is where TRUST comes in. If it made sense, then we wouldn't really have to TRUST, right? It doesn't take much trust if the outcome is obvious. But, even when it doesn't make sense to OUR mind, we have to know that God knows all and sees all. We can trust Him, and we can trust His instructions—even when they don't make sense.

ALTAR RESPONSE: (play soft music)

Pray with those kids who have a hard time trusting God. Maybe it "doesn't make sense" to them that they should "love their enemies", or "give 10% of their money to God", or "turn the other cheek." Pray that they will learn an EXTREME lesson in trust just like Joshua did.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was today's Big Idea?

Answer: *"I Will Trust In The Lord My God!"*

2. What was Ban Daid afraid of in today's video?

Answer: *a waterslide*

3. What was the city Joshua had to conquer?

Answer: *Jericho*

4. What made Jericho such a tough city to defeat?

Answer: *it was surrounded by a massive wall*

5. Jericho's walls were so thick, they often had what kind of races on top of it?

Answer: *chariot*

6. In today's lesson, we learned "God Only Wants What Is _____ For Me."

Answer: *Best*

7. In today's lesson, we also learned "I Can Trust God's _____."

Answer: *Instructions*

8. In today's lesson, we also learned "Even When It Doesn't Make _____, I Can Trust God's Instructions."

Answer: *Sense*

9. What was one of the "crazy" things God told Joshua to do in order to defeat Jericho?

Answer: *march around the wall, blow ram's horn, yell loudly*

10. Where was our Power Verse found?

Answer: *Isaiah 26:4*



MAIN FOCUS

*When we trust and obey God,
amazing things happen!*

POWER VERSE

*"You must love the Lord
your God and obey all his...
commands."*

- Deuteronomy 11:1

BIG IDEA

*"I Gotta Obey – That's The Only
Way!"*

Leader's Info

Joshua and the Israelites obeyed God and walked around the city walls for six days without saying a word. On the seventh day, God displayed his amazing power.

When the Israelites had finished the seventh round on the seventh day, the priests blew their trumpets, and they shouted with a great shout! Immediately, the walls came tumbling down! Israel had won the victory!

In this lesson, the children will learn that if we trust God, we must obey Him. When we obey God, He causes amazing and miraculous things to happen!

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Character: Bobby Rockit (*loud, wild, big-haired lead singer of the fictional hair metal group "Ex-SCREAM"; he is dressed in 80s heavy metal music attire*)

(Play Track #4 off the Music CD—Bobby's theme music)

Bobby: Thank you! Thank you! Hello TOKYO!! YEAAAAAAH!!!

Leader: Hey Bobby! It's good to see you!

Bobby: It's great to see you, baaaaayyy-buh!! It's great to be alive today! YEAAAAAAAAAHHH!!

Leader: WOW, you sure seemed pumped today!

Bobby: I sure am! God is in the hood, and I'm feelin' GOOD!

Leader: God is in the hood? What are you talking about?

Bobby: Well, you remember last week I was telling you about all the CRAAAZY stuff God was telling me to do?

Leader: Yeah! God told you to wear earplugs and...something else..

Bobby: Dance around like this! (*flails around*) Well I obeyed God in doing both of those, and something amazing happened! We made an earthquake, baaaaayyy-buh!!

Leader: You made an earthquake?? How did you make an earthquake?!

Bobby: Lemme tell ya! Last night was our dress rehearsal for the big world tour, and it was close to the end when the lead guitar player of EXSCREAM, Mighty Mike Moosehead, goes into his epic guitar solo!

Leader: Mighty Mike Moosehead?

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CHARACTER SKIT (CONTINUED)

Bobby: Yeah! He's this big dude in the band who wears antlers on his head! He puts the guitar over his head and plays the solo with the antlers! It's awesome! Anyway, He had turned his amp up waaaaaaay too loud! The stage started to shake!

Leader: Oh no! What happened next?

Bobby: Immediately everyone grabbed onto their ears 'cuz it was too loud! Except for me! I was wearing my earplugs like God told me! Then the stage started falling around in pieces all around us!

Leader: Oh no! Did you get all banged up?

Bobby: Nope! I just started doing the dance moves God told me to do! Like this! (*flails around like an idiot*) I ducked and dodged and weaved and all the pieces of junk missed me! But nobody else was moving like that, and they were about to get crushed!

Leader: Did anyone get hurt?

Bobby: Nope! I danced my way right over to the emergency shut off switch on Moose's amp. I stopped the quake just in time!

Leader: Bobby, that's one of the coolest stories I've ever heard! I'm so glad you obeyed God and did what He told you to do!

Bobby: Me too, bayyyyy-buh! I'm glad I learned my lesson! From now on I will always OBEY God, no matter what He tells to do!

Leader: That's a good idea. It's not good enough to just trust in God, but we also have to OBEY Him!

Bobby: You said it, brotha! I need to go! Talkin' about all of this stuff fallin' down gave me an idea for a new song! I think I'll call it...(sings a super high note) JERICHOOOOOOOOOOOO!!!!!! I'll see you later boys and girls! I'M BOBBY ROCKIT! YEAH! THANK YOU, GOODNIGHT!!

(Bobby exits as his theme music plays)



GAME TIME

"KNOCK DOWN THE WALL!"

Items Needed For Game: twenty four empty cans of soda, a Frisbee, a table

How To Play: Choose three boys and three girls to participate. Stack the soda cans in a "wall" on the table. Have the children stand approximately fifteen to twenty feet away.



One at a time, have the children throw the Frisbee to try to knock down the wall of cans. Have each girl throw the Frisbee once, then count how many cans they knocked down. Have the boys do the same, then compare the two numbers. The team who knocked down the most cans, wins!



ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

"TEARING DOWN THE WALLS"

Materials Needed: The Data CD; The Music CD (sound effects provided)

Preparation: Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled "Lesson Eight," begin with the slide titled "*Tearing Down The Walls*"; familiarize yourself with the Bible Story found in **Joshua 6:6-20**



The Message: (title slide)

When we last left Joshua, he had just received the instructions from God about how to destroy the great city of Jericho. You remember Jericho, right? It was a city that was protected with a massive wall all the way around it. God told Joshua some pretty wild instructions...

"March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. 4 Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. 5 When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in."

As we learned last time, even when God's instructions sound "crazy" to us, we have to trust Him. Joshua did, and he passed on the instructions to the army of Israel. We can only assume that they also thought the instructions sounded crazy, but they also trusted God to deliver Jericho into their hands. Not only did they TRUST God, but they showed just how much they trusted God by OBEYING what He told them to do.

Joshua commanded the priests to take the Ark of the Covenant in front, and the army marched with them—not saying a word. They circled the city once per day for six straight days. Can you imagine what the people in Jericho must have been thinking? They had to be expecting a full blown attack. Instead, they got a bunch of people marching around the walls once a day, and then going back home.

That's what happened—until the seventh day. On the seventh day, the armies began to march around the city just as they had done for the past six days (*begin to play Track #5 on the Music CD "Israelite Army Marching"*). All the while, they didn't say a single word—not even a peep. They marched and marched and marched until they had circled the city seven full times.

Then, when they had marched around the seventh time, the priests blew a long blast on their trumpets (*play Track #6 on the Music CD "Priests Trumpet Blast"*), and then Joshua commanded the entire Israelite army, "SHOUT! For the Lord has given you the city!" (*have the kids pretend they are the Israelite army and shout as loud as they can*)

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ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

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As they shouted, the walls of the city began to shake and they crumbled to the ground (*play Track #7 on the Music CD "Walls Crumble Down"*). The Israelite charged into the city and conquered their enemies. God helped them win an EXTREME victory that day!

Looking at this story, we can learn some very valuable lessons:

1) Even When His Instructions Are Difficult, I Must Obey God (*slide*)



Can you imagine how hard it was for the army to march around the entire city every single day and never say a word? You and I probably couldn't go five minutes without talking. They had to do something that seemed impossible. But, they trusted God AND obeyed His instructions. It was difficult, but they obeyed anyway.

You and I must also obey God, even when His instructions may seem difficult. Loving our enemies may seem difficult, but God instructed us to do it—we must obey. Giving the tithe, 10% of all of our money, to God may seem difficult, but God instructed us to do it—we must obey. No matter what it is OR how difficult it may sound—if God instructs it, we must obey it!

2) If I Truly Trust God, I Will Obey Him (*slide*)



Israel could have said, "Lord, we trust You." But, if they never actually did what God commanded, then that would have proven that they really didn't trust Him. Boys and girls, we must also show how much we trust God by obeying what He commands us to do. If we don't obey, then it shows that we really don't trust him after all.

3) If I Obey God, He Will Always Come Thru! (*slide*)



We don't have to worry! We can trust God. All He is looking for is for us to obey Him and He will take care of the rest. He has NEVER failed us before, and He will not fail us now. We can trust AND obey Him. If we obey, He will come through! We can experience the EXTREME victory just as Joshua and the Israelites did at Jericho.

ALTAR RESPONSE: (*play soft music*)

Pray with those children who are struggling to obey God in an area of their life. Pray that they will be able to demonstrate their trust in God by obeying Him in every area of their life.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was today's Big Idea?
Answer: *"I Will Obey! That's The Only Way!!"*
2. What stunt was Ban Daid attempting in today's video?
Answer: *cliff jumping*
3. How many days did the Israelite army march around Jericho?
Answer: *seven days*
4. True or False: The Israelite army yelled insults at Jericho while they marched.
Answer: *False, they were silent*
5. The priests did what after the army circled the city the seventh time?
Answer: *blew on their trumpets*
6. After the priests blew their trumpets, the entire army did what?
Answer: *shouted with a great shout*
7. In today's lesson, we learned "Even When His Instructions Are Difficult, I Must _____ God."
Answer: *Obey*
8. In today's lesson, we also learned "If I Truly _____ God, I Will Obey Him."
Answer: *Trust*
9. In today's lesson, we also learned "If I Obey God, He Will _____ Come Thru."
Answer: *Always*
10. Where was our Power Verse found?
Answer: *Deuteronomy 11:1*



MAIN FOCUS

*We can't hide our sin from God!
We must confess it and receive
forgiveness!*

POWER VERSE

*"But, if we confess our sins to
Him, He is faithful and just to
forgive us..."
- 1 John 1:9*

BIG IDEA

*"There Ain't No Way I'm Gonna
Hide My Sin!"*

Leader's Info

After the huge victory at Jericho, the Israelites were riding high. God told them not to touch any of the gold or other valuables in Jericho because they had been offered to idols.

Achan was a man who saw some of the gold and decided to take it anyway. He hid it under his tent thinking no one would ever know. But, God knew.

God led Joshua right to Achan, and Achan paid a high price for his sin. Not only Achan, but the entire army of Israel and Achan's own family.

In this lesson, the children will learn that we can never hide our sin from God. Instead, we must confess our sin and allow God to forgive us.

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Character: Bobby Rockit (*loud, wild, big-haired lead singer of the fictional hair metal group "Ex-SCREAM"; he is dressed in 80s heavy metal music attire*)

(Play Track #4 off the Music CD—Bobby's theme music)

Bobby: Thank you! Thank you! Hello CHATTANOOGA!! YEAAAAAAH!!!

Leader: Hey Bobby! How're you feeling today?

Bobby: (*high pitched note*) BAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAAD!!!

Leader: Bobby you're usually so happy! I've never seen you this upset before!

Bobby: I'm sorry bayyyyy-buh, but it's been a loooooong hard week!

Leader: What's been going on?

Bobby: It's our drummer, Fancy Frankie Fast-Hands!

Leader: Fancy-Frankie-What-now?

Bobby: Naw, that's his cousin! This is Fancy-Frankie Fast-Hands! He's got the fastest hands in the world! When he drums, his hands go so fast you can't even see them! It looks like a big blur!

Leader: That doesn't sound like it'd be a bad thing...

Bobby: It wouldn't sound bad if he actually made ANY sound at all!

Leader: Huh?

Bobby: Earlier this week we were practicing and we couldn't hear the drums! Fancy-Frankie Fast-Hands said he was just playing too fast and it was taking forever for the sound to get to our ears! So we kept playing and playing, and Frankie's hands were just going NUTS! (*waves his arms like he's playing air drums really really fast*) But still no sound!

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CHARACTER SKIT (CONTINUED)

Leader: That's really strange!

Bobby: That's what I thought! So I walked up to Frankie and said "Frankie! What's wrong? How come we can't hear the drums!"? And you know what he said to me? He said (*imitates a voice with some sort of thick accent*) "Somethin's been eating all my drum sticks!"

Leader: Something was EATING his drumsticks?! That's terrible!

Bobby: He said something about his pet termites sneaking in at night and eating all of his wooden drumsticks! And what's worse is that I know he was lying! Fancy-Frankie Fast-Hands is ALLERGIC to termites! He doesn't have any pet termites at all! PLUS, his drumsticks are made out of METAL!!

Leader: He LIED to you, Bobby?

Bobby: YEAAAAAH he did! And I called him out on it too! I said "Frankie, why you lying to me baaaayyyyy-buh? You don't have any pet termites! Where are your drumsticks?" You know what he said to me then?

Leader: What?

Bobby: (*Imitates thick accent again*) "I just forgot to bring them today." Can you believe that? Instead of just telling the truth that he had done wrong, he goes and tries to cover it up and lie to me, making it worse! We missed an ENTIRE day of rehearsal just because he wouldn't admit he had done wrong.

Leader: I'm sorry to hear that, Bobby. It's like what we're talking about today. It's never good to try and cover stuff up, ESPECIALLY from God. Instead, we should confess it to Him.

Bobby: You sure got that right, baaaaaaay-buh!! It's okay now though; we'll never have a problem with Fancy-Frankie Fast-Hands losing his drum sticks ever again. (*pulls out a roll of duct tape and yells offstage*) HEY FRANKY! GIMME THOSE HANDS OF YOURS, BOY! (*back to audience*) I'll see you later, everybody! I'M BOBBY ROCKIT! YEAAAAAAHHH! THANK YOU! GOOD NIGHT!!!

(*Bobby dances offstage while his theme music plays*)



GAME TIME

"HIDE AND SEEK"

Items Needed For Game: ten pieces of paper with various numbers of points written on them; the Music CD

How To Play: Prior to the children's arrival, hide the ten pieces of paper in various places around the room. Make some of them very easy, and make others of them a little more difficult.

Choose two participants to play in this game. Tell them they will have one minute to find as many of the pieces of paper that you have hidden around the room. Tell them that not all the pieces of paper are worth the same amount of points. At the end of one minute, count up the total number of points for each player's paper they were able to find. The participant with the most points is the winner!

After The Game: Say, *"In our game today, our players received rewards based on how many of the hidden pieces of paper they found. In today's story we are going to learn that there is NO reward when we HIDE our sin."*



ILLUSTRATED MESSAGE

"OH, MY ACHAN HEART"

Materials Needed: The Data CD; a change bag illusion (*can be found at any local magic store or online at www.gospelmagic.com*); a "silk" handkerchief with the word "SIN" written on it (*you can use a permanent marker*)

Preparation: Open the PowerPoint presentation on the Data CD titled "Lesson Nine," begin with the slide titled "Oh, My Achan Heart"; familiarize yourself with the parable found in **Joshua 7:1-26**



The Message: (title slide)

Today we are picking up the story of Joshua and the Battle of Jericho where we left off. Remember what happened? The city of Jericho was surrounded by HUGE walls all the way around it. God told the Israelites to march around the city, blow their trumpets, and SHOUT! That's exactly what the Israelites did—and the walls of Jericho came tumbling down!

The Israelites rushed into the city and defeated the army of Jericho. They celebrated this amazing victory that God had brought to them. God had also commanded them that as they went through the city, they were to gather up ALL of the gold, silver, and other valuables. They were commanded to either bring it to the temple as an offering OR destroy it. God warned them that if they took anything for themselves that they would be destroyed.

There was a certain man named Achan who heard the command, but he had another idea. He thought to himself, "This is a big city with a whole lot of gold and silver. Nobody is going to miss *a little bit* of this gold and silver. I could take *some* of it for myself, and no one will miss it. After all, if I hide it, no one will ever know."

So, Achan gathered up some of the gold and silver and buried it underneath his tent. He thought he was pretty clever, and assumed that NO ONE would ever know. But, someone DID know. Someone saw what Achan had done, and was very sad. You know who that someone was, kids? (allow them to respond) The one who saw what Achan had done was...God! You see, Achan thought he could hide his sin from everyone. But, he forgot something very important that we often forget...



1) I Can NEVER Hide My Sin (slide)

Sometimes we can make the same mistake that Achan made. We sin and think that no one will ever know what we have done. We might lie to our parents, cheat on a test, or even steal something. We think we have gotten away with it because no one saw us do it. (*hold up the change bag and the*

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Silk handkerchief with the word "SIN" on it We commit a sin and then we "hide" it. *(place the "SIN" in the "change bag," making sure you place it in the extra hidden compartment)* We think, "Nobody will ever know." *(while you are talking, and without the kids noticing, flip the "trigger" on the handle of the bag, causing the hidden compartment to "hide" causing the bag to appear empty)* We even think that as long as we "hide" our sin, that no one will ever be able to find it. *(turn the bag inside out, causing the kids to believe that the "SIN" has disappeared, making the bag look empty; in fact, it is hidden to them in the "hidden" compartment. Then, turn the bag right side out again)*

Kids, we can fool everyone around us into thinking we are "OK". We can try to hide our sin from others, and that may work for awhile. But, God sees beyond the outside and sees our hearts. *(while you are talking, move the trigger back over to where the "SIN" is now revealed)* We can't hide our sin from God. He looks in our hearts and sees the sin that no one else may know about. *(reach into the bag and pull out the "SIN" to reveal that it was not gone, but in fact still there)*

Achan thought he was getting away with stealing all of the valuables, but God saw what he had done. God was so angry that He pulled back his protection from the army of Israel. When they went into their next battle against a VERY small army...a battle they should have won, they were beaten BIG TIME!

Joshua prayed to God and asked why this was happening to them. God told Joshua that someone had stolen the things that were supposed to be set apart for the Lord. The next day, Joshua called every tribe of Israel to report to him one by one. God revealed to Joshua that Achan was the man who had stolen the gold and silver.

Achan told Joshua that the valuables were buried beneath his tent. They dug them up, then ordered Achan and his entire family to be put to death. WOW! So, Achan thought he was going to get away with the sin and hide it. Not only was his sin revealed, but he and his entire family were put to death as a result of what he did. This teaches us a very important lesson, boys and girls. Not only can I never hide my sin, but...



2) Sin Has A High Price *(slide)*

Achan thought he would get away with his sin, and many times we do, too. But, God sees all, and He will not allow sin to continue in our lives. He will make sure it is revealed, and we will have to pay the price for our sin. What is that price? For Achan, it was the death of him and his family. For us, it is different. The Bible says, "The wages of sin is death." This is referring to Hell, an eternity of separation from God. It's a high price that God doesn't want us to have to pay.

So, when we sin—what should we do? Should we hide it? NO! If we do, we will pay a HIGH PRICE for it. And, just like Achan, most of the time our sin doesn't just hurt US, it also hurts those around us that we love. So, instead of hiding my sin...

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3) I Must Confess My Sin & Receive God's Forgiveness *(slide)*



God doesn't want us to hide our sin and pay the high price. God sent His Son, Jesus, to die on a cross and pay the price for our sin. All He asks is that instead of hiding our sin, we must confess it to Him and ask His forgiveness. God is ALWAYS ready and willing to forgive us. It doesn't matter what we have done. So, don't hide your sin like Achan. Confess your sin to God and receive His forgiveness.

ALTAR RESPONSE: *(play soft music)*

Ask the children to bow their heads and close their eyes. Have them think about their lives. Do they have sins that they have been sneaking around and hiding? Do they have things that they think no one knows about? Remind them that God sees all. He is ready to forgive them. Lead them in a prayer of confession and forgiveness.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. What was today's Big Idea?
Answer: *"There Ain't No Way I'm Gonna Hide My Sin!"*
2. What was Ban Daid's Extreme Stunt today?
Answer: *Extreme Dumpster Diving*
3. What was the name of the man who stole the valuables?
Answer: *Achan*
4. Where did Achan hide the valuables?
Answer: *in his tent*
5. Was Achan the only one who paid the price for his sin?
Answer: *no, others suffered as well*
6. In our lesson today, we learned "I Can _____ Hide My Sin."
Answer: *never*
7. In our lesson today, we also learned "Sin Has A High _____."
Answer: *price*
8. In our lesson today, we also learned "I Must _____ My Sin, And Receive God's Forgiveness."
Answer: *Confess*
9. True or False — God sees and knows everything I do.
Answer: *True*
10. Where was our Power Verse found?
Answer: *1 John 1:9*