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FAMILY WORSHIP GUIDE

WEEK ONE

Key Passage:

“It is the LORD who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.”
(Deuteronomy 31:8)

Big Picture Question:

How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.

Review:

After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, the Israelites have finally made it to the edge of the promised land. Their leader Moses, who was now 120 years old, would not be able to lead them into the promised land. God chose Joshua to lead his people and bring them into the promised land.

Lesson:

The promised land was in a place called Canaan. God’s people were so close to getting there but there was one big problem. There was a river in front of them and they would have to get across to reach the promised land. It’s called the Jordan River but the Israelites would never be able to get across on their own because it was very deep and wide. God was going to help them.

God had a plan and God was going to show his people just how big and powerful He was. So God gave Joshua and the other leaders special instructions for crossing the river. God told Joshua to have the priests carry the ark of God in front of the people while they followed behind. Remember that the ark was to remind the Israelites that God was with them.

Joshua told the people that God was going to do something great for them. When priests carrying the ark took a step into the river something incredible happened. God made the water stop so that the priests were walking on dry ground in the middle of the river! Then all of God’s people were able to cross the river.

Joshua had the people pick up 12 large stones from the middle of the river. God wanted these stones to be set up as a memorial. A memorial is something that helps people remember a person or remember an event.

The stones were going to help God’s people remember that God was strong and mighty and that God had stopped the water so that his people could make it across the Jordan River. After all of the people made it across, the water began to flow again and the river was as deep and wide as it was before. God’s people had finally made it to the promised land—just like God had promised!
(Summary of Joshua 1–4)

Christ Connection:

Remember that the Bible is one big story and it’s meant to tell us about Jesus and how strong and mighty he is. God helped his people do something that they were unable to do on their own. He stopped the water so that they could cross on dry ground.

The Bible also tells us that God sent Jesus into the world to do something that none of us could do on our own. Jesus came to rescue us from our sin and He is worthy of our worship.

Suggested Activity:

Help everyone find a small rock or stone. Help your kids to think of a time in their life when God provided for them or for your family. You can also have them share something they are thankful to God for. Make sure you share too!

Help everyone write a key word or phrase on their rock that will remind them of what they shared. Find a place to put your rocks where everyone will be able to see and be reminded of God's faithfulness towards them.

Family Worship:

Listen to a song from the [CBC Kids Scripture Songs album](#) on Spotify or iTunes.

["King of Everything" by Austin Stone Worship](#)