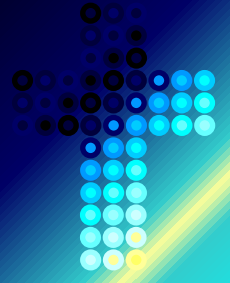


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THE MAKING OF JOSHUA

11 sessions

Author Eleanor Delport

This series takes us through the book of Joshua, linking Joshua's exploits back to Exodus, Numbers and Deuteronomy, to demonstrate how God trained up Joshua as a young man under Moses and how what he learnt when he was younger, impacted him when he was older.

The stories are told by a theatrical script that can be used with puppets or actors. Joshua speaks from his point of view of amazing things he saw with Moses as a young man and how that impacted his decisions when he was called to lead the 12 tribes of Israel into the promised land when he was older.

We take time to draw the links between Moses' story and Joshua's story, because Joshua is presented as a new Moses-like figure.

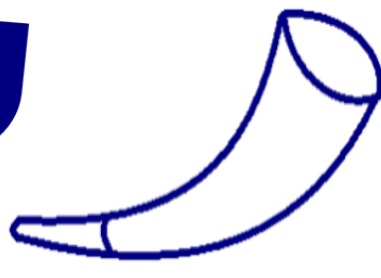
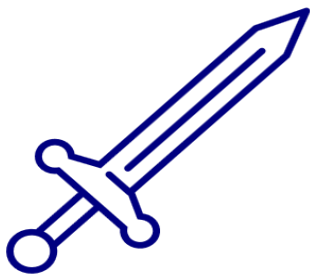
Key topics covered include faith, courage, God's heart for all people, prayer, obedience to God.

Each session includes a clue hunt, two theatrical storytelling scripts (one based in Exodus, Numbers or Deuteronomy and the other in the book of Joshua), warm up drills, a game, two songs, prayer activity and a badge making craft. Each session ends with the children making a badge to remember that story by. They will collect 7 badges by the end of the series.

THE MAKING OF JOSHUA

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THE MAKING OF JOSHUA

SESSION 1: PARTING OF THE SEA AND JORDAN—SEA BADGE

MAIN POINT

If God is with us, we have nothing to fear

PRAYER

Host or child to pray blessing on the session

INTRODUCTION AND STORY PART A

See script 1 A

DRILLS

Host to lead the Joshua Cadets in 20 star jumps, 30 seconds running on the spot, a few stretches

GAME—STUCK IN THE MUD

The Israelites got safely through the sea, but the Egyptians got stuck in the mud, so we will play stuck in the mud.

Choose two catchers to chase the other children. When a child is tagged, they stand in a star position until someone unsticks them by crawling through their legs. If the ground is wet, you might prefer that they unstick them by ducking under their outstretched arm.

STORY PART B

See Script 1B

WORSHIP

Be bold be strong

Our God is so big, so strong and so mighty





PRAYER

Tell God about something that you will be doing this week, thank Him that He will be with you and ask Him to help you. (This doesn't have to be about something difficult. It could be something like playing with your brother or sister.)

Ask each other if there is anything else you would like to give thanks or pray for this week and pray for each other.

CRAFT—SEA BADGE

You will need: round badge holders, cut out round paper or card badge templates, pens or pencils, badge making kit. The circle pictures are designed to be printed on 37-38mm diameter circle sticker label sheets and to be inserted in a 38mm circle badge making kit, which can be found online.

You have earned yourselves your first Joshua Cadet badge – the sea badge. Each week you will make a new one to remember the stories by.

The badge templates can be found on page 53 and are designed to be printed on 37mm diameter circle label paper. These can then be coloured in and used in 37-38mm diameter circle badge making kits, which can be bought from online marketplaces.

EXTRA CRAFT—STORYBOARD

Using paper and pens or pencils, try to draw parts of the stories you have heard today and see how much you can remember.



SCRIPT 1 A PAGE 1

You will need 1 person as **host** and 1 person as **Joshua**. Joshua may be played by a puppeteer or actor.

INTRODUCTION

Host: Welcome! We have a very special guest who has travelled forward thousands of years to tell us stories about his adventures and the amazing things that he saw God do in his day. But he's a bit sleepy from his travels, so we are going to need to shout his name to make him appear. We have hidden the letters of his name nearby. After 3 you need to hunt for the letters, then we will come back and unscramble them so we can wake up our special guest...1...2...3...Go!

[Children hunt for J O S H U A and put them together to work out the name of the special guest.]

Host: After 3 let's shout the name Joshua and see if he appears... 1...2...3...

Everyone: JOSHUA!

[Joshua shakes curtain or makes a rustle at the door if that is Joshua's entrance]

Host: I think he's waking up, but we need to be even louder. Let's try again...1...2...3...

Everyone: JOSHUA!

STORY PART A

Joshua: What was that! [Joshua startles and appears] Oh hello boys and girls! Sorry about that! I had a very long journey, but I am so glad to be with you all. Well done for working out my name. You are right that my name is Joshua and I am an Israelite, one of God's special people from long ago. Have any of you heard of me? What stories have you heard?

Those were very exciting stories and those were not the only fantastic things that happened to me! I lived at a time when some truly astonishing things happened to God's people and I saw them with my own eyes! In fact, God made me a very special part of the story and He needed to train me as a young man to trust and follow Him, so that I could do the job He had in store for me. That's what I've come to share with you. I want to show you what God taught me when I was young so that I could do amazing things with God when I grew up!

Can you guess how many years ago I lived on the earth? About 3400 years ago! And yet we are all part of one enormous story and the things God taught me 3400 years ago, He can teach you today. He will train you to trust Him, so that you can do the very special jobs that God has in store for each of you.

Are you ready to do some training with me?

Great! I led an army when I was on earth and I liked to teach my cadets songs and chants to help them remember why they were training. So stand up everyone and start marching on the spot...

1...2...1...2...1...2...1...2... [everyone stands up and starts marching in rhythm]

I'm going to sing a line and you are going to repeat after me in loud Joshua cadet voices. Ready?

Joshua: [First four lines to the tune of "I don't know what I've been told, someone here is getting old". Last four lines are a chant/shout. Everyone else repeats the line after Joshua (*shown in italics in brackets*)]

I don't know what I've been told (*I don't know what I've been told*)

This Bible stories very old (*This Bible story's very old*)



SCRIPT 1 A PAGE 2

But it brings life to us today (*But it brings life to us today*)

Teaching us to trust and pray (*Teaching us to trust and pray*)

Jesus! (*Jesus!*)

Is Lord! (*Is Lord!*)

Jesus! (*Jesus!*)

Loves us! (*Loves us!*)

Everyone together: Yeah!

[Repeat song if you like and you can use this chant to refocus the children or as you are moving around throughout the session]

Joshua: That was fantastic! I love a good song! You can all sit down again. Well done [Everyone sits]

So, as I was saying, God gave me a very special job to do and if I am honest, it was a bit of a scary job. God was very kind though. He knew that I would find it a bit scary, so He first taught me some wonderful things about Himself through what I saw and heard and through my teacher Moses. Have you heard of him?

God had chosen a family called the Israelites to bring His blessing to the earth and to show people what God was like, but the Israelites had been enslaved in Egypt for 400 years! Are any of you 8 years old? That's 50 times longer than you have lived. That's a very long time. Some Israelites forgot about God in that time, but God never forgot about them. He saw that they were suffering, and He heard their prayers, so one day He called Moses to go to Pharaoh the King of Egypt to ask him to let the Israelites go free. What did Pharaoh say?

Everyone: No!

Joshua: He said no! I was very young when this happened and I thought that Moses was extremely brave to go and speak to Pharaoh, because Pharaoh was so powerful. I had no idea how powerful God was though. I was about to find out...

God sent 10 huge plagues on Egypt. These were miracles that affected the whole of Egypt. God was showing Pharaoh, and Moses, and the Israelites...and me! that our God was far more powerful than Pharaoh and the gods of Egypt. The plagues got worse and worse until eventually Pharaoh let us go free.

We were so happy to be leaving Egypt. Our God was more powerful than we could ever have imagined. This mighty God had chosen us as His treasured people and He was rescuing us! It was a dream come true. We were walking towards the desert by way of the Sea and we could hardly believe we were free! But do you know what happened next?

Pharaoh changed his mind! He came after us with hundreds and hundreds of chariots pulled by thundering horses. Do you think we were scared? We were terrified!

We couldn't fight the Egyptians and we couldn't run. We were surrounded.

I saw the Egyptian chariots. I saw the water and I saw the frightened Israelites. But then I heard something. Moses told us not to be afraid, but just to stay still and watch as God rescued us. Don't be afraid? How could we not be afraid?!

Then God told Moses to lift up his staff and stretch out his hand over the sea. I watched and could hardly believe my eyes. The sea split in two and dry land appeared in the middle for us to walk over on! Moses told us to walk through the sea and that's exactly what we did. God held the Egyptians back with a huge pillar of cloud and fire all night so we could get safely across.



SCRIPT 1 A PAGE 3

As soon as the cloud moved, the Egyptians tried to come after us, but the ground became squelchy sticky mud and clogged up their chariot wheels. Moses lifted his staff over the waters again and the waters closed over the Egyptians so that we never saw them again. That was an amazing day!

Do you know what I learnt about God that day? If God is with us, we have nothing to fear. Can you say that with me?

Everyone: If God is with us, we have nothing to fear

Joshua: I was going to need that lesson later.

Now though, it is time for you to do some more training. I will see you all later after you have done some drills. Bye boys and girls!



SCRIPT 1 B PAGE 1

STORY PART B

Joshua: Hello again Joshua cadets! Did you enjoy your training drills? It's important to look after our physical bodies as well as training our hearts and minds. Do you remember the lesson we learnt in our story so far? If God is with us, we have nothing to fear. Let's say it altogether

Everyone: If God is with us, we have nothing to fear

Joshua: I needed to remember that when God gave me a very special job to do. Do you want to know what that job was?

Well, when Moses was very very old, much older than your mummies and daddies, and he was about to die, he asked God to choose someone to lead the Israelites when he was gone and to take them into the promised land. Do you know who God chose? Me! I had been with Moses for years and learnt lots of things from him. God said that His Spirit was in me and Moses was to lay his hands on me in front of all the people of Israel, so that everyone knew that God had given me this special job.

Have you ever had to stand up in front of lots of people? Were you nervous or did you enjoy it or maybe both?

I was honoured and happy that God had chosen me, but I was a little nervous too. How could I follow a leader like Moses? What if the people didn't obey me? What if God didn't come with me and do miracles like He did with Moses?

Then Moses said something wonderful to me in front of everybody... he said, "Be strong and brave. Lead these people into the land the Lord promised to give their ancestors. Help the people take it as their own. The Lord himself will go before you. He will be with you. He will not leave you or forget you. Don't be afraid. Don't worry." That's written down in the book of Deuteronomy in the Bible in chapter 31, verses 7 and 8.

Wow! God was going to be with us! If God is with us, we don't need to fear do we? And do you know what special sign God gave us to show us that He was with us?

To get into the promised land, we had to cross a big river called the Jordan river. There was no dry way across where we were trying to cross it. Can you guess what God did to let us go through the water?

Well, we had the Ark of the Covenant, which was a gold box where God's Spirit was in a special way. God told the priests to carry the Ark into the river. As soon as they stepped into the water, the water stopped flowing and all of the Israelites passed over on dry land just like we had walked across the sea! God was showing us that He was with us and with me like He was with Moses. And what is it we have learnt when God is with us?

Everyone: If God is with us, we have nothing to fear!

Joshua: That is the first lesson for you all Joshua Cadets! I know a fantastic song based on this story...perhaps some of you know it too? "Be bold, be strong for the Lord your God is with you!" Let's enjoy singing it together and I will see you next week for some more amazing stories. Bye!



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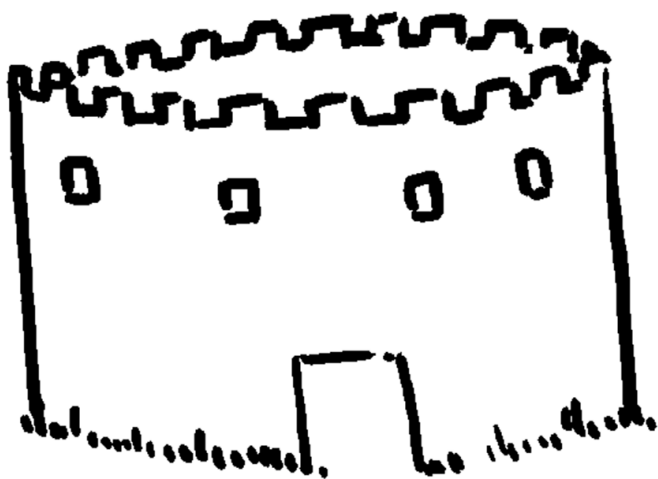
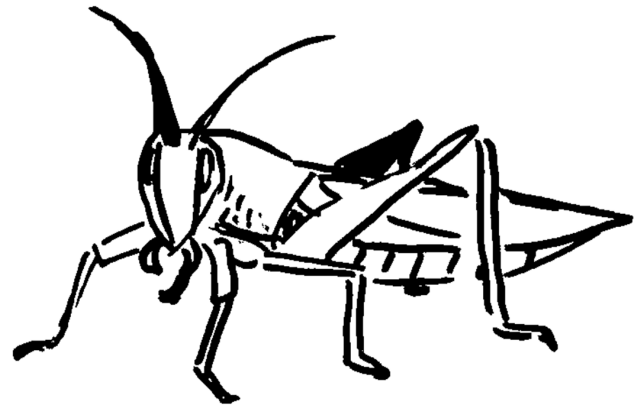
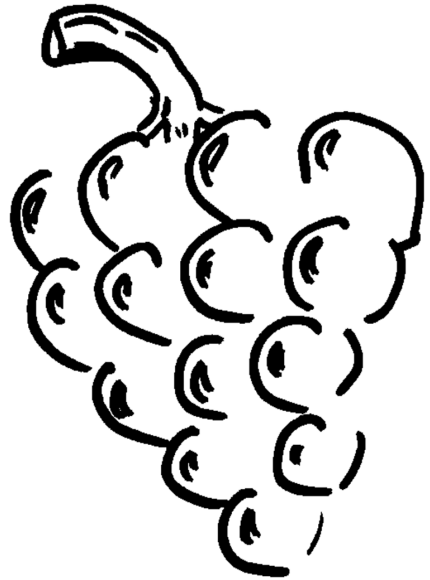
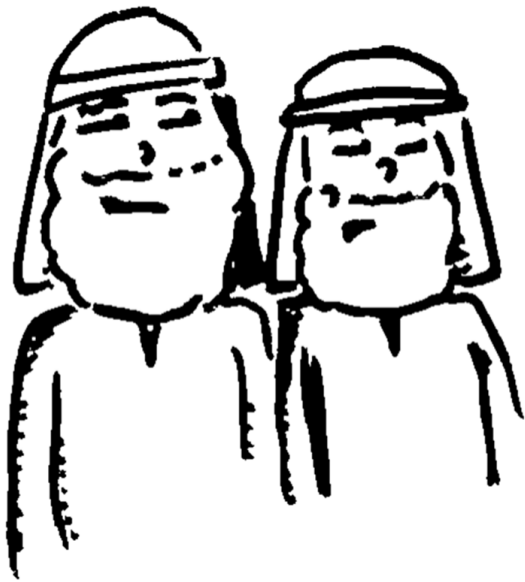
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CLUES SESSION 2



THE MAKING OF JOSHUA

SESSION 2: SPYING THE LAND—SPY BADGE

MAIN POINT

Faith pleases God

PRAYER

Host or child to pray blessing on the session

INTRODUCTION AND STORY PART A

See Script 2A

DRILLS

Host to lead the Joshua Cadets in reaching up to the sky, reaching down to your toes, 30 seconds running on the spot, 30 seconds hopping on one leg, 10 squats.

GAME—DODGE THE GIANTS

You will need: three buckets, balls or bean bags, cones to mark a start line and a safe zone

Lay out cones on a starting line and have one bucket behind the start line. On the opposite side of the room/field about 10 m away, mark off another line of cones beyond which is the safe zone. Place two buckets with balls in them in the safe zone. Between the start line and safe zone is the Promised land.

Choose 2 - 4 people to be giants in the promised land. Everyone else are spies. The spies start behind the start line and their mission is to tip toe their way past the giants, get to the bucket of balls (which represent fruit) in the safe zone and take them back to the bucket behind the start line. The giants will begin asleep on the ground in the promised land, but if the spies are too noisy (or at a random moment at the discretion of the host), the host will shout "They've heard you!" and the giants will wake up and try to catch the spies. If they catch the spies, they have to give up the



balls they are carrying and try again. While a spy is in the start zone or safe zone, that spy can't be caught.

STORY PART B

See Script 2 B

WORSHIP

Be bold be strong

King of Me

PRAYER

Can you think of a promise of God (e.g. I will never leave you, I love you, I will care for you)? Tell God that you believe this promise and ask Him to help you trust Him.

Ask each other if there is anything else you would like to give thanks or pray for this week and pray for each other.

CRAFT—SPY BADGE

You will need: round badge holders, cut out round paper or card badge templates, pens or pencils, badge making kit. (See Session 1 Craft for details)

The children can colour in a badge template and write their names on the back, then put the badges in the badge holders (they may need an adult to do this)

You have earned yourselves your second Joshua Cadet badge – the spy badge. Each week you will make a new one to remember the stories by.

EXTRA CRAFT—STORYBOARD

Using paper and pens or pencils, try to draw parts of the stories you have heard today and see how much you can remember.



SCRIPT 2 A PAGE 1

INTRODUCTION

Host: Welcome! Our new friend is coming to talk to us again today about some amazing things that happened in his life. Can you remember who came and spoke with us last week? Joshua! That's right! And how many years forwards has he travelled to come and see us? About 3400 years!

Who can remember the stories he told us last week? You might have made a badge to help you remember...

The sea badge...Joshua told us how, as a young man, he saw God split the sea so that the Israelites could walk over on dry land. He learnt something that day that was going to be very useful for when he was older. What did he learn?

If God is with us, we have nothing to fear!

When Joshua was older and God gave him the task of leading all the Israelites into the promised land, God showed him that He was with Joshua, by splitting the Jordan River, just like He had split the sea! Wow! What a powerful God!

I've heard that Joshua is going to tell us some more stories today, and he tells me that he's hidden some clues for you to find. After 3, you can search for 5 clues and bring them back to me. 1...2...3...GO!

[Children hunt for clues]

Host: Well done everyone! You have found the clues. I think it is time to call our friend and see if he is ready to tell us a story. After 3, we will shout Joshua. 1...2...3...

Everyone: JOSHUA!

STORY PART A

Joshua: [Joshua jumps up in surprise] Hello girls and boys! It's great to see you again Joshua Cadets! I've got another thrilling tale for you today. But before we jump in, let's get you warmed up. Up on your feet! Let's start marching...

1...2...1...2...1...2...1...2...[**everyone** stands up and starts marching in rhythm]

I taught you a marching song last week. Let's see if you can sing it even louder this week. I'll sing a line and you sing it back to me:

[First four lines to the tune of "I don't know what I've been told, someone here is getting old". Last four lines are a chant/shout. **Everyone** else repeats the line after Joshua (*shown in italics in brackets*)]

I don't know what I've been told (*I don't know what I've been told*)

This Bible stories very old (*This Bible story's very old*)

But it brings life to us today (*But it brings life to us today*)

Teaching us to trust and pray (*Teaching us to trust and pray*)

Jesus! (*Jesus!*)

Is Lord! (*Is Lord!*)

Jesus! (*Jesus!*)

Loves us! (*Loves us!*)

Everyone together: Yeah!

[Repeat song if you like and you can use this chant to refocus the children or as you are moving around throughout the session]

Attention! And sit down!

Excellent. Are you ready for another story? I cunningly hid some clues around the place. Did you manage to



SCRIPT 2 A PAGE 2

find them? Fantastic! What have you got for me?

Host: [Host holds up clues one at a time] Two people...grapes...a grasshopper...a fortress...a clock...

Joshua: Thank you! That's helped jog my memory. Yes, I have a very important lesson to share with you today. You remember last week how I told you that God had sent plagues on Egypt and split the sea and been with us in a pillar of cloud and fire? Well, you'd think that having seen God do that, we Israelites would follow God wherever He went and trust Him completely, wouldn't you? He had shown us that if God is with us, we have nothing to fear. But unfortunately, my fellow Israelites still struggled to trust God even after all that. Let me tell you what happened.

We had been in the wilderness over a year and God had met with us at Mount Sinai with loud trumpet sound, thunder and fire. Now it was time to move on towards the land that God had promised to give to our ancestor Abraham, the Promised land, the land of Canaan. We were excited to see what it was like. We had been slaves for 400 years and now we were finally going to have a land of our own!

God told Moses to send 12 spies into the land, one from each of the tribes. He chose me to go from the half tribe of Ephraim, son of Joseph. Moses told us to explore everywhere and find out if there were fruit and trees, if people lived in tents or fortresses, if they were strong or weak, rich or poor and he told us to bring back some of the fruit to show everyone.

For forty days we looked everywhere. There were some huge people in the land living in towering fortresses. They were like giants! But they also had giant food! There were so many grapes, figs and pomegranates that we struggled to carry them. It was a wonderful land. Caleb from the tribe of Judah and I were bouncing around with excitement when we came back. We could hardly stand still.

But not everyone was as excited. The other ten spies said that the land was excellent, but the people were too big. Fancy thinking anyone was too big for our God? Who do you think is bigger, a giant or God? God, of course!

God had saved us from Pharaoh, he could save us from these giants! Caleb and I tried to persuade everyone to go up at once and take the land, but the people refused. They said the Canaanites were giants and we, the Israelites, were like little grasshoppers compared to them.

The people got so angry with us for wanting to go into the Promised Land that they were going to stone Moses, Aaron, Caleb and me! It was crazy! But God appeared in glory just in the nick of time and they stopped trying to kill us.

We were devastated that after all this time, the people had no faith. God said He would destroy all those who had seen the wonders He'd done in Egypt and yet refused to believe that He could give them the Promised Land, but we prayed for the people and God forgave them. There were consequences though. We were going to have to walk around this wilderness for another 40 years and only Caleb and I together with the children, the next generation, were going to be able to go up into the Promised Land, because Caleb and I had had faith that God was bigger than the giants and could do what He promised.

Well, we learnt a lesson that day. We learnt that God is looking for people who believe He can do what He promised. In other words, faith pleases God.

Can you say that with me?

Everyone: Faith pleases God

Joshua: Now it is time for some drills and games. So, I will hand you over to your host and see you in a few minutes.



SCRIPT 2 B PAGE 1

STORY PART B

Joshua: Welcome back Joshua Cadets! How did you manage avoiding those giants? It's not easy is it? Do you remember the lesson we learnt earlier?

Everyone: Faith pleases God

Joshua: How many years did we have to wait as shepherds in the wilderness for a people who would have faith that God could take them into the promised land? 40 years. Do you find it easy to wait for things you are really looking forward to? How about your birthday, is it easy to wait for, or do you wish it could be today? It's tricky waiting. Sometimes when we wait for something for a long time, we start thinking it's never going to happen. But God isn't like that. God is patient. He knows all of time, all of history, and He knows when He is going to complete everything He promised. He told us it would be forty years and that's exactly how long it was.

After forty years everyone who had not believed that God could take them safely into the Promised Land had died in the wilderness. Aaron and Moses had also died and it was my turn to lead the people. I told the people to get ready to go over and take possession of the land that God was giving us and, this time, do you think that they believed God could do it?

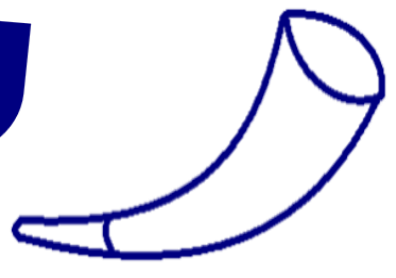
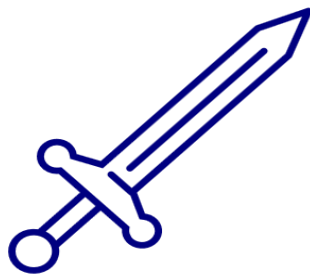
They did! The people had faith! They said they would go into the Promised Land and we encouraged each other to be bold and be strong because God was with us. If God is with us, we have nothing to fear.

Just as Moses had sent spies into the land, I sent two spies into the land and when they came back they were full of faith and said that God had definitely given us the land and that the people who lived there were terrified of us, because they had heard about how powerful our God was. Although they were bigger than us, it was the Canaanites that felt like grasshoppers now, not the Israelites. We knew God could do anything. We had faith that He would do what He promised and faith pleases God. Let's say that together:

Everyone: Faith pleases God

Joshua: That is the second lesson for you all, Joshua Cadets! I will see you next week for some more stories. Bye!





THE MAKING OF JOSHUA

SESSION 3: PASSOVER AND RAHAB—FAMILY BADGE

MAIN POINT

Anyone who trusts God can join His family

PRAYER

Host or child to pray blessing on the session

INTRODUCTION AND STORY PART A

See Script 3 A

DRILLS

Host to lead the Joshua Cadets in reaching up to the sky, reaching down to your toes, 30 seconds running on the spot, 10 squats, 20 star jumps.

GAME—PASS OVER UNDER

You will need: three balls, balloons or bean bags. They can be any size, but the size of a small football works well.

Divide the group into two lines, with one child stood behind the child in front. The people at the front of the lines begin with a ball each. They pass the ball over their heads to the child behind them, who passes the ball between their legs to the child behind them, who passes the ball over their head to the child behind them. The ball goes over, under, over, under until they reach the back of the line. Then the child at the back runs to the front and starts again by passing the ball over their head to the child behind them. Continue in this pattern until the original child is back at the front of the line. Then everyone sits down. The team that completes this the fastest wins.

If your group is up for another challenge. Get them to make a circle with everyone facing clockwise. Pass a ball over, under around the circle. After a while, add in a second ball and then a third and see how long they can keep it going without dropping one of them.



STORY PART B

See Script 3 B

WORSHIP

Father Abraham had many sons

King of Me

PRAYER

Are you a part of God's family? If you are not and would like to be, ask God to forgive you and accept you into His family. Pray for someone you know who does not know Jesus to put their trust in Him.

Ask each other if there is anything else you would like to give thanks or pray for this week and pray for each other.

CRAFT—FAMILY BADGE

(See session 1 craft for details)

EXTRA CRAFT—STORYBOARD

Using paper and pens or pencils, try to draw parts of the stories you have heard today and see how much you can remember.



SCRIPT 3 A PAGE 1

INTRODUCTION

Host: Welcome! Our new friend is coming to talk to us again today about some amazing things that happened in his life. Can you remember who came and spoke with us last week? Joshua! That's right! And how many years forwards has he travelled to come and see us? About 3400 years!

Who can remember the stories he told us over the last two weeks? You might have made badges to help you remember...

The sea badge...Joshua told us how, as a young man, he saw God split the sea so that the Israelites could walk over on dry land. He learnt that, if God is with us, we have nothing to fear!

When Joshua was older and God gave him the task of leading all the Israelites into the promised land, God showed him that He was with Joshua, by splitting the Jordan River, just like He had split the sea!

The spy badge... When Joshua was a young man, only two out of ten spies that entered the Promised Land believed that God could defeat the giants in the land. The Israelites had to wait 40 years in the wilderness because of their unbelief. Then Joshua sent two more spies in and they and all the Israelites had faith that God would give them the Promised Land. What was the lesson he learned from this? Faith pleases God!

Let's say those two lessons together:

Everyone: If God is with us, we have nothing to fear. Faith pleases God.

Host: Fantastic! I wonder what story Joshua will share with us today. I think he might have left some clues again. After 3, you can search for 5 clues and bring them back to me. 1...2...3...GO!

[Children hunt for clues]

Host: Well done everyone! You have found the clues. I think it is time to call our friend and see if he is ready to tell us a story. After 3, we will shout Joshua. 1...2...3...

Everyone: JOSHUA!

STORY PART A

Joshua: [Joshua jumps up in surprise] Hello girls and boys! It's great to see you again Joshua Cadets! I've got another thrilling story for you today. But before we jump in, let's get you warmed up. Up on your feet! Let's start marching...

1...2...1...2...1...2...1...2...[**everyone** stands up and starts marching in rhythm]

I hope you've been practising our marching song! I'll sing a line and you sing it back to me:

[First four lines to the tune of "I don't know what I've been told, someone here is getting old". Last four lines are a chant/shout. **Everyone** else repeats the line after Joshua (*shown in italics in brackets*)]

I don't know what I've been told (*I don't know what I've been told*)

This Bible stories very old (*This Bible story's very old*)

But it brings life to us today (*But it brings life to us today*)

Teaching us to trust and pray (*Teaching us to trust and pray*)

Jesus! (*Jesus!*)

Is Lord! (*Is Lord!*)

Jesus! (*Jesus!*)



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Loves us! (*Loves us!*)

Everyone together: Yeah!

[Repeat song if you like and you can use this chant to refocus the children or as you are moving around throughout the session]

Joshua: Attention! And sit down!

Excellent. Are you ready for another story? I cunningly hid some clues around the place. Did you manage to find them? Fantastic! What have you got for me?

Host: [Host holds up clues one at a time] A lamb...the world...a brick wall...a rope...a trumpet...

Joshua: Thank you! Do you remember how I said before that God sent 10 plagues on Egypt before Pharaoh finally set us free? I want to tell you about the tenth plague today, because it taught me something very important about God that I was going to need to remember when we went into the promised land.

The Israelites, God's chosen people, had been in Egypt 430 years and God had promised Abraham that after 400 years, He would bring us out of Egypt to the Promised land. He told Moses, who became like a father to me, teaching me the ways of God, to tell Pharaoh to let us go. Pharaoh was stubborn and mean. His hatred of God and the Israelites blinded him. He kept saying no even when God sent plague after plague on him. We wondered if Pharaoh would ever let us go free, but God had a plan.

Moses told all the Israelites there would be one more plague and then we would quickly be told to go. We had to be ready to leave at a moments notice. The plagues so far had been pretty scary. We all wondered what would happen next. Moses told each household to get a lamb and kill it, put the blood of the lamb over our doorposts and cook the lamb for supper. We were to make bread without yeast, because there would be no time to let the dough rise. He said that we had to stay in our houses all night and keep our belts and our shoes on so that we were ready to go. During the night, the angel of death was going to travel through the whole of Egypt and strike down every firstborn son in Egypt, but wherever the angel saw the blood of the lamb, he would pass over the house without hurting anyone.

Well, how would you feel, if you heard that? We were utterly terrified!! My hands were shaking as we went to the herd and got a spotless lamb. Our knees were knocking as we sprinkled the blood over the door posts. No one slept a wink that night. We were awake and listening to the pitch dark.

About midnight, we felt a horrible chill and then the crying started. From the Egyptians' houses, people started to wail. The angel of death had visited the houses. The Egyptians had tried to kill all the Israelite baby boys and now, after 9 plagues of warning, God was bringing it back on their own heads. It was a devastating night.

Soon the cry went out that we were to go. Pharaoh had told us to leave. We were heading out of Egypt at last!

As I went out with everyone there was something I noticed. It was not just Israelites who went out with us. There was a multitude of other people too. God had said that people of other nations could join our family, so long as they kept the Passover and had circumcised their males as a sign of their commitment to our God. If they did that, they were as much a part of God's family as we were.

It got me thinking...what was the difference between those of us that had escaped death and the Egyptians who had been visited by death. Before, I thought it was because we were the best people, good people and that is why God was looking after us. Now I realised, God would look after anyone who put their trust in Him, they could come from anywhere in the world, but their sin needed to be covered over. The difference between our houses and their houses was the blood of the lamb. Our sin deserved death, but the lamb died instead. If anyone would say sorry to God and put their trust in Him, they could become part of God's family.



SCRIPT 3 A PAGE 3

That's what I learnt: Anyone who trusts God can join His family

Can you say that with me?

Everyone: Anyone who trusts God can join His family

Joshua: Remember that for later. Now it is time for some drills and games. So, I will hand you over to your host and see you in a few minutes.



SCRIPT 3 B PAGE 1

PART B

*This script has three characters, **Joshua**, **Rahab** and **The Commander of the Lord's armies**. If you do not have another puppeteer available, you could just have Joshua narrating it or have one puppeteer perform Joshua and Rahab and let Joshua narrate the Commander of the Lord's armies speech. Ideally you will also have one prop: a red cord/rope/string*

Joshua: Welcome back Joshua Cadets! Do you remember the lesson we learnt earlier?

Everyone: Anyone who trusts God can join His family

Joshua: You remember last week I told you that I sent two spies into the promised land to search out the fortresses? Well, they met someone when they spied out the fortress of Jericho. Do you know who they met?

A lady named Rahab.

Rahab: [Rahab pops up and waves] Hello!

Joshua: Rahab had heard of the Israelites and how our God had defeated all of the gods of Egypt. She believed that God would give us Jericho and the Promised Land and she wanted to follow our God too. She helped the spies and asked them to save her when God defeated Jericho. The spies said that, as she had shown them kindness, they would show her kindness.

Rahab: Please show me kindness!

Joshua: Her house was in the wall of the city. [Drape a red rope/string/cord over the stage] They gave her a red rope, as red as lamb's blood, and told her to tie it in her window. [Rahab pretends to take hold of it] She was to gather her family in the house and not leave the house. So long as her family stayed in the house where the red rope was tied, they would be saved. [Rahab disappears]

The spies came back and told me what had happened. We all crossed the Jordan River, with God splitting the waters like I told you before and, because it was the time of year for the Passover festival, one of the first things we did when we entered the Promised Land was celebrate Passover, remembering how God had saved us from Egypt, by covering us with the blood of the lamb.

Then the commander of the Lord's armies appeared to me and said to me...

Commander of the Lord's armies: [Commander of the Lord's armies appears and talks to Joshua]...march around Jericho with the army, the priests and the Ark of the Covenant once a day for 6 days, but don't make a sound. Be completely silent. Then on the seventh day, march around 6 times and on the seventh time, blow the trumpets and raise a mighty shout, as loud as you can. Got it?

Joshua: Got it! [Commander of the Lord's armies disappears]

I got all the Israelite army together and we started marching around Jericho. [Joshua moves back and forth across stage as though marching] As soon as Rahab saw the army, she gathered her family into her house where the blood red rope was tied in the window and waited.

Rahab: [Reappears holding red rope, looks nervous] Quick! The Israelites are here! Mum, dad, brothers, sisters, come in the house!

Joshua: It must have been a nervous wait, like when we waited in our houses on the first Passover.

Once a day for 6 days we marched around Jericho. On the seventh day when we gave a shout, do you know what happened? The walls of Jericho came tumbling down! We rushed in and took the city. Its wall was a



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pile of rubble. All except one part. Can you guess which part of the wall didn't fall down? ...

The part where a rope the colour of lamb's blood hung in the window and Rahab and her family waited inside. The spies went in and brought them safely out. [Rahab cheers and runs towards Joshua] Rahab had chosen to trust our God and God had saved her and her family from death. That day, Rahab's family joined God's family. God will save anyone who puts their trust in Him/Anyone who trusts God can join His family.

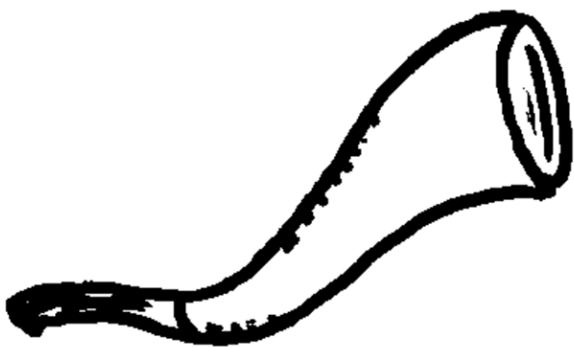
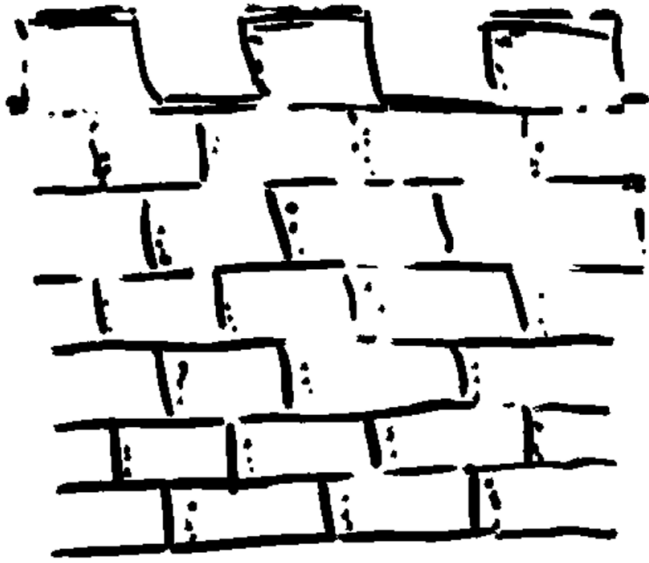
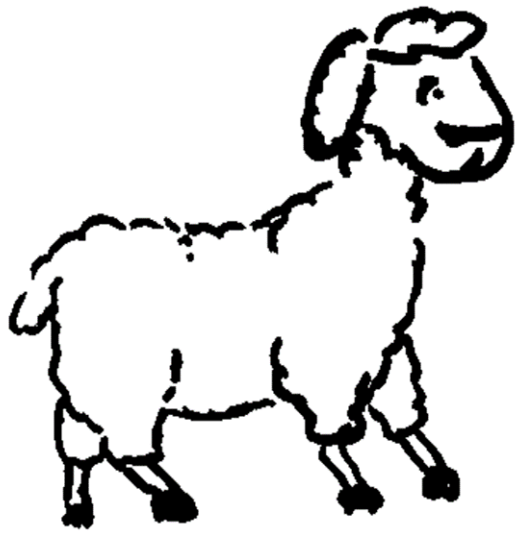
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Everyone: God will save anyone who puts their trust in Him/Anyone who trusts God can join His family

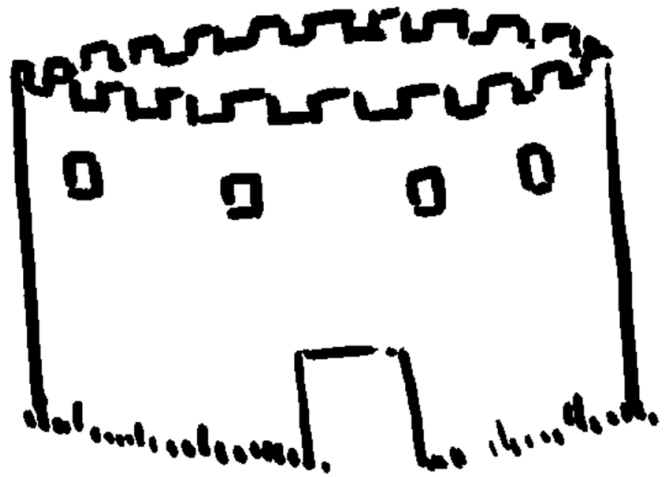
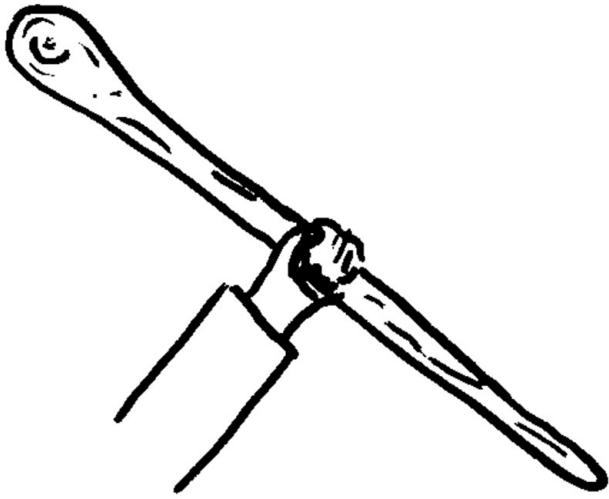
Joshua: Many years later, there was another Joshua sent by God. You people seem to pronounce His name funny. You call Him Jesus, but He has the same name as me, Joshua. Jesus and Joshua are the same name. They both mean "God saves". Jesus shed His own blood on a Roman cross at Passover and now anyone who trusts in Him will be saved. We had to be circumcised and sacrifice a lamb to join God's family, but you don't even need to do that now! All you need to do is put your trust in Jesus and you can join His family. What a welcoming Father our God is! God will save anyone who puts their trust in Him.

That is the third lesson for you all, Joshua Cadets! I will see you next week for some more stories. Bye!

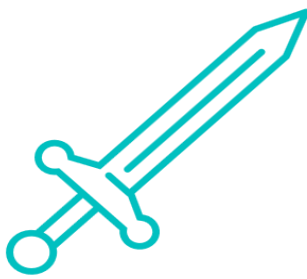




CLUES SESSION 3



CLUES SESSION 4



THE MAKING OF JOSHUA

SESSION 4: PRAYER IN BATTLE AGAINST AMALEK AND AI— PRAYER BADGE

MAIN POINT

Whatever the problem is, pray

PRAYER

Host or child to pray blessing on the session

INTRODUCTION AND STORY PART A

See Script 4 A

DRILLS

Host to lead the Joshua Cadets in reaching up to the sky, reaching down to your toes, 20 jumps up and down, 30 seconds running on the spot, 10 lunges.

GAME—WATER RACE

You will need: a bucket or two of water, two measuring jugs, plastic cups.

Two teams line up behind a start line. The first person starts with a plastic cup, runs to the bucket of water and fills the cup, runs to a measuring jug, empties the cup into the water and runs back to the line to pass the cup to the next person who does the same. Ensure the measure jug is a decent distance from the bucket of water to make it more challenging. The first team to fill their measuring jug and sit down again behind the start line wins.

STORY PART B

See Script 4 B

WORSHIP

My God is so big so strong and so mighty there's nothing that He cannot do

Faith as small as a mustard seed



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PRAYER

Is there anything that you are facing at the moment that is very difficult? Perhaps someone is sick or worried about something? Battle in prayer for each other.

Ask each other if there is anything else you would like to give thanks or pray for this week and pray for each other.

CRAFT—PRAYER BADGE

(See session 1 craft for details)

EXTRA CRAFT—STORYBOARD

Using paper and pens or pencils, try to draw parts of the stories you have heard today and see how much you can remember.



SCRIPT 4 A PAGE 1

INTRODUCTION

Host: Welcome! Our new friend is coming to talk to us again today about some amazing things that happened in his life. Can you remember who came and spoke with us last week? Joshua! That's right! And how many years forwards has he travelled to come and see us? About 3400 years!

Who can remember the stories he told us over the last three weeks? You might have made badges to help you remember...

The sea badge...Joshua told us how, as a young man, he saw God split the sea and the Jordan River, so that the Israelites could walk over on dry land. He learnt that, if God is with us, we have nothing to fear!

Let's say that together:

Everyone: If God is for us, we have nothing to fear.

Host: The spy badge... The first time spies went into the Promised Land, they came back afraid, thinking that God could not defeat the giants in the land, but when the spies went in at Joshua's instruction, they had faith that God would give them the Promised Land. We learnt that faith pleases God.

What did we learn?

Everyone: Faith pleases God.

Host: Family badge... Just as God had spared the Israelites and others from death when the angel of death went through Egypt at the first Passover, God spared Rahab and her family from death when the Israelites defeated Jericho. Anyone who trusts God can join His family

Let's say that third lesson together.

Everyone: Anyone who trusts God can join His family

Host: Fantastic! I wonder what story Joshua will share with us today. Are you ready to hunt for some clues? After 3, you can search for 4 clues and bring them back to me. 1...2...3...GO!

[Children hunt for clues]

Host: Well done everyone! You have found the clues. I think it is time to call our friend and see if he is ready to tell us a story. After 3, we will shout Joshua. 1...2...3...

Everyone: JOSHUA!

STORY SCRIPT PART A

Joshua: [Joshua jumps up in surprise] Hello girls and boys, Joshua Cadets! I hope you are ready for some more amazing stories! Jump up on your feet and let's warm up with some marching...

1...2...1...2...1...2...1...2...[**everyone** stands up and starts marching in rhythm]

I hope you've been practising our marching song! I'll sing a line and you sing it back to me:

[First four lines to the tune of "I don't know what I've been told, someone here is getting old". Last four lines are a chant/shout. **Everyone** else repeats the line after Joshua (*shown in italics in brackets*)]

I don't know what I've been told (*I don't know what I've been told*)

This Bible stories very old (*This Bible story's very old*)

But it brings life to us today (*But it brings life to us today*)



SCRIPT 4 A PAGE 2

Teaching us to trust and pray (*Teaching us to trust and pray*)

Jesus! (*Jesus!*)

Is Lord! (*Is Lord!*)

Jesus! (*Jesus!*)

Loves us! (*Loves us!*)

Everyone together: Yeah!

[Repeat song if you like and you can use this chant to refocus the children or as you are moving around throughout the session]

Joshua: Attention! And sit down!

Excellent. You're getting good at that! Let's have a look at the clues you've found

Host: [Host holds up clues one at a time] A staff...prayer hands...a sword...a fortress...

Joshua: Ah yes! The story today is the very first battle I had to lead an army into. I remember it well! God had just led us through the sea on dry land and watched as the waters crashed over our Egyptian enemies. We were moving slowly through the desert wondering what would happen next...

After a while, we were thirsty and found some water, but it made us sick, so we couldn't drink it. So the people did the most sensible thing they could think of... they grumbled! Hmmp! No water! God must not love us! But Moses prayed and God cleaned the water. Then we thought we were going to run out of food...so the people grumbled again! Hmmp! No food! God must not love us! But God fed us with bread from Heaven and birds for meat. When we went to the next place and saw that there was no water, we had already seen God provide food and water, so what do you think we did? Pray? Nope... the people grumbled again! Hmmp! No water! God's left us here to die! But no...God hadn't left us. Moses prayed and God brought water out of the rocks! Would we ever learn to trust Him??

Then what should happen but an army of Amalekites came up against us. Oh great. A fierce army against a rabble of grumbly Israelites. This is going to go well! But Moses had a plan. He told me to choose men to fight for us. I was to lead them in battle while he went up on the hill with the staff of God and prayed. I had never led an army before. I was used to making bricks in Egypt, not fighting armies! I was going to need God's help.

The next morning, I took some men with me to charge against the Amalekites. Moses stood on the top of the hill raising the staff in his hand as he prayed. When the staff in Moses' hand was raised in prayer, we were winning. When his hands got tired and started to droop, the Amalekites started beating us again. So, Aaron, Moses' brother, and a guy called Hur helped him keep his staff raised all day until sundown. All day Moses kept that staff raised high in prayer and we won the battle!

I learnt a big lesson that day... whatever the problem is, pray.

Can you say that with me?

Everyone: Whatever the problem is, pray.

Joshua: Remember that for later. Now it is time for some drills and games. So, I will hand you over to your host and see you in a few minutes.



SCRIPT 4 B PAGE 1

This script has two characters, Joshua and a Spy

STORY PART B

Joshua: Welcome back Joshua Cadets! Do you remember the lesson we learnt earlier?

Everyone: Whatever the problem is, pray

Joshua: That's right. When I was an older man, having led the Israelites into the Promised Land and seeing the walls of Jericho come tumbling down, we wondered what was next. There were lots of other fortresses in the Promised Land to take. The next one was a place called Ai.

I sent some spies to go up as we they had done before and see what Ai was like.

Spy: [Spy jumps up, pretends to go off to spy on Ai and comes back to Joshua]

Joshua: What's Ai like?

Spy: Oh this will be easy peasy lemon squeezy! It's not half as big as Jericho. We only need to send a few people to fight against it.

Joshua: Ok we'll just send a few. [Spy disappears] So we didn't send the whole army. We waltzes up to Ai thinking it would be easy, but oh no! They sent us running!!

I was shocked! What went wrong?? Now it was my turn to grumble! I said to God "Why did you bring us here just so we would die?" But God told me to get up and stop moaning. He told me that we had been defeated, because we had sinned. At Jericho, God told us not to take anything we found in Jericho for ourselves. He was testing to see if we would do exactly what He said, or if we would sneak off with shiny silver and gold and clothing for ourselves and do what we thought was best. God told me that one person, a man called Achan had disobeyed the Lord and taken money and clothing for himself.

We said sorry to God for not listening to Him and doing what we felt like. This time, instead of making our own plan to defeat Ai, we prayed and asked God what His plan was and did exactly what He said. He told us to take the whole army and set an ambush behind the city. Then some of us went up like before to the front of the city and pretended that they had beaten us again. As we ran away, God told me to turn and raise the staff in my hand towards the city. At this signal, the army ambushed the city. I remembered how we had beaten the Amalekites when Moses' staff was raised in prayer, but when his staff was lowered, the Amalekites beat us, so I kept my staff raised in prayer all day, just like Moses had done, until Ai was completely defeated.

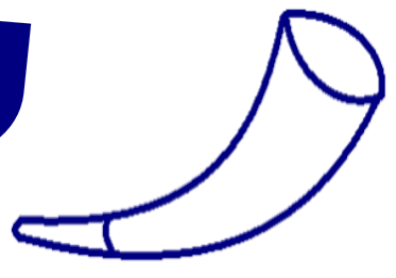
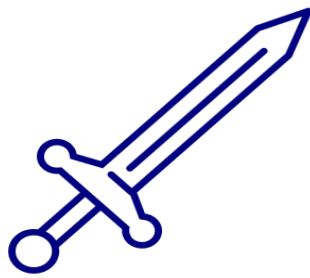
We had thought that Ai was a smaller problem than Jericho and that we were strong enough to handle it on our own, but God reminded us: Whatever the problem is, pray.

Let's say that together:

Everyone: Whatever the problem is, pray!

Joshua: That is the fourth lesson for you all, Joshua Cadets! I will see you next week for some more stories. Bye!





THE MAKING OF JOSHUA

SESSION 5: 10 PLAGUES AND BATTLE AGAINST 5 KINGS—HAIL BADGE

MAIN POINT:

God fights for us

PRAYER

Host or child to pray blessing on the session

INTRODUCTION AND STORY PART A

See Script 5 A

DRILLS

Host to lead the Joshua Cadets in reaching up to the sky, reaching down to your toes, 20 star jumps, 30 seconds hopping on one leg, 10 lunges.

GAME—OBSTACLE COURSE

You are about to hear about Joshua going up against 5 kings. It's time for a 5 part Obstacle course

Use whatever equipment you have available to make an obstacle course. Here are some suggestions of parts you might use:

Climb through a hoop

Crawl through a tunnel

Crawl under a big sheet

Jump from one hoop or stepping stone to another to cross a space

Throw a bean bag into a bucket

Run between a slalom of cones

Spin around 5 times and run tip toe along a straight line

STORY PART B

See Script 5 B



WORSHIP

My God is so big so strong and so mighty there's nothing that He cannot do
Be bold be strong

PRAYER

Is there anything that you are facing at the moment that is very difficult? Perhaps someone is sick or worried about something? Battle in prayer for each other and remember that nothing is impossible with God

Ask each other if there is anything else you would like to give thanks or pray for this week and pray for each other.

CRAFT—HAIL BADGE

(See session 1 craft for details)

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Let's say that third lesson together.

Everyone: Anyone who trusts God can join His family

Host: The Prayer badge...In the battle against Amalek with Moses the people won while Moses raised his hands in prayer. In the battle against Ai, Joshua too raised his staff in prayer until the battle was won. We learnt whatever the problem is, pray.

Let's say that together.

Everyone: The victory comes through prayer.

Host: Wow! Joshua has taught us so many wonderful things. I wonder what he's got in store for us today. Are you ready to hunt for some clues? After 3, you can search for 5 clues and bring them back to me. 1...2...3...GO!

[Children hunt for clues]

Host: Well done everyone! You have found the clues. Let's see if Joshua is ready to tell us a story. After 3, we will shout Joshua. 1...2...3...

Everyone: JOSHUA!

STORY SCRIPT PART A

Joshua: [Joshua jumps up in surprise] Hello girls and boys, Joshua Cadets! I hope you are ready for some more amazing stories! Jump up on your feet and let's warm up with some marching...

1...2...1...2...1...2...1...2...[everyone stands up and starts marching in rhythm]



SCRIPT 5 A PAGE 2

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Everyone together: Yeah!

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Joshua: Attention! And sit down!

Excellent. You're getting good at that! Let's have a look at the clues you've found

Host: [Host holds up clues one at a time] Pyramids...shackles...hail...sun...5 crowns...

Joshua: Do you remember how we talked about God rescuing us, Israelite slaves, from Egypt and we looked at the Passover together? Well, that was just one of the plagues that God sent on the Egyptians. Do you know how many God sent altogether? That's right! 10 plagues!

You see, we were a helpless bunch. We were far less powerful than the Egyptians. We were not trained to fight against them. We were good at making bricks and shepherding flocks, not fighting against chariots and horses. All we could do was pray and hope that God loved us enough to come and rescue us.

God heard our prayers and He sent His servant Moses to come and help us. Pharaoh kept refusing to let us go free and we had no power to persuade him. We could not fight for ourselves, God would have to fight on our behalf. And that's exactly what He did. First, He turned the Nile River into blood. Then He sent hopping frogs into houses. Then the dust became swarming gnats, but still Pharaoh did not let us go. Then God sent flies on the Egyptians, but not on the Israelites. He sent sickness on the Egyptian livestock and boils on the Egyptian skin, but not on the Israelites. Yet still, Pharaoh did not let us go! What were we to do? Pharaoh was stubborn. We had no power to change Pharaoh's mind. All we could do was wait while God fought for us.

God said that He would send hail on the land and warned everyone to bring in their slaves and livestock from the field. All who feared God listened, but those who did not fear God left their livestock and slaves in the field and they were killed by the ferocious hail.

After this, Pharaoh said that just the men could go, but that is not what God wanted. He wanted everyone, men, women, children, elderly, sheep, cows, everyone to go! So God sent a plague of locusts to eat all the trees and plants. Then Pharaoh said that the people could go, but the animals had to stay, but that was not what God wanted, so He sent darkness over the land. Then Pharaoh refused to see Moses anymore and we thought it was all over. But God had not stopped fighting for us. We were to get ready to leave. He instructed us to sacrifice a Passover lamb and paint the blood on our doorposts, because He was about to send the last and most terrible plague, the angel of death.

Finally, Pharaoh let us go free. It had been nothing of our own doing. We could not fight Pharaoh. God



SCRIPT 5 A PAGE 3

fought Pharaoh. He fought the battle on our behalf.

That's what I learnt and that's what I would need to remember: God fights for us

Can you say that with me?

Everyone: God fights for us

Joshua: I was going to need to remember that later, when we were in the Promised Land. Now though, it is time for some drills and games. So, I will hand you over to your host and see you in a few minutes.



SCRIPT 5 B PAGE 1

*This script has two characters, **Joshua** and a very brief appearance of **Gibeonites**. You could have the Gibeonites call from out of sight if you do not have an extra puppet available.*

STORY PART B

Joshua: Welcome back Joshua Cadets! Do you remember the lesson we learnt earlier?

Everyone: God fights for us/Nothing is impossible with God

Joshua: That's right. We have spoken about some pretty big battles already in our storytelling together. Can you remember any of them? (Jericho...Ai...Amalekites) Our faith in God's ability to fight for us was going to be tested again when the Gibeonites, a group of people living in the Promised Land, who had decided to trust in Yahweh, our God, were attacked by not one king...not two kings...but five kings all at once!

The Gibeonites came to me and begged for help, because 5 kings of the Amorites had come against them in battle.

Gibeonite: [Appears] Help us! Quick! [Disappears]

Joshua: The Lord said to me "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands."

I had faith that God would fight for us. I marched all night with the Israelite men of war. We barely stopped to rest and ran out on the Amorite kings much quicker than they expected. Now it was God's turn to fight. He threw them into a mad panic. They didn't know what was happening, but we did! God was fighting for us.

The Amorites ran this way and that. We sprang after them with our swords. God rained enormous hailstones on their heads, just like He had done in Egypt and then the most remarkable thing happened. God stopped the sun from setting for a whole day. It stood still in the sky, until we had utterly defeated the Amorites. In the end, more Amorites were killed by God's hailstones than by our swords. God had shown us again that He fights in behalf of His people.

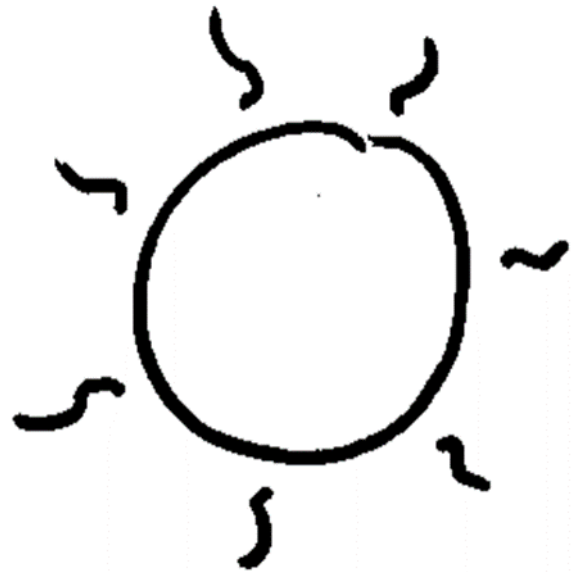
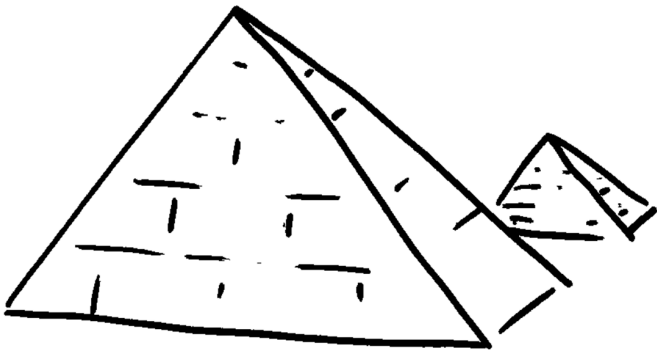
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Let's say that together:

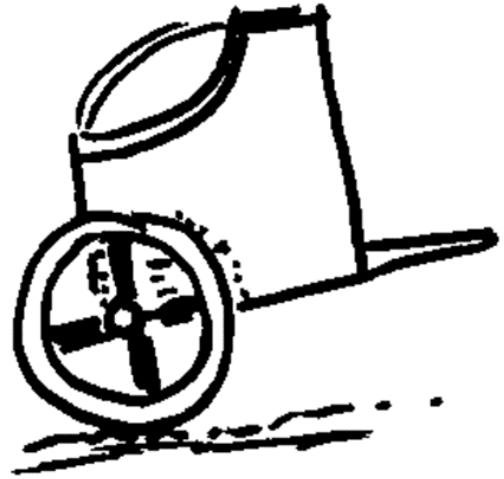
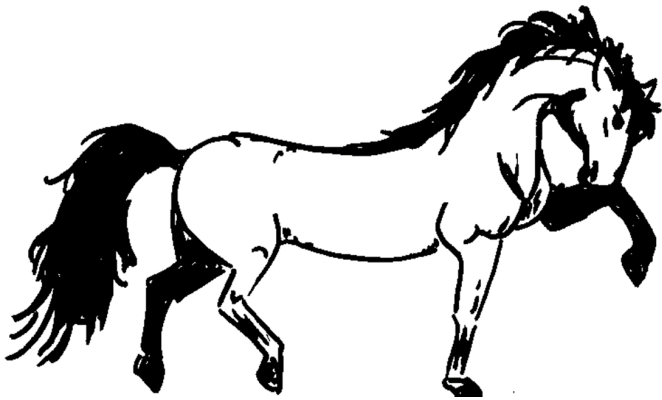
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Joshua: That is the fifth lesson for you all, Joshua Cadets! I will see you next week for some more stories. Bye!

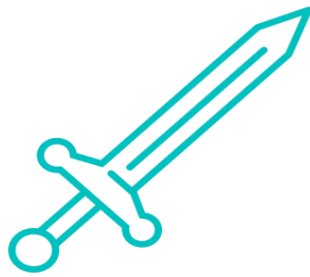




CLUES SESSION 5



CLUES SESSION 6



THE MAKING OF JOSHUA

SESSION 6: DEFEAT OF CHARIOT RIDERS—CHARIOT BADGE

MAIN POINT

There is no one like our God

PRAYER

Host or child to pray blessing on the session

INTRODUCTION AND STORY PART A

See Script 6 A

DRILLS

Host to lead the Joshua Cadets in reaching up to the sky, reaching down to your toes, 20 star jumps, 30 seconds hopping on one leg, 10 lunges.

GAME—CHARIOT RACES

Chariots were fast. They often used for racing. Try these different races: Egg and spoon; balancing a bean bag in your head; three-legged race; chariot race (piggy back race)

STORY PART B

See Script 6 B

WORSHIP

My God is so big so strong and so mighty there's nothing that He cannot do

King of me

PRAYER

Tell God how amazing He is. Describe Him.



Ask each other if there is anything else you would like to give thanks or pray for this week and pray for each other.

CRAFT—CHARIOT BADGE

(See session 1 craft for details)

EXTRA CRAFT—STORYBOARD

Using paper and pens or pencils, try to draw parts of the stories you have heard today and see how much you can remember.



SCRIPT 6 A PAGE 1

INTRODUCTION

Host: Welcome! Our new friend is coming to talk to us again today about some amazing things that happened in his life. Can you remember who came and spoke with us last week? Joshua! That's right! And how many years forwards has he travelled to come and see us? About 3400 years!

Who can remember the stories he told us over the last five weeks? You might have made badges to help you remember...

The sea badge...Joshua told us how, as a young man, he saw God split the sea and the Jordan River, so that the Israelites could walk over on dry land. He learnt that, if God is with us, we have nothing to fear!

Let's say that together:

Everyone: If God is for us, we have nothing to fear.

Host: The spy badge... The first time spies went into the Promised Land, they came back afraid, thinking that God could not defeat the giants in the land, but when the spies went in at Joshua's instruction, they had faith that God would give them the Promised Land. We learnt that faith pleases God.

What did we learn?

Everyone: Faith pleases God.

Host: The Family badge... Just as God had spared the Israelites from death when the angel of death went through Egypt at the first Passover, God spared Rahab and her family from death when the Israelites defeated Jericho. Anyone who trusts God can join His family

Let's say that third lesson together.

Everyone: Anyone who trusts God can join His family

Host: The Prayer badge...In the battle against Amalek with Moses the people won while Moses raised his hands in prayer. In the battle against Ai, Joshua too raised his staff in prayer until the battle was won. We learnt whatever the problem is, pray.

Let's say that together.

Everyone: Whatever the problem is, pray.

Host: The Hail badge...Just as God sent plagues on Egypt, God helped Joshua's army by sending hail on their enemies. God continued to show the Israelites that He would fight the battle on their behalf, so we learnt: God fights for us.

Let's say that together.

Everyone: God fights for us.

Host: I wonder what Joshua's got in store for us today. Are you ready to hunt for some clues? After 3, you can search for 5 clues and bring them back to me. 1...2...3...GO!

[Children hunt for clues]

Host: Well done everyone! You have found the clues. Let's see if Joshua is ready to tell us a story. After 3, we will shout Joshua. 1...2...3...

Everyone: JOSHUA!



SCRIPT 6 A PAGE 2

STORY SCRIPT PART A

Joshua: [Joshua jumps up in surprise] Hello girls and boys, Joshua Cadets! I hope you are ready to hear more of the wonderful things that God has done! Jump up on your feet and let's warm up with some marching...

1...2...1...2...1...2...1...2...[**everyone** stands up and starts marching in rhythm]

I hope you've been practising our marching song! I'll sing a line and you sing it back to me:

[First four lines to the tune of "I don't know what I've been told, someone here is getting old". Last four lines are a chant/shout. **Everyone** else repeats the line after Joshua (*shown in italics in brackets*)]

I don't know what I've been told (*I don't know what I've been told*)

This Bible stories very old (*This Bible story's very old*)

But it brings life to us today (*But it brings life to us today*)

Teaching us to trust and pray (*Teaching us to trust and pray*)

Jesus! (*Jesus!*)

Is Lord! (*Is Lord!*)

Jesus! (*Jesus!*)

Loves us! (*Loves us!*)

Everyone together: Yeah!

[Repeat song if you like and you can use this chant to refocus the children or as you are moving around throughout the session]

Joshua: Attention! And sit down!

Excellent. Let's have a look at the clues you've found

Host: [Host holds up clues one at a time] horse...chariot...sea...sword...music...

Joshua: I had learnt so many wonderful things from when I was a young man with Moses. I had seen miracles and heard God's voice. Moses kept reminding us to teach these stories to the next generation, the people who would come after us. It was very important that we remembered them. However, we didn't have libraries full of books and printers full of ink like you have now. So, what were we to do? Well, one way we remembered the stories was through singing them to each other. Do you like singing about God and what He has done? Oh good! Me too!

One of my favourite songs was sung by Miriam, Moses' sister, when we had crossed the Sea on dry land. On that amazing day as we were fleeing from Egypt, being chased by the Egyptians, God had blown on the waters of the sea and we walked over on dry land. Then the Egyptians in their chariots tried to follow us, but God made their wheels stick to the sea bed and they were trapped. Then God closed the waters over the chariots, the horses that pulled them and their riders and we were safe on the other side. That was an incredible moment. We were standing watching the sea in terror. We had been so scared. Then suddenly we broke out dancing and singing! Miriam, took hold of her tambourine and started singing and twirling and jumping about. All the women followed her. We had never seen them look so happy and so beautiful before. It was a precious moment. They sang "Sing to the Lord for He is highly exalted, the horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea." Over and over they sang it. "The horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea."

We smiled until our cheeks hurt and sang until our voices grew hoarse and we knew that there was no one like our God.

Through all the battles that I was going to face later in life, I was going to need to remember that. There is



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no one like our God.

Can you say that with me?

Everyone: There is no one like our God

Joshua: It's time for some drills and games. I'll tell you the rest of the story later.



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STORY PART B

Joshua: Welcome back Joshua Cadets! Do you remember the lesson we learnt earlier?

Everyone: There is no one like our God

Joshua: No one at all! Not the Pharaoh of Egypt, not the horses and chariots, not the giants in the Promised Land. No one is like our God.

Well, after we defeated the 5 kings of the Amorites that I was telling you about last week, we had many more victories. So many, in fact, that one of the mightiest rulers, the king of Hazor, became scared. The king of Hazor was the ruler of many other kings. You could say, he was the king of kings in the land of Canaan. He gathered the kings together from about 14 different regions. This was more than the 5 kings of the Amorites. This was the kings of the Canaanites, Amorites, Hittites, Perizzites, Jebusites and Hivites. Kings of the hills, the lowlands, the deserts, the North, East, South and West. They all came to the waters of Merom and encamped against Israel. They had brought thousands of horses and chariots and looked to us like they were as many as the sand on the sea shore.

They thought that they were going to defeat us once and for all, but I don't think they knew the song of Miriam did they? "Sing to the Lord for He is highly exalted, the horse and its rider He has hurled into the sea." If they had known that then perhaps they would have thought twice about coming out against us!

The Lord said to me "Don't be afraid of them, for tomorrow at this time I will give over all of them slain to Israel."

So we rushed out on them at the waters of Merom. We were like the waters of the sea crashing down on the chariots of Egypt. The Lord gave them into our hands and we chased after them as they ran away. We defeated the fortress of Hazor, where the king of Canaanite kings had ruled. And when the Anakim, the giant people living in the land, came against us, God gave them into our hands as well, so that there were only a few giants left in the Philistine cities.

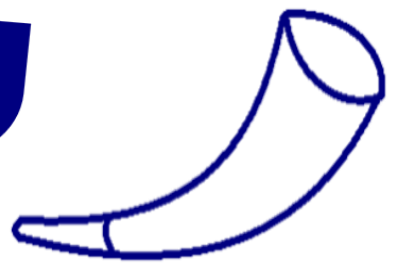
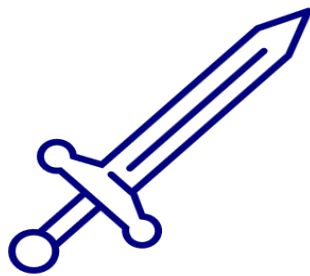
Just as we had known when Miriam had sung of God's victory all those years before, we knew again on that day, that there is no one like our God. No king, no giant, no army of chariots and horses. God is King of kings and Lord of Lords. He rules over all. There is no one like our God.

Let's say our lesson together:

Everyone: There is no one like our God

Joshua: That is the sixth lesson for you all, Joshua Cadets! I will see you next week for some more stories. Bye!





THE MAKING OF JOSHUA

SESSION 7: TABERNACLE—TENT BADGE

MAIN POINT:

God wants to live with His people

PRAYER

Host or child to pray blessing on the session

INTRODUCTION AND STORY PART A

See Script 7 A

DRILLS

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GAME—TENT MAKING

You will need: a couple of big sheets and either sticks or miscellaneous objects for building with. The children could also collect sticks as part of the game if you are in a space conducive to this.

Create a tent with the materials available and see how many children can meet inside it at once.

STORY PART B

See Script 7 B

WORSHIP

Be bold, be strong

King of me

PRAYER

Have you asked God to forgive your sins and come and live in your hearts by His Holy Spirit? Spend some time praying for this. Thank God that He



wants to live with you and ask the Holy Spirit to live in your hearts.

Ask each other if there is anything else you would like to give thanks or pray for this week and pray for each other.

CRAFT—TENT BADGE

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Host: The Chariot badge...God defeated the chariots of Egypt, the chariots of the Promised land and the giants living in the Promised Land. There is no one like our God.

Let's say that together:

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Joshua: Attention! And sit down!

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Host: [Host holds up clues one at a time] tent...stone tablets...thunder on a mountain...throne...a stone...

Joshua: Joshua cadets, we are almost at the end of our weeks together. I hope you have enjoyed hearing the lessons I learnt as a young man and how I was able to put them into practise when I grew up. Hopefully you will also put these lessons into practise in your lives.

This last story from my time with Moses is about what God was inviting us into in the Promised Land. He had rescued us from slavery in Egypt, looked after us in the wilderness and blessed us in a land flowing with milk and honey. But what was it all about?

Well, once when we were all camped by Mount Sinai in the wilderness. Moses and I were called up the mountain to speak with God. We climbed up into the cloud while thunder boomed around us. Up and up we went to meet with God. And then God showed us the most glorious vision.

We were with the angels and cherubim in Heaven, worshipping at the throne of God. There were living creatures with wings covering their faces singing praise to God. It was like we weren't on the mountain on earth anymore, we were in Heaven in the very presence of God.

Then God said something amazing. He said He was giving us a pattern of what we had seen, so that we could worship Him on earth. He gave us the plans of a beautiful tent with an altar for burning offerings in



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the outer area, a table for bread, a lamp like the light of God and a golden altar for incense in the inner tent, the holy place, and then the holy of holies, where the ark of the covenant with the ten commandments and a jar of manna, the heavenly bread, would stay. We were to make this tent called the tabernacle and He would meet us there like He met us on the mountain. We could pray and offer sacrifices to Him there. It would be a holy tent where God's people could meet with God.

Wow! We were so excited! We got working on it right away. It took many months to build, but we did it! Exactly as God had said. When we finished, God's presence came into the tent like a glorious cloud. He filled the tent with Himself. Through this, I learnt, that God wants to live with His people.

Can you say that with me?

Everyone: God wants to live with His people.

Joshua: It's time for some drills and games.



SCRIPT 7 B PAGE 1

STORY SCRIPT PART B

Joshua: Welcome back Joshua Cadets! Do you remember the lesson we learnt earlier?

Everyone: God wants to live with His people

Joshua: That's right. God wants to live with His people.

Bringing us into the Promised Land wasn't just about giving us nice houses to live in and putting food in our tummies. God wanted us to be a land where He would live with us in a special way, so that all the nations around would know, "If we go to Israel, we can meet with God."

So, we set up the tent of meeting, the tabernacle, at a place called Shiloh in the territory of Ephraim, which was my tribe. Aaron's sons (that was Moses' brother) served as priests in the tabernacle and helped people pray, worship and meet with God. They had the task of teaching people God's ways, so that they wouldn't turn aside to the gods of the nations around them. I understood how important this was. God had warned us that if we stopped following Him, the blessings He had given us, He would take away. This was because He didn't just want us to live in the Promised Land and do what we liked, but He wanted us to show the world what He was like, so that other people could come into His family too.

So, before I died, when I was very old, I gathered everyone together. I reminded them of all the things God had done for us and everything that He had commanded us to do. I asked everyone whether they were going to serve God all their days and teach their children to serve God. They said that they would. We set up a big rock next to the tabernacle to serve as a reminder of their choice to serve and love God.

Do you think they kept their promise?

Unfortunately, they didn't. Do you think God gave up on His plan to live with His people?

No. God never gave up. One day He was going to send another Joshua, Jesus. God was going to live among us and make a way for us to live with God again by paying for all of our sins at the cross. Jesus invites us to have God live in our hearts and, if we say yes to Jesus, one day, we will all join in with that heavenly worship that Moses saw on the mountain. We will live with God forever.

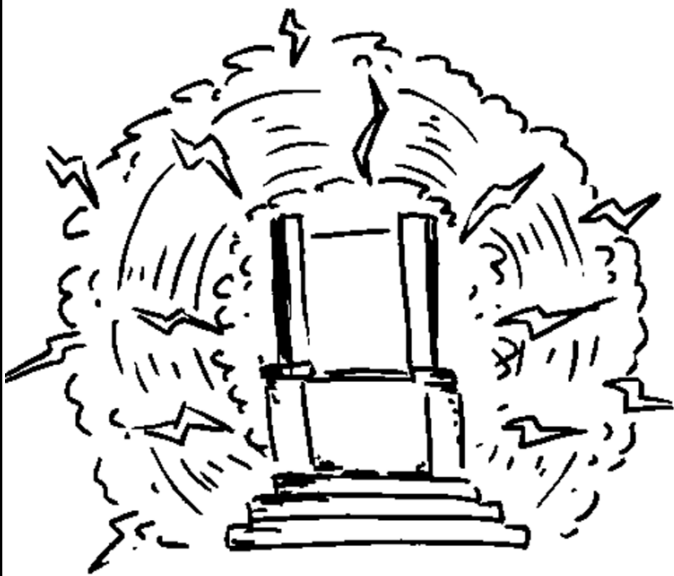
God wants to live with His people.

Let's say our lesson together:

Everyone: God wants to live with His people

Joshua: That is the seventh and final lesson for you all, Joshua Cadets! You have done some great listening and learning and I pray that each of you will invite God into your hearts to live with you too. Good bye, Cadets!





CLUES SESSION 7

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Spy



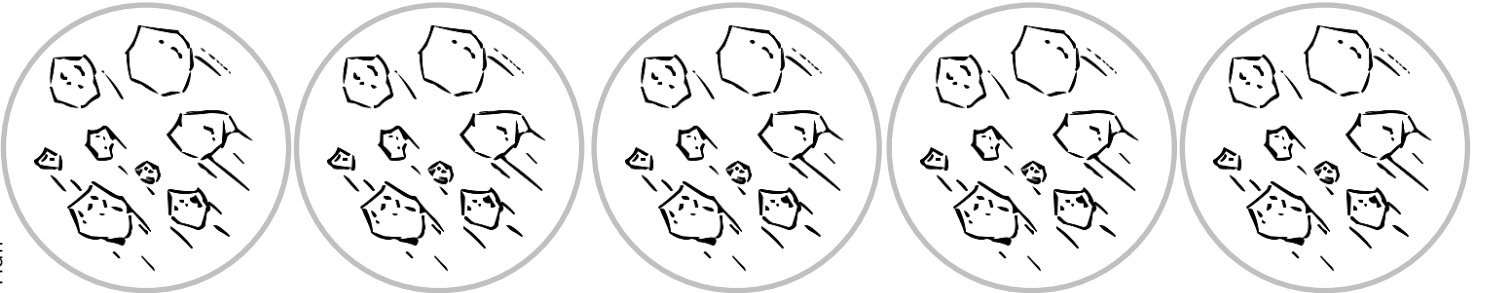
Family



Prayer



Hail



Chariot



Tent



EXTRA GAMES

A GREAT WIND BLOWS

You will need: One chair or cushion per child

Make a circle of chairs facing and have all the children sit down, facing the middle. An adult calls out "A great wind blows for everyone who..." and ends the sentence with something along the lines of the examples below. Everyone to whom the statement applies stands up and swaps places with someone else in the circle.

If most children stand up, remove one chair and whoever cannot find a seat comes outside the circle and helps the adult choose a sentence.

For example:

A great wind blows for ...

...everyone who has a brother

...everyone who has been camping

...everyone who has a little sister

...everyone who has brown hair

...everyone who has blue eyes

...everyone who has eaten toast for breakfast

...everyone who has a pet cat

...everyone who likes to ride a scooter

...etc.

BLIND MAN'S BLUFF / MARCO POLO

You will need: A blind fold

One child wears the blind fold and has to try and tag the other children.

In Marco Polo, whenever the blind-folded child calls out "Marco", everyone else calls out "Polo", thereby giving away their position.

CAT AND MOUSE

One child is chosen as the cat and one child is the mouse. Everyone else holds hands in a circle with the cat outside the circle and the mouse inside the circle. The children in the ring walk around holding hands and calling out this chant. "What time is it? Just struck nine. Is the cat home? He's about to dine!" Then the children stop and the cat has to chase the mouse by weaving in and out of the children. The cat must follow the mouse's path and cannot take a short cut.

EXTRA GAMES (RESOURCE 10)

DUCK, DUCK, GOOSE / NAME CHASE

All children sit in a circle. One is chosen to walk around the outside and tap each person's head saying "duck". On one head the child says "goose" and the "goose" has to jump up and chase the other child around the circle before they sit back in the "gooses" place.

Name chase is a similar idea, but instead of saying "duck", you say each child's name and instead of saying "goose", you say the name of your children's group or church. This is a good way of learning names.

BALANCE CHALLENGE

Children stand back to back in pairs and link arms. Child A leans forward so Child B is flat on their back with legs in the air. Then return to the middle. Then Child B leans forward so Child A is flat on their back with legs in the air. Then, return to middle and, still linking arms. Try to sit down.

MEMORY GAME

Sit children in a circle and ask them to think of one thing they like doing. Then choose someone to start. For example, Katie might say "I like to swim." The person next to her will say "Katie likes to swim, I like to dance." The next person, "Katie likes to swim, Fred likes to Dance, I like to cycle"...and so on.

CREATE A STORY

Sit the children in a circle. One starts off "Once upon a time..." The next adds a bit of the sentence "an octopus swallowed a..." then the next adds a bit more and so on until you are all the way round the circle.

MAN DIDDY WATCHER

One person sits in the middle of the circle, blindfolded, with keys in front of them. Another person from the circle quietly takes the keys and walks around the outside of the circle back to their place. The person in the middle has three attempts to point at the person with their keys. If the stealer gets back to their place unnoticed, the group chants "Man diddy watcher, whose got your keys?" Then the person in the middle opens their eyes and has three guesses as to who has their keys.

BEAN GAME

When bean is called, children do action. Baked bean—lie on the floor. String bean—stretch up tall and thin. Runner bean—run on the spot. Jelly bean—wobble. Jumping bean—jump. Broad bean—stretch wide. French bean—"Bonjour!". Chilli bean—shiver.

