

Fall Quarter: September • October • November 2026

# EXPLORERS



Activity Book



# MIDDLE ELEMENTARY

Grades 2-3



**SUNDAY SCHOOL  
PUBLISHING BOARD**  
Equipping Today's Church to Serve

September 6, 2026  
Lesson 1

# Strength in Obedience

**Lesson Scripture:** Joshua 1:1-11

**Key Verse:** [The Lord said to Joshua,] "Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go." (*Joshua 1:9*)

## ▶ Activity 1 ◀



### An "Ordered to Lead" Match

While Joshua was installed as a leader, many things were happening around him. Lots of people were there, too. Match the people, places, and things listed in Column A (found in the Bible story) with their proper description in Column B by writing the correct letter on each line.

#### COLUMN A

- \_\_\_ 1. Book of the Law
- \_\_\_ 2. Euphrates
- \_\_\_ 3. Israelites
- \_\_\_ 4. Jordan
- \_\_\_ 5. Lebanon
- \_\_\_ 6. Lord (God)
- \_\_\_ 7. Moses
- \_\_\_ 8. Nun
- \_\_\_ 9. Officers

#### COLUMN B

- a. A servant of the Lord who had died
- b. Joshua's father
- c. The river that Joshua would lead the Israelites across
- d. They were told to go and tell the people to be prepared in three days.
- e. The great river that God promised would be part of Joshua's territory
- f. Told Joshua to be courageous and strong
- g. The people Joshua was assigned to lead
- h. One of Joshua's new territories or new land
- i. Joshua was told to study and meditate on this day and night.

# Lesson 1



## Activity 2

### An "Obedience Counts!" Cryptogram

The Lord gave Joshua a message. For this activity, fill in each blank with the correct letter from the Letter Key to *decode* (figure out) the message from today's lesson.

| A | B | C | D  | E | F | G | H  | I  | J | K  | L  | M |
|---|---|---|----|---|---|---|----|----|---|----|----|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 28 | 4 | 6 | 5 | 29 | 19 | 7 | 11 | 12 | 8 |

| N | O  | P  | Q  | R  | S  | T  | U  | V  | W  | X  | Y  | Z  |
|---|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|
| 9 | 10 | 16 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 13 | 23 | 15 | 25 | 24 | 26 | 14 |

10 2 4 26

1 12 12

13 29 4

12 1 25 21

8 26

21 4 20 15 1 9 13

8 10 21 4 21

5 1 15 4

26 10 23



September 13, 2026  
Lesson 2

# Stones and Zones

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

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

## ▶ Activity 1 ◀



### Remember When?

Draw twelve stones and make a memorial by writing on each stone a word from the phrase below. Arrange the stones in a design of your choice. Then color the stones.

**Remember the twelve tribes that crossed the Jordan River on dry land.**



## Lesson 2



### ▶ Activity 2 ◀

#### Searching for Words

Joshua did as the Lord directed him and followed the example of Moses. The people followed him to many places and did as he asked. Find some of those listed people and places in the word search below.

Ark of Covenant

Command

Gilgal

Israel

Israelites

Jordan

Moses

Priests

|   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| A | P | S | M | Z | I | V | B | T | W | S | V | I | X | G |
| R | M | N | V | A | G | A | B | S | T | Y | N | T | B | D |
| K | S | T | E | Z | B | L | A | S | X | T | I | M | C | O |
| O | E | E | O | W | W | K | E | M | T | V | W | E | Q | N |
| F | T | L | A | G | L | I | G | A | O | T | B | E | K | K |
| C | I | H | C | C | R | P | F | H | R | S | J | H | B | R |
| O | L | T | Z | P | U | G | C | L | F | S | E | F | B | S |
| V | E | H | T | M | J | O | R | D | A | N | I | S | G | J |
| E | A | B | D | A | M | P | N | K | R | K | H | V | W | B |
| N | R | X | F | M | W | H | R | Y | H | E | R | T | V | F |
| A | S | X | A | U | Y | L | W | A | Z | O | S | J | F | N |
| N | I | N | H | Z | Y | H | L | C | R | G | T | S | Q | K |
| T | D | D | X | S | W | I | H | P | N | N | U | O | J | Z |
| W | O | R | Z | H | K | U | P | I | Y | L | F | F | W | U |
| K | A | N | Y | Z | R | H | T | D | Z | Q | I | Q | F | Z |

