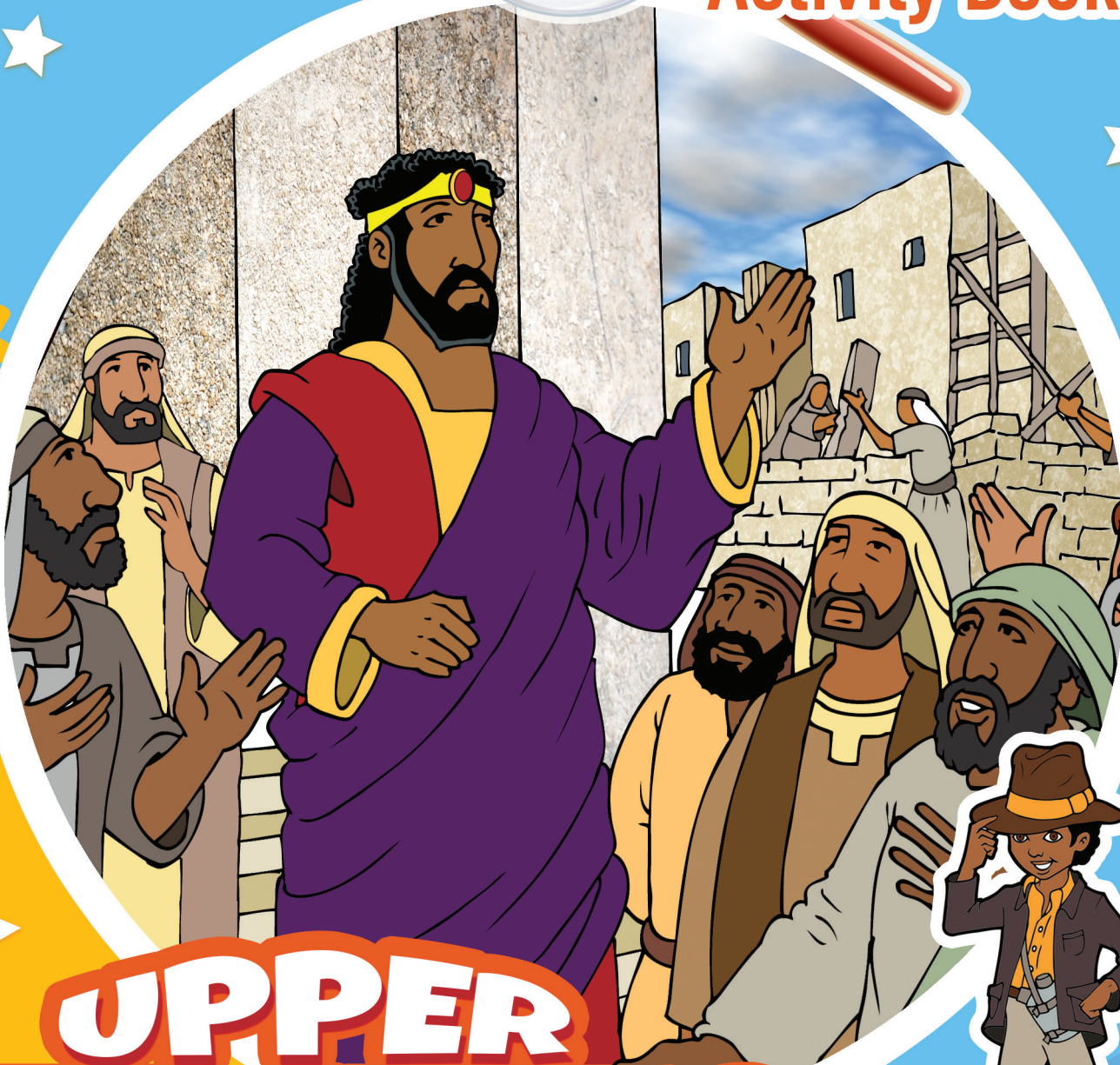


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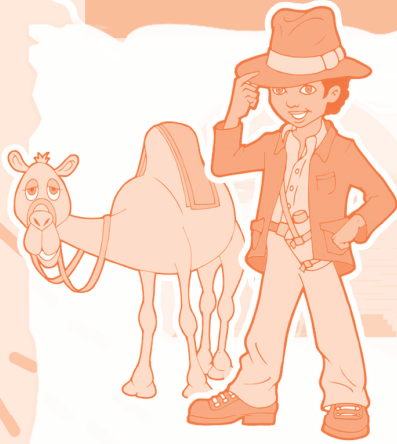
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Lesson 1

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Strength in Obedience



Lesson Scripture: Joshua 1:1-11

Key Verse: "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 ◀



Make the Connection

For this activity, you are to figure out one of the verses from today's Scripture passage. Each box is to contain a letter from the words of the verse. The boxes that are connected by lines contain the same letters, so use that as a clue, as well as the letters that are already placed. (Challenge: Try to figure out the verse without looking at the Scripture passage for the answer.)

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(verse _____)

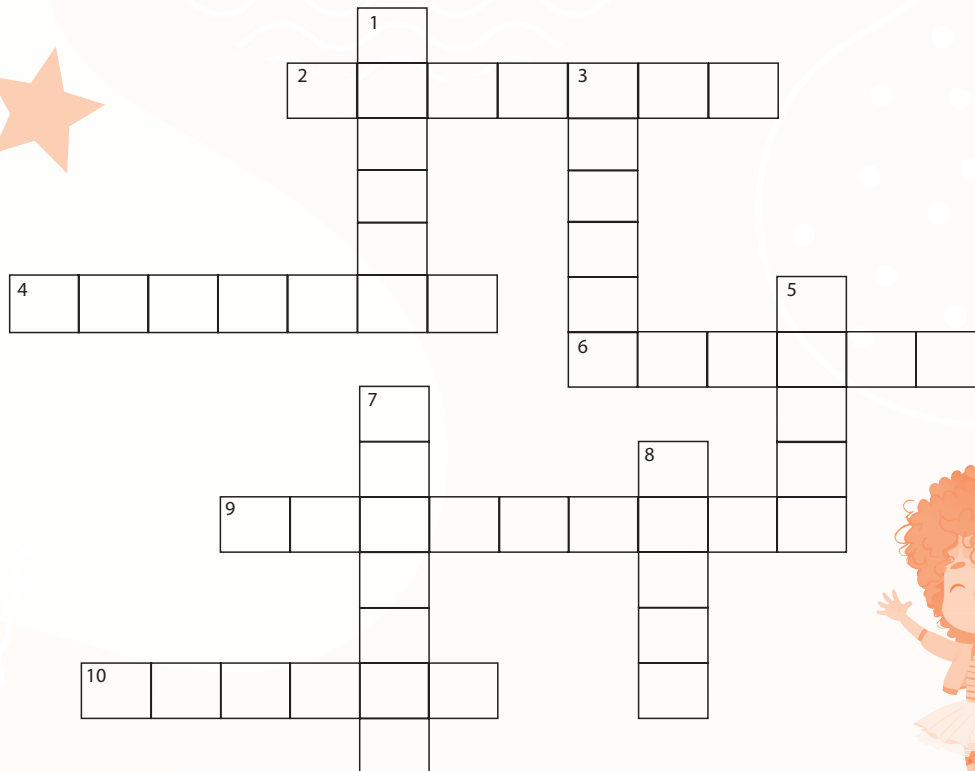


► Activity 2 ◀



A "Be Strong and Obey" Crossword Puzzle

Use the clues to fill words from today's lesson into the crossword puzzle to complete it.

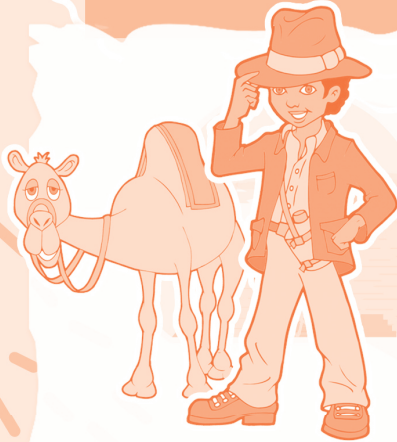


DOWN

1. The name of the river that the people needed to cross
3. God told the people not to be this or discouraged.
5. Joshua told the officers, "Get your provisions _____."
7. The people were to be _____ to do everything written in the Book of the Law.
8. Joshua succeeded this person as the Israelite leader.

ACROSS

2. A word that means "abandon; desert"
4. Slave; worker
6. The Israelites' territory would extend from the _____ to Lebanon.
9. An area under the control of a specific entity
10. One of the main characters in this Bible story



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

Key Verses: [Joshua said,] "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 ◀



Give to Get

When we *give* God our faithful worship and obedience, we *get* guidance to fulfill His will. Using the clues below, fill in the words related to the events of today's Bible verses; then look at the letters in the boxes (reading down) to see the identity of those whom God gave Joshua to help fulfill His instructions. (If you need help, refer to the lesson Scripture.)

1. Mom and Dad

2. The river they crossed

_____ _____

3. Eyes are used for this sense.

_____ _____

4. God's people

_____ _____

5. Rocks; pebbles

_____ _____

6. Lifted up

_____ X _____ _____

7. Happened on dry ground

_____ _____

► Activity 2 ◀



The Actions in the Zone

The words below are actions taken by the characters (or things) that help tell the story of the events of today's Bible verses. Plug the words into the puzzle below. (Use the number of letters in each word to help you figure out where it goes.) Then, you may try to recall and discuss with the class the situations in which the words were used (for example, "The Lord *exalted* Joshua.").

2 Letters

DO

3 Letters

ASK
RAN
SET

4 Letters

SAID
TELL

5 Letters

STOOD

6 Letters

CAME UP
COME UP

7 Letters

COMMAND
CROSSED
EXALTED

8 Letters

CARRYING
RETURNED

9 Letters

COMMANDED

