

September 20, 2026

LESSON
3

The Fighting Is Over

God instructed Joshua to conquer all the land of Canaan. And Joshua obeyed God.

In today's lesson, God hardened the hearts of Israel's enemies in Canaan, so they would not make peace. God helped Joshua and the Israelites conquer all the land, including the hill country, the Negev, the region of Goshen, the western foothills, the Arabah, and the mountains and lowlands of Israel. Joshua captured all their kings and destroyed them.

When the Israelites came against the Anakites, people in Canaan's northern land, Joshua separated them from the regions of Hebron, Debir, and Anab, as well as the hill country of Judah and Israel. None of the Anakites were left in the Israelite territory except for some in Gaza, Gath, and Ashdod. Israel's territory now extended from Mount Halak to Baal-gad at Mount Hermon in Lebanon.

So, Joshua obeyed God and took control of the entire land, just as God had instructed Moses to do. Under God's direction, Joshua gave the land to Israel, dividing it among the tribes. There was no more war or fighting, and the land was at rest because the fighting was over.



Lesson Scripture:
Joshua 11:16-23

Key Verse

Joshua took the entire land, just as the LORD had directed Moses, . . . Then the land had rest from war. (Joshua 11:23)



Making a Choice to Obey



At Sunday school, Mrs. Edison said, "God is happy when we are faithful to obey His commands to love others."

Austin raised his hand and said, "I'm always faithful to show love and kindness to others."

Elaina added, "And I always help people in need."

Alicia asked, "If I see someone who fell off a swing, but I don't help, is that wrong?"

Mrs. Edison asked Alicia, "If you fell off a swing, would you want someone to help you?"

"Yes," Alicia answered.

Mrs. Edison replied, "Then, it's always right to help others. Christians are God's hands and feet here on the earth. But don't worry if you missed an opportunity. God is so happy when we help others that He gives us many opportunities to show kindness. Just keep your eyes and your heart open to obey God and show His love."

At the end of class, Mrs. Edison said, "This week, let's choose to obey and show God's love by being kind."

Alicia said the closing prayer: "Thank You, God, for another chance to obey You and show Your love."



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, all! Ruby here. I love to obey God, so I listen and obey in school and at home. I want to do what is right and be faithful to God. Alicia didn't always help others. However, she came to realize the importance of obeying God's command to love others. We should always do what is right so that others may feel God's love and kindness. That's the best reward!

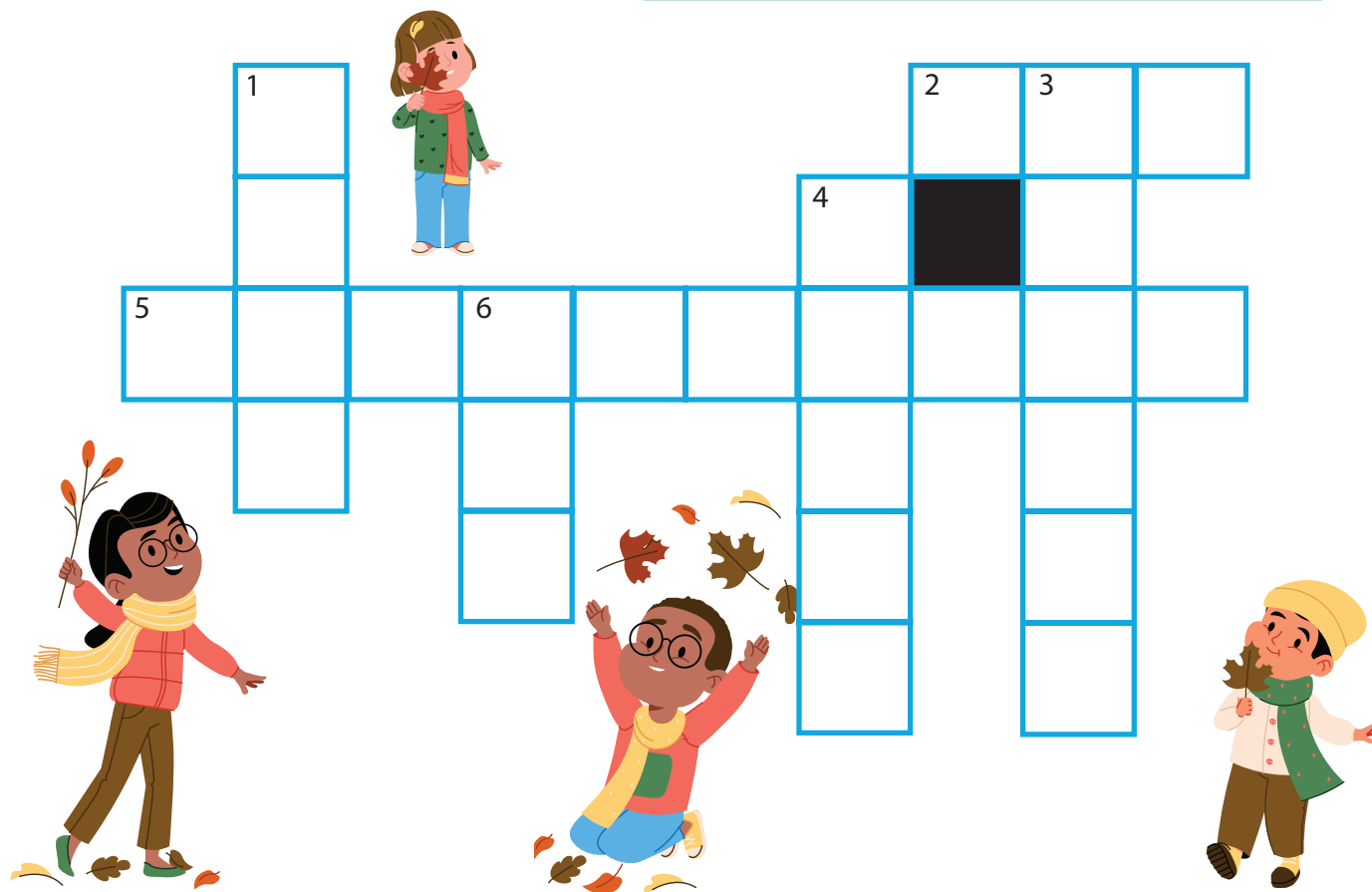
Do you think that you can show kindness by helping others? This week, let's be faithful in obeying God and helping someone in need. You can tell the class about your experience next Sunday.

A “Joshua’s Conquest” Crossword Puzzle

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

WORD BANK

ALL • GOD • ISRAELITES
KINGS • OBEYED • REST



ACROSS

2. The one who had hardened the hearts of the people in the land
5. The people whom Joshua led into battle

DOWN

1. After Joshua defeated tribes, the land was at _____.
3. Joshua _____ God.
4. Joshua fought against the _____ in the land.
6. Joshua destroyed _____ the lands.

Unscramble and Fill In

Unscramble the scrambled-up words or phrases from today's lesson. Then, use the letters in the boxes to complete the sentence and discover a message about God's promise to Joshua.

1. **RUSIVVE**

___ _ _ _ _ _

2. **NGKIS**

___ _ _ _

3. **CERMY**

___ _ _ _

4. **RTBISE**

_ _ _ _ _

5. **ODG**

___ _

6. **ESRT**

_ _ _

7. **ESDRTOY**

___ _ _ _ _

Word Box

Destroy

God

Kings

Mercy

Rest

Survive

Tribes

God promised Joshua and the Israelites the _ _ _ _ _ .



September 27, 2026

LESSON
4

Rahab—an Unlikely Ally

Rahab, a surprising *ally* [al-LIE] or friend, lived in Jericho. She hid the Israelite spies and did not tell the guards where they were. Rahab was not an Israelite, but she demonstrated her faith and trust in God by hiding the spies. Rahab told the spies that she heard that God dried up the Red Sea. She knew that the Israelites destroyed the two kings who lived east of the Jordan. Everyone in the country was afraid because God had given the land of Canaan to the Israelites. Rahab confessed that God was God in heaven and on the earth.

Rahab made the spies promise by God that they would show kindness and save her entire family because she had shown kindness to the Israelite spies.

God gave Joshua a plan to march around Jericho's city walls once a day for six days. On the seventh day, they were to march around the walls seven times. The seventh time around, the priests were to blast the trumpets, and the Israelites were to shout at Joshua's command. Upon following those instructions, the walls fell, and Jericho was captured! However, as promised, Joshua saved Rahab and her family.



Lesson Scriptures:
Joshua 2:8-13; 6:16-17

Key Verse

[Rahab said to the spies,]
"Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you."
(Joshua 2:12a)



Serving God



Sam was sad when his family moved. He missed his friends and singing in the choir.

Sam's dad said, "Today, we're going to a new church. I'm sure you can sing in the children's choir or serve as an usher."

"I really miss my friends and singing in the choir at our other church," Sam confessed.

Sam's mom said, "God has a purpose for you here."

At Sunday school, Sam's teacher, Mr. Thomas, said, "Sam, you can join Jacob and Hope in creating today's activity."

After Jacob and Hope met Sam, Mr. Thomas told the class, "Someone can cut out shapes, someone can color them, and someone can tape them to the poster."

As they were making the activity, Jacob commented, "Sam, you are great at cutting out the shapes."

Sam said, "Thanks, Jacob. Hope is great at coloring."

Hope said, "Thanks, Sam. Jacob, thanks for taping the shapes on the paper. We are a good team."

As they walked to Children's Church, Hope said, "Sam, maybe you can join our church choir. Jacob and I really love to sing."

Sam smiled and said, "Thank You, God!"



Exploring the Story in Ruby's Lab



Hello, all! Ruby here. Whether I'm in my lab or at school, home, or church, I want to use the gifts God has given me. My mom and dad say that God smiles when I help others. When Sam was sad and wanted to go home, God allowed him to make two new friends—who asked him to join the choir.

What do you think would happen if we chose to use our gifts to serve God? Here's your assignment: This week, I encourage you to use your talents or gifts to demonstrate God's kindness. Then, let's discuss the results of your efforts next week.

Searching for Words

Find the listed words from today's lesson in the word search below.

Canaan • Guards • Heaven • Israel • Jericho
Joshua • Lord • Rahab • Red Sea • Spies

C	A	N	A	A	N	G	I	J
H	E	A	V	E	N	U	A	E
R	E	H	E	A	E	A	Y	R
E	J	K	P	L	O	R	D	I
D	O	E	L	O	E	D	D	C
S	S	P	I	E	S	S	I	H
E	H	S	R	A	E	L	S	O
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What Is the Answer?

Select the correct answer(s) to complete the sentences related to the lesson.

1. Rahab saved the _____ by hiding them.
a. spies **b. guards** **c. women**
2. The people in the country were _____.
a. happy **b. sad** **c. afraid**
3. The people knew that _____ dried up the Red Sea when they came out of Egypt.
a. Pharaoh **b. God** **c. the king**
4. Rahab asked the spies to show kindness to her _____.
a. family **b. country** **c. king**
5. Rahab had shown kindness to the _____.
a. king **b. spies** **c. guards**
6. The seventh time around _____, the priests blew the trumpets.
a. Jericho **b. Egypt** **c. Jerusalem**
7. Joshua spared _____ and her family because she hid the spies.
a. Esther **b. Mary** **c. Rahab**

