

LESSON 1

GOD'S FAITHFUL SERVANT, JOSHUA

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GOD'S FAITHFUL SERVANT, JOSHUA

Who was Joshua?

- Joshua means “_____”.
- Joshua was one of the _____ sent by Moses to spy the land of Canaan, and only he and Caleb gave encouraging reports.
- Joshua became the _____ of the Israelites after Moses died.
- He dared to believe in _____ when others predicted failure.
- He was a brilliant military leader who remained _____.
- He always marched forth with _____ and courage, and determined to conquer the land God had promised the Israelites.
- Joshua and Caleb were the only two adults to both experience Egyptian slavery and enter the Promised Land. All the others died in the _____ during the 40 years of wandering.
- He was _____ to ask for God’s direction in the challenges he faced.
- He was a true _____ leader and a great example for us to learn from.

Joshua, the Next Leader of Israel

“And if it seems evil to you to _____ the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will _____.”

The Battle of Jericho

Joshua sent _____ into Jericho to get information before they crossed the Jordan.

The king had locked the gates to trap the spies inside Jericho, and _____ offered to help them escape on one condition: when the city fell, she and her family would be saved and not harmed.

God told Joshua exactly how to capture Jericho, commanding, “You shall march around the city, [...] you shall go all around the city once. This you shall do for six days.” On the seventh day they were to march around the same way seven times, but on the seventh time, everyone would _____ and the walls would fall down.



SERVANT, LEADER, SOLDIER, SPY

What is a Christian soldier?

(A) We must overcome our fleshly desires.

Emma has a lot of homework to do for every subject on this particular day. However, during school this morning, her friend lent her a DVD of their favorite TV show. Emma was very excited because her parents wouldn't let her buy this DVD. So, when Emma got home, she could not resist and started watching some episodes. The entire DVD was 3 hours long. She knew that she had a lot of homework to finish, so she decided to only watch half of it and then continue after she finished her homework. But the show was just too fun to watch, so she ended up watching the entire DVD. It was now getting late, and she realized that she might not have enough time to finish her homework, let alone her daily Bible reading and prayer.



1. What was Emma's fleshly desire?
2. What were the consequences when she gave in to the desire?

Let's read Galatians 5:24. What should Emma have done?

3. As a Christian soldier, how could Emma have fought this battle?

(B) We must fight the world.

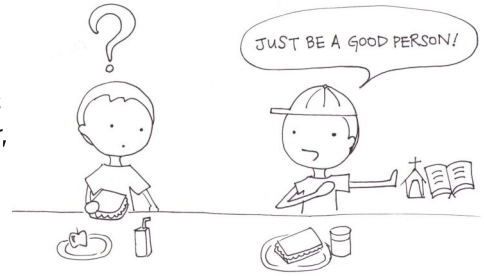
Brandon and his four friends want to start a big weekly online computer game tournament on Saturdays and Sundays for the next two months. At the end of the tournament, the top three teams will be awarded prizes. This sounds really fun to Brandon, and he really, really wants to join. However, this tournament takes place on Saturdays, and he'll be at church when they play in the morning. If he only plays on Sundays, then his team will be incomplete on Saturdays. They would have to find someone else to fill in for him, and he would disappoint his friends.



1. What should Brandon do? What should he say to his friends?
2. What would be the consequences if he joined them on Saturdays?

(C) We must fight Satan.

Gerry tells his friend Ethan about church, faith, and Christians during lunch one day at school. Ethan responds, saying that observing the Sabbath and reading the Bible, praying, and receiving baptism are not important. He says that the most important thing to do is to live our lives as good people. As long as we don't do bad things, such as steal, murder, or cheat, we will be fine. Gerry thinks that this is a good point and that perhaps he doesn't need to observe the Sabbath anymore. Maybe it is enough just to be a good person.



1. What was Satan's trick in this scenario?

2. What are some things you could say to Ethan if you were his friend?



“Put on the whole armor of God,
that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.”

TRUST AND COURAGE

What does it mean to trust in God?

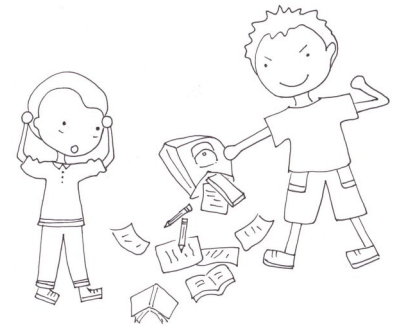
If you are afraid of anything or feel nervous, keep in mind that God is our *ultimate* strength.

Scenario 1: Travis and the Bully

As Travis packs up his backpack at the end of every school day, he always runs into Philip. Philip likes to pick on Travis by taking Travis' backpack and dumping out its contents, scattering Travis' belongings all over the floor. Philip is bigger and taller than Travis, so Travis is always afraid of him. Travis has asked a few of his friends about how to deal with Philip. One of them tells Travis to retaliate and do the same thing to Philip.

So one day, as Philip is packing up his backpack, Travis grabs it and attempts to dump everything out of it. However, Philip immediately turns around and pushes Travis really hard to the ground.

Since that doesn't work, Travis' other friend suggests that he should just tell a teacher or the principal about Philip. Travis talks to his teacher about it, but since the teacher has not seen Philip do anything to Travis before, she is only able to give Philip a warning. This angers Philip, so the next day, Philip takes Travis' lunch bag and hurls it into the mud.



At this point, nothing has worked and Travis is frustrated. Then, one day after RE class, Travis mentions his situation at school to his RE teacher. His teacher tells him that if he keeps trying to take revenge on Philip or harm him in the same way, it will only make things worse. His teacher suggests that he entrust this problem to God, and pray to Him and ask Him to help with this. Travis does as his teacher suggests and prays about it before he goes to sleep at night.

The following Monday, miraculously, Philip does not do anything to Travis. Travis sees him pass by, but he only gives Travis a mean look and that is it! This is much better than before.

Complete the following questions.

1. What should Travis have done from the very beginning?

2. The path is a lot _____ when we _____ in God right from the start!

3. Psalm 20:7

“Some trust in chariots and some in horses; but we will remember the name of _____.”

4. Psalm 91:2

“I will say of the LORD, ‘He is my refuge and my _____; my God, in Him I will trust.’”

**To overcome any problem we encounter, we must
courageously move forward with faith in God.**

What does it look like when we have faith in God?

When Travis turns to God first and asks Him for help, a very different scenario happens!

Scenario 2: Travis and the Big Test

The end of the school year is near, and Travis and all the students in his grade must take a very important placement test that lasts three days.



All of Travis' teachers have been preparing them for this test. They've been giving them some extra homework to help review what they've learned and spending time in class to sharpen their skills. Travis' parents have also been taking him to a tutoring class especially designed for taking this important test.

As the first day of testing draws closer, Travis starts getting very nervous and even a little scared about this. He doesn't want to do badly or disappoint both his teachers and his parents. He has done his part by working hard, but he also remembers the bully incident where he prayed to God and relied on Him to help.

So, every night before the test, he prays to God to give him the courage to take on this test and also to help him do well and not be too nervous.

Because he relied on God and trusted Him, Travis ends up doing very well at the end of the test. His parents and teachers are very proud of his results.

Complete the following questions.

1. What helped Travis get through the test?

2. Proverbs 3:5-6

_____ in the LORD with all your heart,
And lean not on your own understanding;
In all your ways acknowledge Him,
And He shall direct your paths.

3. Psalm 56:3-4

Whenever I am _____,
I will trust in You.
In God (I will praise His word),
In God I have put my trust;
I will not fear.
What can flesh do to me?

***"The LORD is with us.
Do not fear them."***

(Num 14:9)

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Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Weekly Bible Reading: _____

Bible Reading: Check each box when you complete that day's reading.

Prayer: Check each box after you pray to God that day.

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. **(Joshua 1:9)**

Fill In the Blank

1. The name Joshua means " _____."
2. Joshua became the _____ of the Israelites after Moses died.
3. Joshua sent _____ into Jericho to get information before they crossed the Jordan.
4. A woman named _____ was not harmed when the city of Jericho was taken by the Israelites.

Short Answer

5. What did the Israelites have to do on the last day of circling the city of Jericho?

6. List at least three qualities/characteristics of Joshua.