

Sparklers @ Home Week 22.

Joshua leads the way Joshua 1:1-9

Hi Sparklers,

This week we start a new series looking at Joshua, we learn that when people trust God they can do things that, at first, seem impossible. In this session God helps Joshua to become brave and strong.

Activity One – Wrist bands

Cut or tear strips of paper – some wide, some narrow – long enough to fit around your wrist.

On one side “God is with me”.

On the other side decorate it with patterns, glitter, gems etc.

You can make several strips.

When finished wrap them around your wrist with the words on the inside and secure them with glue.

Why not make some wristbands for your grown up friends too? So, they know God is with them too.

Bible Story.

Joshua was feeling very sad. Joshua’s friend and leader Moses, had died, and Joshua didn’t know what to do. Joshua knew that God was with him, even though he was sad.

“Joshua, you will be the leader,” said God. Joshua was surprised and afraid.

“What, me?” asked Joshua.

God said, “Joshua, you will be the new leader. You will take the people into their new land. They will build homes and be happy.”

Joshua was worried about becoming the leader. “Can I really do that?” he asked.

“Yes,” said God. “I promised my people a new land, and you will take them there. You can be strong and brave.”

God told Joshua to remember what Moses had taught him. “never forget,” said God, “I will be with you all the time. I will always be there to help you,” Joshua thought about it, and was happy.

“If God is with me all the time, I do not need to worry,” he thought. “God will always be with me.” God was with Joshua all the time when he was: happy, sad, scared, worried and brave.

Activity sheets

Print out the activity sheet 10a at the back of this pack.

What did God want Joshua to do?

Lead the people?

Or

Tell them stories?

Colour in the right picture.

What did God tell Joshua to be?

Afraid?

Or

Brave?

Colour in the right picture.

Print out the activity sheet 10b at the back of this pack.

Draw Joshua’s face. How did he feel when God said, “I will be with you”?

Activity Two – Action Rhyme.

(Grown-up) read out the rhyme asking the child to copy what you say. Add a new line to the rhyme each time so the journey gets longer. You can do it to the rhyme of “we are going on a bear hunt”

We’re going on a journey. **We’re going on a journey.**

I’m not scared. **I’m not scared**

God is with us. **God is with us.**

Everywhere. **Everywhere.**

Through the hot desert ‘Phew, Phew!’

Through the hot desert ‘Phew, Phew!’

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Through the hot desert "Phew, Phew!"

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Over the Sea, "Splish, Splash, Splish, Splash!"

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Over the Sea, "Splish, Splash, Splish, Splash!"

Over the Sea, "Splish, Splash, Splish, Splash!"

Through the forest "Swish, Swish"

Through the forest "Swish, Swish"

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Other lines you could add are:

Over the mountain "Up and down, Up and down"

Through the river "Splash, splash, splash!"

Prayer Time

Thank you, God you are always with us, wherever we are, we don't ever need to be afraid, you will make us brave. Amen.

10a Bubbles

Joshua leads the way

Today's aim is to know that God will always be with us.

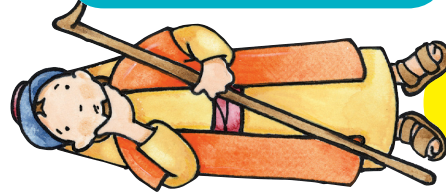
Joshua 1:1-9

Look at the pictures one at a time and answer Kris and Cara's questions together.

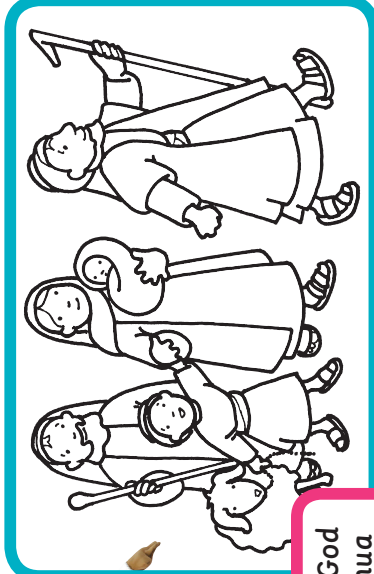
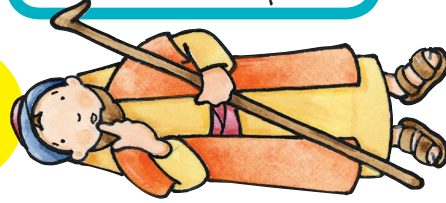
Suggest your child colours the correct answer. Explain that God wants Joshua to lead the people to a new land. Turn the page to see what else God says. God wants Joshua to be strong and brave and promises to give him the courage and strength he needs. God is with his people, enabling them to become the people he wants them to be. We can become more and more the people God has created us to be. Courage and strength and the assurance that God is with his people can benurtured in the youngest children, as they learn from the example of Joshua.

The Bible story is on **Bonus Sheet C**.

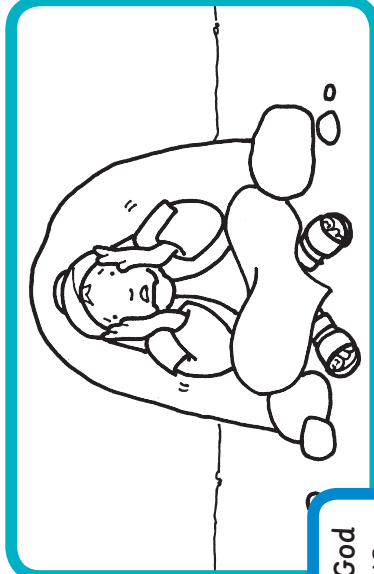
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Colour the right pictures



Lead the people?



Afraid?

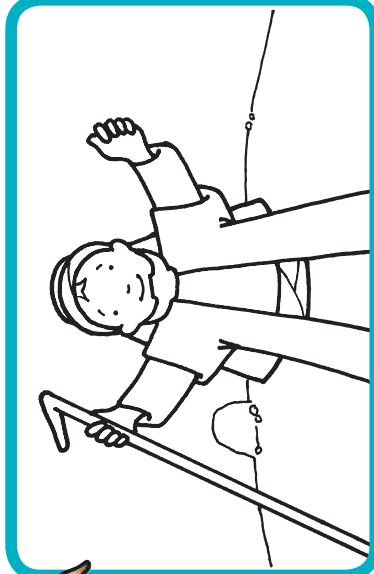


What did God want Joshua to do?



What did God tell Joshua to be?

Tell them stories?



Brave?

Pray

Dear God, you are always with me. Hurray!



Talk together about the first picture of Joshua.

Try making your faces the same! Then think about how a happy face looks. Ask the children to draw Joshua's face once he knew God was with him.

How do you feel to know God is with you? Tell your child about it. Encourage them to express their feelings in words, or pictures.

Say the prayer together. Young children like prayers that are simple and direct.

God said,
"I will be
with you."

God told Joshua
to lead the
people. How did
Joshua feel?



Draw Joshua's
face here. How
did he feel when
God said, "I will
be with you"?

