

Three Year Old Class

Old Testament

Spring 1

Segment: 4 Conquest and Failure

Lesson #: 1

Lesson Title: **The Promised Land: God's People Cross the River**

Scripture: Joshua 3-4

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives)

The children will learn:

The Israelites will cross the Jordan River.

Joshua waits for God's instructions and obeys.

God helps and protects His people when they love and obey Him.

Application from Lesson:

We need to follow God's directions and He will look after us.

Materials Needed:

Blue and brown paper (Jordan River)

Fish stickers and brown pom poms for the 12 stones

Bags and stones to count out

Heading and bag sentence strips

Order of Activities and Songs:

Bible class song and prayer

Review

New leader, spies, Rahab

Story

Israelites are ready to cross the Jordan River and enter the Promised Land.

The river was full and flowing – rainy season.

Joshua waited for God's plan and followed His directions.

The high priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant started walking.

As their feet touched the river water, the Jordan dried up and made a path for the Israelites to cross.

After crossing over, they were commanded to collect 12 stones to stack to remind them of how God had helped His people.

Craft

Jordan River craft with blue and brown paper, fish stickers, and brown pom poms

12 stones in a bag to take home

Drama

Act out the crossing of the Jordan River and collect the 12 stones to stack

Emphasize how God helped His people

Explanation of Craft:

Glue the blue folded paper onto the sides of the brown paper to fold open and closed. Stick the fish stickers onto the blue paper and glue 12 brown pom poms onto the brown paper. An example is included

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Lesson #: 2

Lesson Title: **The Victory: Jericho's Walls Fall Down**

Scripture: Joshua 6

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives)

The children will learn:

How the Israelites take over the land of Jericho.

Joshua obeyed God's commands.

Rahab and her household were saved because of her faith.

Application from Lesson:

We need to obey God's commands.

When we believe and have faith, God will look after and protect us.

Materials Needed:

Building blocks, army men, trumpets

Brown paper for the bricks on the walls of Jericho

A printed cut out of the marching Israelites

Coloring sheet

Order of Activities and Songs:

Bible class song and prayer

Review

Spies, Rahab, Jordan River, 12 stones

Story

Israelites were ready to take over the city of Jericho.

God gave instructions on how to march and Joshua obeyed.

They were to walk around the city silently 6 times (once a day).

On the 7th day, they were to march around 6 times and on the 7th time around they were to shout and blow trumpets.

The walls fell down and the city was destroyed.

Rahab's household was saved.

Gold, silver, and metals were to be collected and taken to the tabernacle.

Drama

The children build up the walls of Jericho with the building blocks and act out the story.

Emphasize that God gave them specific instruction and Joshua and the Israelites obeyed.

Craft

Walls of Jericho craft

Coloring page

Song

I'm in the Lord's army!

Explanation of Craft:

Glue the brown paper bricks onto the walls of Jericho and then the printed cut out in front of the walls. Example included

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Lesson #: 3**Lesson Title:** **The Thief: Achan Steals from God**

Scripture: Joshua 7

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives)**The children will learn:**

Achan stole and tried to hide from Joshua and God.

Him and his family were punished because of his bad choice.

The Israelites were punished by losing their battle at Ai.

God did not allow stealing and dishonesty.

Application from Lesson:

We need to make choices that make God happy.

Stealing and dishonesty is not allowed by God.

We can't hide from God.

Materials Needed:

Tent paper pattern, gold and silver paper coins, material robe cut outs

Happy and sad face paper plates on a stick

Order of Activities and Songs:

Bible Class song and prayer

Review

Crossing the Jordan River, battle of Jericho

Joshua obeyed God's commands so God helped and protected the Israelites.

Hide away activity

Hide something away in the class room and let the children try to find it. (Repeat a few times)

Story

Today's story is about a man named Achan who stole and tried to hide some things away.

After the city of Jericho was destroyed, all of the gold, silver, and other metals were to be collected and taken to the tabernacle.

Achan chose to steal some of the gold, silver, and a robe and hid them away in his tent.

When it was time for a battle at Ai, the Israelites did not win and some of the Israelites were killed.

Joshua found out that it was because of Achan's sin that they lost the battle at Ai.

Achan and his family were killed because of his choice to steal and hide the things away.

Happy and sad face game

Hold up a happy face paper plate on a stick and talk about choices that make God happy and then hold up the sad face paper plate on a stick and talk about choices that make God sad.

Give the faces to each child and then give them an example of a choice eg. What happens when we take something that doesn't belong to us? The child must hold up the happy or the sad face and tell everyone how that choice would make God feel.

Craft

Paper tent with gold, silver, and a robe

Song

Be careful little eyes...

Explanation of Craft:

Glue the silver, gold, and robe into the tent. Example included

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Lesson #: 4**Lesson Title:** **The Treaty: Joshua Keeps His Promise**

Scripture: Joshua 9

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives)

The children will learn:

How the Gibeonites tricked Joshua.

Joshua didn't pray to God to ask for help.

Joshua kept his promise to the Gibeonites.

Application from Lesson:

We should always remember to pray to God when we need help.

No prayer is too big or too small for God.

We need to keep our promises

Materials Needed:

Picture aids for story

Bubbles (small, medium, large)

Paper to trace childrens' hands, ribbon to tie praying hands together, sticky letters for them to spell the word pray, printed prayer song

Order of Activities and Songs:

Bible class song and prayer

Review

God helped the Israelites across the Jordan River, walls of Jericho, battle of Ai, Achan and his bad choice to steal and try to hide away, Joshua also didn't make a good choice

Story

The Kings wanted to go to battle with the Israelites but the Gibeonites were afraid. They tricked Joshua and Joshua did not pray to God to ask for help. He made a decision alone. He found out that he had been tricked but kept his promise to the Gibeonites. They were to cut wood and carry water for the Israelites.

Emphasize that Joshua did not pray to God for help and that we should always remember to pray to God.

Bubble game

Blow bubbles from big bottle, medium bottle, and small bottle

Ask the children if all of the bubbles popped

No matter the size of the bubble, they all were popped

No matter the size of our prayers, God hears them all

Craft

Praying Hands craft

Praying song

Coloring sheet

Explanation of Craft:

Trace the childrens' hands, hole punch them, and tie them together with ribbon to make praying hands

Stick the printed words of the prayer song on and let the children stick the letters of the word PRAY on their praying hands

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Lesson #: 5

Lesson Title: **The Long Day: The Sun Stands Still and More Victories**

Scripture: Joshua 10

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives)

The children will learn:

The Israelites helped the Gibeonites with their battle against the Amorites.
Joshua prayed to God for help.
God sent hail and caused the sun to stand still.

Application from Lesson:

Joshua prayed to God for help and so should we.
God has the power to cause things to happen that no one else can.

Materials Needed:

Story picture aids for review
Large sun
Paper plates, craft paper, glitter, markers, sticks

Order of Activities and Songs:

Bible class song and prayer

Review

Gibeonites tricked Joshua, Joshua didn't pray for help but kept his promise and worked as their slaves

Story

It was time for the Gibeonites to go to battle against the Amorites. The Gibeonites reminded Joshua about the deal that was made. Joshua helped the Gibeonites with their battle. He prayed to God and God sent hail and caused the sun to stand still so that the day would last longer in order for the Gibeonites to finish and win their battle.

Use the large sun to dramatize the story and then let the children each have a turn to be the sun and stand still after Joshua prays to God.

Song

He's got the whole world in His hands

Craft

The Sun that stood still paper plate

Let the children use their suns to demonstrate what God did to the sun during the battle while the story is retold.

Explanation of Craft

Glue orange triangular paper sun beams to the outside of a yellow paper plate. Sprinkle glitter and add a face. Stick the sun to a stick to make a sun that stood still puppet. Example included.

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Lesson #: 6

Lesson Title: **The Land: Allocation of Land, Inheritance of Caleb, and Levites**

Scripture: Joshua 13:8 – 21:45

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives)

The children will learn:

God helped the Israelites reach and take over the Promised Land.

Joshua was told to divide/share the land between the tribes.

Caleb had faith in God so God helped him to defeat and conquer the land on Mt. Hebron.

Joshua wanted the people of Israel to always obey God.

Application from Lesson:

God keeps His promises.

God helps those who have faith and obey.

Materials Needed:

A large map of the Promised Land, smaller printed maps showing the allocation of land to the different tribes, and paint

Order of Activities and Songs:

Bible class song and prayer

Review

God helped the Israelites with crossing the Jordan River, walls of Jericho, battle with the Gibeonites (sent hail, made the sun stand still). The Israelites won their battles and defeated their enemies with the help of God.

Story

The Israelites had taken over the land that God had promised He would bless them with. He wanted Joshua to divide/share the land between the tribes of Israel. Caleb asked for the land on Mt. Hebron. Joshua warned of the large, giant like people who lived in that land. But Caleb trusted God even at an old age and because of his faith, God helped him to take over the land so that he and his family could live there.

Song

I'm in the Lord's army!

Craft

Paint the different parts of the map with different colors

Explanation of Craft:

Give each child a printed map showing the allocation of land to the different tribes. Let the children paint the different parts with different colors.

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Lesson #: 7**Lesson Title:** **The Reminder: Joshua Encourages the People Before His Death**

Scripture: Joshua 23-24

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives)**The children will learn:**

Joshua was a faithful leader.

He lived to 110 years old.

His last wish was to remind the Israelites to remember to always serve the Lord.

Application from Lesson:

Serving the Lord should be something that is important to us.

Materials Needed:

Little paper houses with the words of the bible verse inside them.

Card stock, color craft sticks, color decorative sequences, foam sticky letters, printed verse.

Order of Activities:

Bible class song and prayer

Review

Moses led the people out of Egypt and led the Israelites through the Wilderness towards the Promised Land. He lived to 120 years old. Joshua became the new leader and led the people into the Promised Land. Joshua was a faithful servant and leader and always tried to obey God.

Story

Joshua lived to be 110 years old and his last words of encouragement to the people before he died was to remind them to always serve and obey the Lord.

He said "As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord!"

Let the children repeat the verse with actions.

Let the children build the verse by putting the houses with the words in order.

Craft

Build a house and decorate

Explanation of Craft:

Glue craft sticks on card stock to build a house. Decorate with sequences. Spell name with sticky foam letters and paste the printed verse inside their house.

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Lesson #: 8**Lesson Title:** **The Failure: Israel Fails to Know God and Complete the Conquest of Land/Idol Worship**

Scripture: Judges 2:6-10

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives) The children will learn:

The Israelite people failed to serve the Lord so He was unhappy with them. Their enemies would fight with them and steal from them and only then would they ask God for help.

God decided to send Judges to lead the people of Israel and remind them to serve and obey God.

Deborag was a faithful judge.

Application from Lesson:

We should always serve and Obey God.

We should never forget about His love and care for us.

If we ask for God's help, He will guide and protect us.

Materials Needed:

Paper trees, paper palm leaves, printed picture of Deborah

Order of Activities and Songs:

Bible class song and prayer

Review

God had helped the Israelites for many years from when Moses led them out of Egypt to when Joshua brought them into the Promised land. God blessed them with land and helped them to defeat the enemies. But still they stopped serving God and even built idols to worship instead of worshipping God.

Story

The Israelites would listen to and obey God for a while and then stop. When the enemy would start to fight and steal from them, they would ask God for help.

But after God's help, they would soon stop serving Him. When Joshua died, there was no one leading the Israelites. So God decided to send Judges to lead the Israelite people. Deborah was one of the judges sent by God. She was wise and faithful to God and she loved to sit under a palm tree and talk to her people about God. Whenever someone needed help, they would look for her under her palm tree. She told Barak, the commander of the Israelite army that God wanted him to fight the enemy named Sisera. Barak was afraid and wanted Deborah to go to battle with them. She agreed to go along and with the help of God defeated the enemy. Sisera's army came to battle with 900 chariots. God sent so much rain that the valley flooded and the wheels of the chariots got stuck in the mud. The enemies all started to run away!

Craft

Deborah under her palm tree paper craft

Song

He's got the whole world in His hands.

Explanation of Craft:

Color the paper tree and fold to look like a trunk of a palm tree. Tape the palm leaves to the tree. Color the picture of Deborah and paste her sitting under her palm tree.

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Lesson #: 9**Lesson Title:** **The Cycle: God Sent Many Judges to Deliver Israel**

Scripture: Judges 2:10-19

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives)**The children will learn:**

God sent judges to save the people from their enemies.

Deborah was a wise judge who gave the people advice under a palm tree.

Deborah and Barak went to battle. God helped them to defeat their enemy.

Application from Lesson:

We should always remember to follow and obey God.

When we are obedient to God, He will help us in times of need.

Materials Needed:

Palm tree game board, question cards, palm leaves

Printed chariot picture, paint

Order of Activities and Songs:

Bible class song and prayer

Review

The Israelites Followed God for a while and then would forget about His love and care and would stop obeying Him. After Moses and Joshua leading the Israelites out of Egypt and into the Promised Land, God sent judges to council His people.

Review story of Deborah and play the palm tree game.

Place the game board on the table with a tree trunk. Let the children take turns picking a question card. If they answer the question correctly, they may stick a palm leaf onto the tree. Repeat until the tree is full of leaves.

Craft

Paint a picture of the enemy in a chariot and discuss what God caused to happen during battle.

Song

He's got the whole world in His hands

I'm in the Lords army

Explanation of Craft:

The children will paint the printed picture of a chariot

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Lesson #: 10**Lesson Title:** **The Wool Fleece: Gideon Becomes a Warrior**

Scripture: Judges 6

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives)**The children will learn:**

The Israelites disobey God, and He allows the Midianites to oppress them.

An angel tells Gideon to save the Israelites.

Gideon asks for the sign that there only be dew on the fleece and not on the ground.

Gideon asks for another sign, that the dew is on the ground only and no the fleece.

God answers Gideon.

Application from Lesson:

God heard Gideon pray, and He hears us, too.

We can obey God even when we are afraid.

Materials Needed:For telling story:

Fleece sample

2 Bowls/pans

2 Washcloths

Water

For craft:

Construction paper (1 per craft)

Coloring sheet and application copies ("God heard Gideon pray and he hears me, too")

Crayons

Cotton balls (torn apart)

Order of Activities and Songs:

Song: "Who Came to Class?"

Prayer; Use prayer cards

Review lesson 9

Tell story

Emphasize that God heard Gideon's prayer

Emphasize that we can obey God at all times, even when we are afraid

-Show children the fleece sample

-Use one wet washcloth in a dry bowl and one dry washcloth in a wet bowl to demonstrate the signs.

Craft

Memory verse

Review story

Explanation of Craft:

Have children color the sheet of Gideon laying out the fleece.

Glue the cotton ball pieces to the "fleece."

Glue the coloring sheet and application message to construction paper.

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Lesson #: 11**Lesson Title:** **The Little Army: Gideon Defeats the Midianites**

Scripture: Judges 7

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives)**The children will learn:**

God wants the Israelites to know He is the one who saves them, not their own might

God tells Gideon to reduce his army until only 300 men remain

God helps Gideon and his army defeat the Midianites

Application from Lesson:

We can always trust God

God is powerful

God keeps his promises

Materials Needed:For craft:

Copies of torch (on cardstock, cut out)

Copies of pot (on cardstock, cut out)

Hole punch (to create hole for brad)

Brads (one per craft)

Crayons

Telling the story, acting out the story

Completed craft

Homemade trumpet

Order of Activities and Songs:

Song: Who Came to Class?

Prayer (optional: use prayer cards)

Memory verse practice

Review lesson 10

Tell Story

-use example craft and a trumpet as visuals during the telling

Craft

Act out the story

-split children into 3 groups and give each a trumpet and a completed craft torch/pot

-teacher plays Gideon

-children quietly walk around and wait for "Gideon's" yell of "A sword for the Lord and for Gideon!"

-children "break" their pots by shaking them and blow their horns.

Song: "I'm in the Lord's Army"

Review

Explanation of Craft:

Have children color the torch and pot. Use a brad to attach the 2 sides of the pot to the torch.

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Lesson #: 12**Lesson Title:** **The Strong Man: Samson Shows His Strength**

Scripture: Judges 13-16

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives)**The children will learn:**

Samson was going to be the new judge. He was going to have great strength. He was never to have his hair cut. The Philistines were the enemy and were afraid of Samson. They tricked Delilah into finding out the secret of his strength. After his hair was cut, he no longer had the strength that God blessed him with.

Application from Lesson:

We must always obey Gods commands.
God will help us when we obey Him.

Materials Needed:

Sticks, cut outs for the head, google eyes, printed and cut out arm muscles, wool for the hair

Order of Activities and Songs:

Bible class song and prayer

Review

Deborah was a wise judge. She loved to sit under a palm tree. God helped her, Barak and their army to defeat the enemy.

Gideon was a judge who wanted signs from God when he was asked to lead the people against the enemy. His food offering set on fire by the angel's rod and fleece was set outside on the ground. Discuss and remind them what happened on the first and second day. Gideon obeyed God's instructions and with a small army of men took their torches and trumpets and defeated the enemy.

Story

When Gideon died, the Israelites once again started to drift away from God and started worshipping idols. The Philistines began to hurt them and treat them badly. Samson was going to be the new judge. He was going to be strong and powerful. Manoah and his wife had a son and named him Samson. His hair was never to be cut or else he would lose his strength. Samson grew up to be a very strong man. He killed a lion, and picked up city gates with his bare hands. The Philistines were afraid and jealous of his great strength so tricked his wife Delilah into finding out the secret to his strength. After telling her that the secret was to tie his hands together and to weave his hair, he finally told her the truth. She told the Philistines his secret and cut his hair off while he was sleeping. When he woke up, he was captured by the Philistines and had no more strength.

Craft

Samson stick puppets

Explanation of Craft:

The children color the muscles in and draw a face on the cut out and stick google eyes on. Stick the head and the arm muscles to the stick. Attach the wool to the top of his head for his long hair.

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Lesson #: 13**Lesson Title:** The Reward: Ruth Chooses the Lord

Scripture: Ruth 1-4

Memory Work: OT Books
Joshua 1:9

Memory Verse: "Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

(Goals and Objectives)**The children will learn:**

- *the facts of the story about Ruth.
- * that God will provided for those who obey Him.
- * that God can use difficult situations for His good purposes.
- * that God has a plan for all of us if we obey Him.

Application from Lesson:

- *We can be helpful to others when someone passes away.
- * God will reward us when we think of others.
- * Remember we always have something to give, even when we feel we have nothing to share.
- * We should always think of others and their needs.

Materials Needed:Watercolors
Puppet of Ruth
Puppet of Boaz**Order of Activities and Songs:**

1. Sing welcome to Bible class.
2. Teacher will lead a prayer and let children have a turn.
3. Sing "He's Got the Whole World in His Hands".
4. Sing Books of the Bible.
5. Sing (39, 27,66).
6. Pass Bibles to children, sing various Bible songs.
7. Tell children today's lesson will come from the book of Ruth.
8. Tell children they will learn about a wonderful woman who is in the family tree of Jesus.
9. Complete Craft.

Explanation of Craft:

Watercolor the puppets have the children retell the story of Ruth.