

Crossing the Jordan River (track 13)

Cast of voices: Deborah: girl

Deborah: Hi, Friends! My name is Deborah, and I'm one of the Israelites. My people are waving to you now—see them? I'm going to tell you what's happening with my people.

God told Joshua to lead us toward Jericho—but that means we have to cross the Jordan River. Do you see that blue river waving in front of you? That's the Jordan River. It's the time of year when the river is very flooded. See how high the waters are? Over our heads! There's no way we can cross this river! All the Israelites are shaking their heads in discouragement. How will we get across this?

Well, God had a plan. God told the priests to carry the Ark of the Covenant—a very special box—and to walk toward the river. The priests obeyed God and started walking toward the Jordan. There they go! I hope they don't drown!

As soon as the priests got to the river, they stepped out into the water...*(pause)*...and suddenly the water stopped flowing! The water backed up higher and higher and the ground in front of the priests was dry! The priests walked across, and then all of the Israelites walked across. The Israelites were amazed! Look at their surprised faces! See their mouths hanging open? After we all got across, the water started rushing down the riverbed again!

God told us to take 12 stones and stack them up. See the Israelites stacking the stones? The rocks remind us of what God has done for us. They remind us to thank God for taking care of us!

Well, it's time for me to join my family again. 'Bye!