

The Israelites Cross the Jordan River



Joshua 3:1-4:24

MEmory
Book

In-class Activity

Directions: Cut out the book. Fold the top half of the book down away from you, and fold the left half of the book behind the right.



God has helped me.

God has helped
my family.

Thank you, God!

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MEMORY
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"Give thanks to the Lord,
call on his name; make
known among the nations
what he has done"
(1 Chronicles 16:8).



Find out how making your own song of thankfulness can teach you more about today's Key Verse! See the activity on page 406 in your *Hands-On Bible!*

What I learned today:

Bible Story: Joshua 3:1–4:24

When the Israelites came to the Jordan River, it was way too high and way too deep to cross. But God helped the Israelites. God stopped the flow of the river so all the Israelites could cross. God wanted everyone to remember what he had done for the Israelites. God told them to build a special pile of rocks from the river so that their children and their children's children would remember that God loved them and helped them cross the Jordan River.

Bible Point: Remember what God has done.

Key Verse: "Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done" (1 Chronicles 16:8).



Memory Book Show your family the Memory Book you made in class. Tell your family why it's important to remember what God has done. Then have each person write on each page of your Memory Book something he or

she wants to remember that God has done. Pray together, thanking God for what he's done.

Mashed-Potato Memories The Israelites used a pile of stones to remember how God had helped them. Today people might make a monument instead. Have your family create monuments with mashed potatoes to show what God has done! You can use a spoon and a butter knife to make pictures and yummy statues.



- @ What has God done for our family?
- @ How does it help us to remember what God has done for us?
- @ How does our family thank God for what he has done?

Q: Who was the Israelites' leader as they crossed the Jordan?

A: Joshua

Parent Stumper Answer: Joshua

Daily Challenge

Today kids committed to one of the following Daily Challenges. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on his or her challenge! (Have kids each circle their choice below.)

- Create a thank you card for God, listing all the things God has done for you!
- At dinnertime, lead your family members in a prayer, and have everyone at the table say one thing God has done for them that they're thankful for.
- Find something outside, like a flower or a caterpillar, and thank God for making that thing.

