

# BIBLE BUZZ

## Lesson 12

### The People's...

Group 1: Joshua 3:14-17

Group 2: Joshua 3:7-13

Group 3: Joshua 3:1-6

Read your group's Bible passage, and write a prayer from an Israelite's perspective concerning what the passage says.

### Prayer

### Praise

Group 1: Joshua 4:1-9

Group 2: Joshua 4:10-18

Group 3: Joshua 4:19-24



### What

are two things that God has done for you that you have not thanked him for yet?

### How

are you going to thank him for those things?

### What

reasons do you have for praising God?

### How

do you feel when you praise God?

**Daily Challenge**

- Every time you see something God does—a sunset, a changed life—write it down and put it up in your room.
- Create a thank-you note to thank God for something you forgot to thank him for.
- Tell your family how God has done amazing things in your life.

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



## Bible Story

*The day had arrived! The Israelites were going to cross over the Jordan River, and they were going to do it in an amazing way. God told Joshua to have the priests carry the ark (the box with the Ten Commandments tablets in it, remember?) into the river. As soon as they did, the river parted and all the Israelites crossed over. (Do you remember when God did THAT before?)*

*When they got to the other side, God had the tribes each take a stone from the middle of the dry river and stack the stones at their camp that night. What was with the rocks? Simple. God wanted the people to REMEMBER what he did. Anytime anyone saw the rocks and asked what they were for, the people could tell the story. And God gave us this story so we could remember him!*

- What ways can you remember what God has done for you?
- Think of something you need to thank God for. Take time now to pray to him and thank him.



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*!

## Parent Stumper

**Question:** How many stones were in Joshua's altar?  
**Answer:** Twelve, for the 12 tribes of Israel. See Joshua 4:2.

## Family Fun

At the beginning of the week, have each family member write down three things that he or she is thankful for on three separate pieces of paper. Put all the papers in a jar, and throughout the week at dinner time or a time when the family is together, take out one piece of paper, read it, and thank God together for what is written on the paper.



## The WORD for the Week

### Monday Joshua 4:21-24

- God said that the stones would be a reminder for generations to come of what God had done for the Israelites. Make, draw, or write something that will remind you for years to come of what God has done for you.

### Tuesday Psalm 47

- The Bible says we should praise God in song! Sing a song, clap your hands, or play an instrument to show God you are thankful today.

### Wednesday Ephesians 2:8-9

- If you have asked Jesus to be a part of your life, thank God for saving you from your sins. If you haven't asked Jesus to be a part of your life, you can ask him now, through prayer.

### Thursday Genesis 1:1-12

- God made you and everyone and everything around you. Go for a walk and thank God for everything that he has made.

### Friday Psalm 121

- Think of times that God has kept you safe. Write a letter to God thanking him for his protection.

### Saturday 2 Timothy 3:16-17

- God has given us the Bible so that we can learn more about him and grow closer to him. Thank God for loving you so much that he gave the Bible to you.