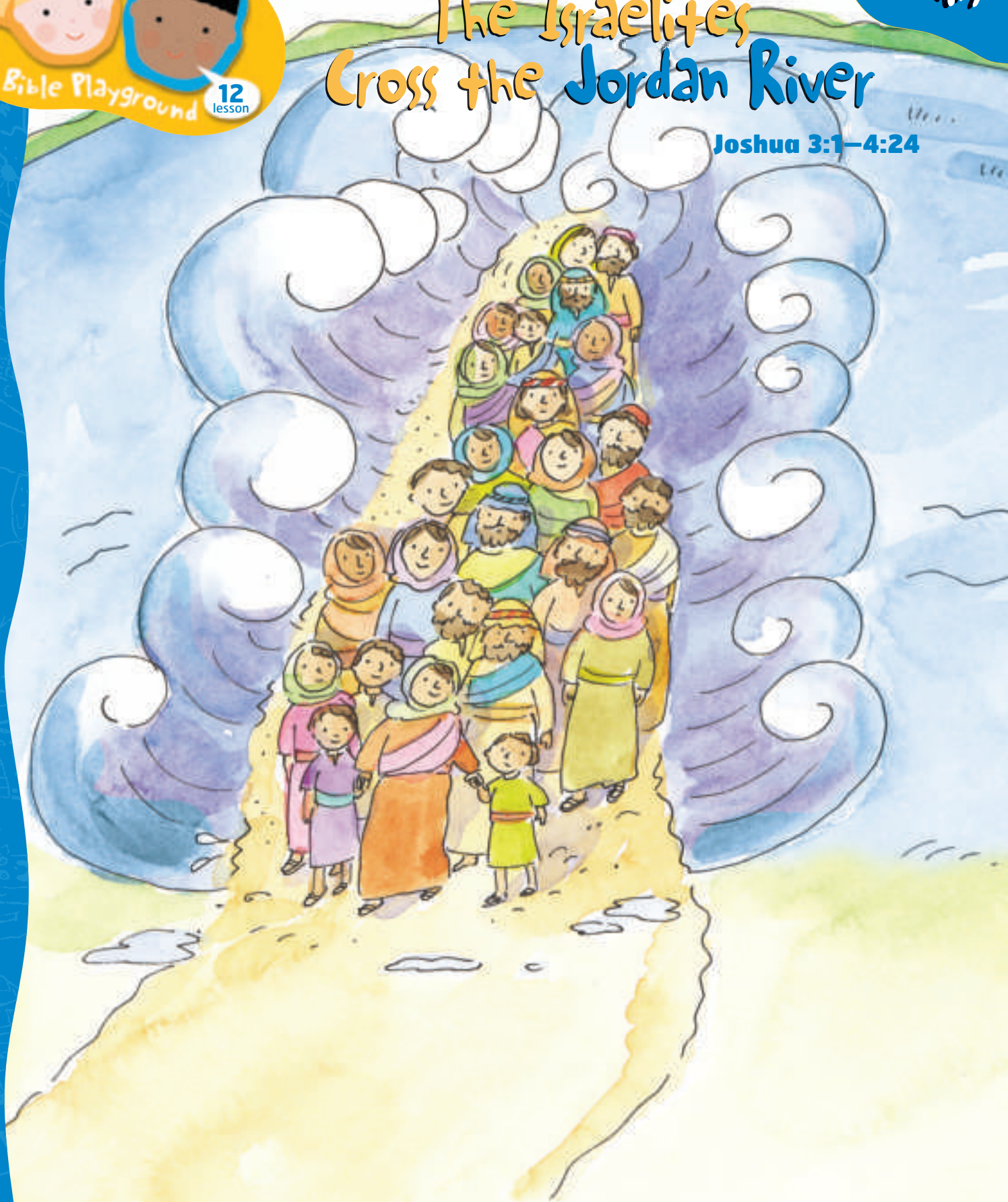


Name _____

The Israelites Cross the Jordan River

Joshua 3:1–4:24



Instructions: Give your child a stamp pad with washable ink and show him or her how to make fingerprint “rocks” in the Jordan River. Then have your child make an “altar” (using 12 fingerprints) next to the river. Have your child tell you one thing he or she is thankful for. *(For additional classroom instructions, see the Teacher Guide.)*



Play a memory game together. Have your child gather five to eight small objects that he or she is thankful for (such as an apple, a toy car, or a special rock). Start by hiding three objects in a straight line under a towel. Lift the towel and let your child examine the order of the objects. Cover the objects and let your child say, "Thank you, God, for [then list as many of the objects as he or she can remember]."

Repeat the game, adding another object each time.



ASK 🌀 How do you feel when someone tells you thank you?

🌀 What can you thank God for?

What I Learned Today...

Bible Story: This week's Bible story (Joshua 3:1-4:24) tells us that Joshua, with God's help, led the Israelites across the Jordan River. This miraculous and amazing event was similar to the parting of the Red Sea. The Israelites had much to thank God for. Your child learned that God wants us to remember to thank him for all the things he does for us each day.

Key Verse: God's mighty hand cares for you (adapted from 1 Peter 5:6-7).

Daily Challenge

This week your child learned that he or she needs to remember to thank God. Your child committed to one of the following challenges to remember thank God for every gift he has given him or her. Help your child weave faith into life this week and follow through on the challenge!

- 🌀 Cut out a heart and put it in your pocket. Every time you take it out, thank God for loving you and taking care of you.
- 🌀 Help your mom or dad wash your toys. As you do, thank God for each toy he has given you.
- 🌀 Say a prayer with your family when you sit down for Thanksgiving dinner. Thank God for giving you family, food, and a home.



Ask your child what

are some of his or her favorite things to eat. Perhaps it's macaroni and cheese or packaged noodle soup. Choose a day this week and show your child how to make his or her favorite food. First, gather the ingredients. Before you begin, thank God for the items he's provided for you to create this meal.

As you read the directions (from the package or from a recipe), show your child how to measure the correct amounts. Let him or her mix together

the different ingredients. Remind your child that God gives us everything and he wants us to remember to thank him.

ASK 🌀 What yummy things do you thank God for?

🌀 What can you thank God for that is not something to eat?

🌀 When can you thank God?

