

Family Theme | **God Knows What Is Ahead** Date | **November 3, 2024**

Study Text | **Joshua 3:1—4:24**

Read the Word: Joshua 3:1—4:24

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how we should follow and obey the Lord knowing He has the knowledge and power to accomplish His purposes.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: God Provides Guidance for What Lies Ahead (Joshua 3:1-8)

APPLY: Follow God and His instructions like the people followed the ark of the covenant.

- *In what ways does God provide guidance to us today? (His Word; the prompting of the Holy Spirit; fellow believers; the work of our local church; etc.)*

APPLY: Prepare yourself for Sunday worship. Keep yourself free from sin and get a good night's sleep.

APPLY: God provides what is needed to do His will as we follow Him.

- *What helps us walk closely with God and follow Him? (Daily time with Him in the Word and in prayer; putting His Word into practice; time with other believers; etc.)*

APPLY: Trust God because He knows what lies ahead..

- *Considering everything the Israelites had seen God do up to this point, do you think it was easy or difficult for them to trust Him when they found out they would be crossing the Jordan? Explain. Why would that act require tremendous faith?*
- *When life gets confusing, why is it difficult to be patient and wait on God? What should we do when we're tempted to press forward on our own?*



Key Truth: God Makes a Way When There Is No Way (Joshua 3:9-17)

APPLY: God is all-powerful! Trust Him to do whatever is needed to accomplish His will.

- *Since God is all-powerful, how should we view obstacles?*

APPLY: Trust and obey God even before He provides a way.

- *God asked the Israelites to obey before He acted. Why do you think He did that? What can we learn from that?*

APPLY: With God's power nothing is impossible.

- *How has God demonstrated His power to you and to those around you? How has He made a way when there appeared to be no way?*
- *Most Christians believe God can do the impossible. How should we respond when He doesn't do what we are hoping He will do? (See Daniel 3:17-18.)*



Key Truth: God Wants Us to Remember What He Has Done for Us (Joshua 4:1-24)

APPLY: God is faithful to keep His promises even when we are not faithful.

- *When we examine the history of the Israelites, we see God was faithful even when the faithfulness of the people was lacking. Why is it important that we serve a faithful, unchanging God?*

APPLY: Remind yourself often of all God has done for you.

- *Why is it important to remember what God has done for us in the past?*
- *The stones were a literal, visible representation of God's faithfulness, patience, power, and guidance. What can we do to remind ourselves of what God has done for us?*

APPLY: Teach the next generations all that God has done.

- *The instructions to pass on the lessons from the crossing of the Jordan to future generations is a clear example of the value of intergenerational discipleship. What can we do to be more intentional about passing on what God has done and taught us?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- Have you ever experienced a time when you could see how God provided for you even before you needed it?
- Why is it important to remember what God has done for us in the past?
- What memorials do you have to remind you of God's faithfulness to you in past situations?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: *Joshua 1:9*



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

God knows everything—past, present, and future; He is omniscient.

Everyday Extras:

Read Deuteronomy 6:1-13 and Joshua 4:1-3, 20-24 in an age-appropriate Bible to your family. These verses remind us we are to teach future generations how God has provided for us. God knows what is ahead and He knows what we need. Use a posterboard or Post-It Notes and write different ways and situations in which God has taken care of your family. Post them in a central location for your family to be reminded of God's provision.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned God chose Joshua to be the leader of the Israelites after Moses' death. God told Joshua to be strong and brave and He would give the Israelites every land they walked in. He also told Joshua no one would be able to defeat them, and He would never leave or forget him. Joshua had to live by faith. Say the Heartprint with your child this week. **I Can Live by Faith.**