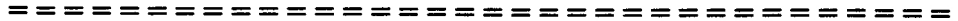


WEEK 2: JOSHUA
DAY 1: JOSHUA THE LEADER
Joshua 1

1. Last week we began to learn about the 12 Books of History. We learned the names of the books. We learned the names of the periods of history.

On this list write the names of the periods of history. Then write the names of the books which tell about each period.

The Books of History		
Period 1 _____	Period 2 _____	Period 3 _____
1. _____	4,5 _____	10 _____
2. _____	6,7 _____	11. _____
3. _____	8,9 _____	12 _____



2. See if your answers are right by looking at Page 30. These Books of History tell about God's people Israel. Part of the story is in each book. This week we will look at the book of Joshua. It is the first Book of History. There are five big stories in the book of Joshua.

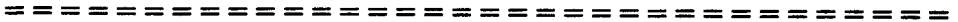
- Joshua the Leader
- Israel Entered Canaan
- Lessons Learnt at Jericho and Ai
- The South and North of Canaan Taken
- Canaan Divided Between the Tribes

We shall study one big story each day this week. We shall see how God Fulfilled His promises to His people.

In your Bible read Joshua 1:1 to 9.

What two promises had God made to Israel?

- (1) _____
- (2) _____



3. He had promised to give them the land of Canaan. He had promised to send Jesus through their nation. We begin to learn about this in the book of Joshua today. The first big story in this book is about Joshua the leader. It was God who chose Joshua as a leader. God saw that he was a man He could use to lead the people into Canaan.

Today we shall learn two reasons why God chose Joshua as a leader.

- (1) Joshua was filled with God's Spirit.
- (2) Joshua obeyed God.

Which nation did God choose to be His people?_____

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4. God chose Israel to be His People. You remember that the people of Israel were slaves in Egypt. God used Moses to deliver them. Moses was their first leader. One day God told Moses that he would soon die. Moses loved the people. He wanted to be sure they had a good leader.

Numbers 27:15-18:

Moses said to the Lord, "Let the Lord .. appoint a man over the congregation (or all the people) ... who shall lead them out and bring them in ..." And the Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand upon him.

From these verses whom did God say should be the new leader?_____

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5. God told Moses to make Joshua the new leader. God knew He could use Joshua to lead His people. He could use Joshua because Joshua was filled with God's Spirit. Joshua also obeyed God.

A church leader today should also be chosen for these reasons. But he is often chosen for other reasons. One reason may be that he has many friends to vote for him.

Write some other reasons why certain people are chosen as leaders._____

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6. Be ready to share your answers in class. People need God to guide them in finding church leaders. God can use leaders whom He has chosen. God wants leaders who are like Joshua. Read again about Joshua whom God chose.

Numbers 27:18:

And the Lord said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay your hand upon him.

Who did God say was in Joshua? _____

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7. God said that the Spirit was in Joshua. God can use a man if he is filled with the Holy Spirit. This is the reason why God would use Joshua.

Who should choose leaders for His work? _____

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8. God should choose the leaders for His work. He chooses men filled with the Holy Spirit. Let us read about one in the New Testament.

Acts 6:3:

Therefore, brethren, pick out from among you seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom.

Acts 6:8:

And Stephen, full of grace and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.

God used Stephen to do His work because His Spirit was in him. God's Spirit was in Joshua too. God would use Joshua.

What can God Do with a leader who is filled with His Spirit? _____

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9. God can use him. Joshua was filled with God's Spirit. This is the first reason why God chose Joshua.

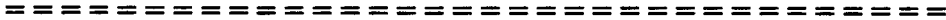
What is the name of the **period** of history that the book of Joshua tells about?

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10. The book of Joshua tells about the period called the Rule of God. God was ruling Israel. God chose Joshua to help Him lead His people.

Write the first reason why God chose to use Joshua as a leader. Read the second.

- (1) _____
- (2) Joshua obeyed God.



11. Joshua was filled with God's Spirit. This is one reason why God could use him. There was a second reason why God chose Joshua as a leader. Joshua obeyed God. Let us read about this.

Joshua 1:1-2:

... the Lord said to Joshua "...arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, into the land which I am giving to them, to the people of Israel."

Joshua 1:10-11:

Then Joshua commanded ... the people, "Prepare your provisions; for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land."

What did Joshua do with the command God had given him? _____



12. Joshua obeyed God's command. Joshua was a leader who obeyed God. Read something else God said to him.

Joshua 1:8:

This book of the law shall not depart out of your mouth, but you shall Meditate on it day and night, that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you shall make your way prosperous, and then you shall have good success.

God told Joshua to read and obey His word. God promised him success if he obeyed. We shall read of many victories that Joshua won. God was able to use Joshua because he obeyed Him. This is the second reason why God chose him.

Write the first reason why God chose to use Joshua as a leader.

- (1) _____
- (2) Joshua obeyed God.



13. Joshua was filled with God's Spirit. He was a leader whom God could use. We need leaders like Joshua in our churches today. We need leader who are filled with the Holy Spirit of God. We need men who know what God says and obey Him.

Write the second reason why God chose to use Joshua as a leader.

(1) Joshua was filled with God's Spirit.

(2) _____

14. Joshua obeyed God. God has given us many commands in the Bible. Read some of God's commands for church leaders.

1 Timothy 3:2-5:

Now a bishop (or church leader) must be above reproach (or blame), the husband of one wife, temperate, sensible He must manage his own household well ... for if a man does not know how to manage his own household, how can he care for God's church?

A certain church leader bought a new plot of land. He needed someone to look after it so he took a second wife. Then he began to neglect his first wife and family. He had many problems.

From the verses we read, did this church leader obey God's Word? _____

15. God could no longer use this leader because he did not obey Him. Be ready to talk about this in class.

Write two reasons why God chose to use Joshua as a leader.

(1) _____

(2) _____

16. Joshua was filled with God's Spirit. Joshua obeyed God. God is looking for leaders today. He can use leaders who are filled with the Holy Spirit. He can use leaders who obey Him.

Are you a leader who is filled with God's Spirit? _____

Are you obeying God's word? _____

Take time now to think and pray about these things.

17. Write two reasons why God chose to use Joshua as a leader.

(1) _____

(2) _____

WEEK 2: JOSHUA
DAY 2: ISRAEL ENTERED CANAAN
Joshua 1 to 4

1. The book of Joshua has five big stories in it. The one we studied yesterday was about Joshua the Leader.

Write two reasons why God chose to use Joshua as a leader.

(1) _____

(2) _____

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2. Joshua was filled with God's Spirit. Joshua obeyed God.

The second big story in the book of Joshua is: Israel Entered Canaan. We shall see how God used Joshua to lead His people into Canaan. Today we shall learn two things God did as Israel entered Canaan.

- (1) God went with them.
- (2) God dried up the River Jordan.

Read Joshua 3:1 to 6.

Who had promised to give the land of Canaan to Israel? _____

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3. God promised His people this land. God told Joshua to lead the people over the River Jordan. He told him to lead the people into the land which He had promised. Joshua obeyed quickly. He began to prepare the people to enter the land of Canaan.

Read what Joshua said to the people of Israel.

Joshua 1:11:

...Prepare your provisions; for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land which the Lord your God gives you.

Write the name of the land Israel would enter when they had passed over the river. _____

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4. Israel would enter the land of Canaan when they had crossed over. Joshua was getting them ready to do this. Joshua first found two men whom he could trust. He told them to go and look at the land, especially the city of Jericho. The spies returned with good news.

Joshua 2:24:

And they said to Joshua, "Truly the Lord has given all the land into our hands.

Who were God's people? _____

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5. God was giving His people Israel the land He had promised to them.

Joshua 3:1:

Early in the morning Joshua rose and set out from Shittim, with all the people of Israel; and they came to the River Jordan, and lodged (or stayed) there before they passed over.

When Israel passed over Jordan would they be entering Canaan, or leaving Canaan?

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6. Israel would be entering Canaan. God was with His people. He would go before them. We are learning two things God did as Israel entered Canaan.

- (1) God went with them.
- (2) God dried up the River Jordan.

This is the command the people were given.

Joshua 3:3:

... When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord your God being carried by the Levitical priest, then you shall set out from your place and follow it.

From this verse, what were the priests carrying that Israel should follow?

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7. Israel should follow the ark of the covenant. You remember that the ark of God was a wooden box covered with gold. It was one of the things in the tabernacle. It was kept in the part called the Holy of Holies. The lid of the box was called the mercy seat. God promised to meet with His people at the mercy seat.

Exodus 25:21-22:

And you shall put the mercy seat on the top of the ark.... There I will meet with you.

The ark always reminded the people of God's presence with them.

Israel was told to follow the ark. Whom do you think they were really following?

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8. The ark of the covenant reminded Israel of God. When Israel followed the ark, they were really following God. God went with Israel into Canaan. This is the first thing he did when Israel entered Canaan.

Joshua 3:10-11:

And Joshua said, "Hereby you shall know that the living God is among you.... Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is to pass over before you into the Jordan.

In these verses who did Joshua say was among Israel? _____

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9. Joshua said that the living God was among them. God would be with Israel as they entered Canaan. Read Joshua's command to the priests.

Joshua 3:6:

And Joshua said to the priests. "Take up the ark of the covenant and pass on before the people. And they took the ark of the covenant and went before the people.

Remember, the ark reminded the people of God's presence.

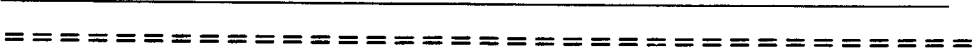
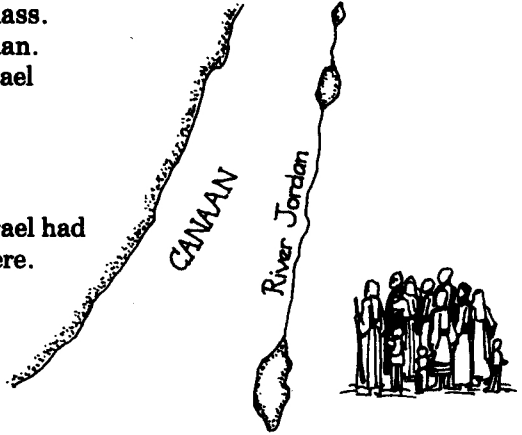
Do we need a special box today to remind us of God's presence? _____

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10. Be ready to talk about this in class. God went with His people into Canaan. This is the first thing God did as Israel entered Canaan.

Now look at this map.

Find the name of the river which Israel had to cross to enter Canaan. Write it here.



11. Israel had to cross the River Jordan to enter Canaan. The River Jordan was a wide river. But God wanted His people to enter this land. He would help them cross the river.

What is the first thing God did as Israel entered Canaan?

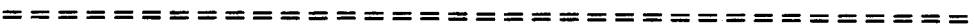
(1) _____

(2) God dried up the River Jordan.



12. God went with them. This is the first thing God did as Israel entered Canaan. Now God would do a second thing. It was something very wonderful. God was ready to dry up the River Jordan. He wanted His people to cross the river on dry ground.

Who loved His people and wanted to do miracles for them? _____



13. God loved His people. He could dry up the river so that Israel could cross. He would do this to show that He was giving them the land. He would dry up the river so the other nations would fear Him.

Write the name of the river that God would dry up. _____



14. God would dry up the River Jordan. His people would enter Canaan on dry land. Only God's power could do this. Read what Joshua told the people.
Joshua 3:13:

And when the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord.. shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be stopped from flowing , and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap.

Joshua 3:17:

And while all Israel were passing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground.

What did God do to the ground in the River Jordan?_____

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15. God dried it up. When the priests stepped into the river something wonderful happened. The river stopped flowing. God dried up the River Jordan. This is the second thing God did as Israel entered Canaan.

What is the first?

(1) _____

(2) God dried up the River Jordan.

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16. God went with them. God was with His people Israel. Almost three million people crossed the Jordan that day on dry ground. Only God could do something like that.

Joshua 4:23-24:

For the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan for you until you passed over ... so that all the people of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty.

What is the second thing God did as Israel entered Canaan?

(1) God went before them.

(2) _____

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17. God dried up the River Jordan. He wanted Israel to remember this wonderful thing He had done. God gave Joshua a command.

Joshua 4:3:

...Take twelve stones from here out of the midst of the Jordan, from the very place where the priests' feet stood, and carry them over with you.

The twelve stones were carried into the new land. What was the name of the land Israel entered?

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18. They entered the land of Canaan.

Joshua 4:20-22:

And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, Joshua set up at Gilgal. And he said to the people of Israel, "When your children ask their fathers in time to come, 'What do these stones mean?' then you shall let your children know, 'Israel passed over this Jordan on dry ground.'

You can see the place called Gilgal on the map on page 46. The stones at Gilgal reminded Israel and their descendants of God's great power.

What two things did God do as Israel entered Canaan?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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19. God went with them. God dried up the River Jordan. We are learning about the period of history called the Rule of God. God was Israel's King. He was with them as they entered Canaan. He kept His promise.

Think of ways in which God shows His power today. Write some of the ways.

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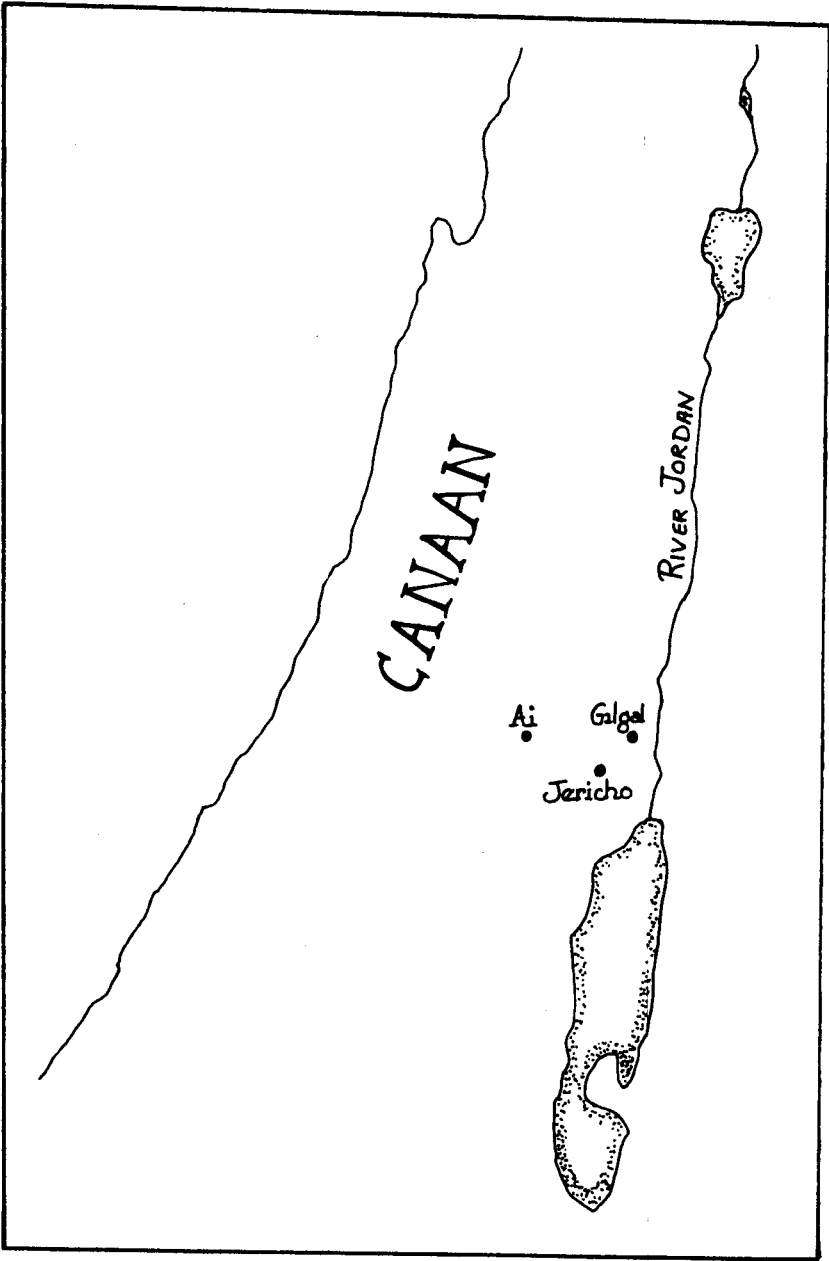
Stop now and praise God for His works of power.

20. Be ready to share these in class.

What two things did God do as Israel entered Canaan?

(1) _____

(2) _____



Israel learned lessons at Jericho and Ai

WEEK 2: JOSHUA

DAY 3: LESSONS LEARNT AT JERICHO AND AI

Joshua 5 to 8:29

1. What two things did God do as Israel entered Canaan?

(1) _____

(2) _____

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2. God went before him. God dried up the River Jordan. In the land of Canaan Israel had many things to learn. They learned important lessons as they fought against the people of Jericho and Ai. We shall learn these today.

(1) At Jericho Israel learned that obedience brings victory.

(2) At Ai they learned that disobedience brings defeat.

In your Bible read Joshua 5:1 and Joshua 6:1 and 2

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3. These people of Canaan worshipped idols in very evil ways. They burned children for their idols. Men used women in sinful ways in their idol houses. Moses had warned Israel in Deuteronomy 18:10 and 23:17 that they would find these sins in Canaan. God told Israel that all these people should be destroyed.

Joshua 3:10:

.... Hereby you shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites...

Look at the map facing this page. Find Gilgal. This is where Israel was camped.

Write the name of the city nearest to Gilgal. _____

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4. The city of Jericho was near Gilgal. It was in the land God had promised to Israel. The people of Jericho were enemies of God and of Israel. God promised Israel victory over their enemies. Here at Jericho Israel learned a very important lesson. Israel learned that obedience brings victory.

What land had God promised to give to Israel? _____

5. God had promised to give them the land of Canaan. But the enemies of Israel still lived in Canaan. Some of these enemies were in the city of Jericho. Joshua was told how Israel should conquer Jericho.

Joshua 6:2-4:

And the Lord said ... You shall march around the city, all the men of war going around the city once. Thus you shall do for six days. And seven priests shall bear trumpets of ram's horns before the ark; and on the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times.

These were strange commands. Joshua and the people must have been very surprised. God was testing them. Read the verses again.

Who gave these commands? _____

What should Israel do with these commands? _____
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6. These commands were given by God. God wanted Israel to obey them. Israel was learning that obedience brings victory. They were learning this at Jericho.

Read Joshua 6:12 to 15 and find out what Israel did.

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7. You have read that the people got up early. The priests took the ark of the Lord. You remember the ark was a sign that God was with them. Seven priests blew the trumpets. Israel marched around the city once every day for six days. On the seventh day they marched around it seven times. Israel did exactly what God told them to do.

What did Israel do with God's commands? _____

What would bring them victory at Jericho? _____
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8. Israel obeyed God's commands Their obedience would bring them victory. Marching around the city was a strange thing to do. But God told them to do this and they obeyed. Because they obeyed, God would give them victory.

Joshua 6:16:

And the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "shout; for the Lord has given you the city.

Israel was learning that obedience brings victory. At what city did they learn this lesson?

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9. Israel learned this lesson at Jericho.

Joshua 6:20-21:

...As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people raised a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city. Then they utterly destroyed all in the city.

Israel obeyed all of God's commands. Jericho was destroyed. Israel's enemies were defeated.

What did God give Israel because of their obedience? _____

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10. God gave Israel victory. At Jericho Israel learned that obedience brings victory. Now we read what God told them to do with the things they found in Jericho.

Joshua 6:18:

But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to (or set aside for) destruction; lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction, and bring troubles upon it.

This was another command of God to Israel. What do you think God wanted to do with this command?

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11. God wanted them to obey this command also. The people should not take anything for themselves.

Joshua 6:19:

But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are sacred to the Lord; they shall go into the treasury of the Lord.

What lesson did Israel learn at Jericho? _____

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12. At Jericho Israel learned that obedience brings victory. The next city to be conquered was Ai. You can see it on the map on page 46. At Ai Israel would learn another lesson. They would learn that disobedience brings defeat. Read about Israel's disobedience.

Joshua 7:1:

But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things; for Achan ... took some of the devoted things; and the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel.

Achan sinned. He took some of the things that belonged to God.

When Achan stole the silver and gold what did he do to God's command? _____

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13. He disobeyed God's command. Achan stole things that belonged to God. Israel would learn another lesson at Ai. They would learn that disobedience brings defeat. They were now ready to attack the city of Ai. It was a small city so the whole army did not go to fight.

Joshua 7:4-5:

So about three thousand went up there from the people; and they fled before the men of Ai, and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six men of them and chased them before the gate.

Israel was defeated at Ai. This happened because of the sin of disobedience.

At Ai Israel learned that disobedience brings defeat. What lesson did Israel learn at Jericho? _____

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14. At Jericho Israel learned that obedience brings victory. Israel was defeated at the smaller city. This was caused by Achan's disobedience. Achan's sin brought defeat to all Israel.

At what city did Israel learn that disobedience brings defeat? _____

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15. Israel learned this lesson at Ai. God's word says that we should not steal. If a person steals he is disobeying God's command.

Kipsongo was a church leader. One Sunday he borrowed some money from the church offering. He planned to pay it back the next Sunday, but he forgot. Kipsongo really stole this money. He took what belonged to God. This brought defeat in his life. It also hurt the church.

What did Achan's disobedience bring to Israel? _____

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16. Israel had defeat because of Achan's disobedience. There had to be punishment for sin. But when Israel attacked Ai the second time, God gave them victory. They had obeyed all His commands.

What lesson did Israel learn at Ai? _____

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17. At Ai Israel learned that disobedience brings defeat. At Jericho Israel learned that obedience brings victory. God wants His Children to have victory in their lives. To have victory we must obey God's word.

Are you sometimes tempted to disobey God's command? _____

What commands of God are church leaders sometimes tempted to disobey?

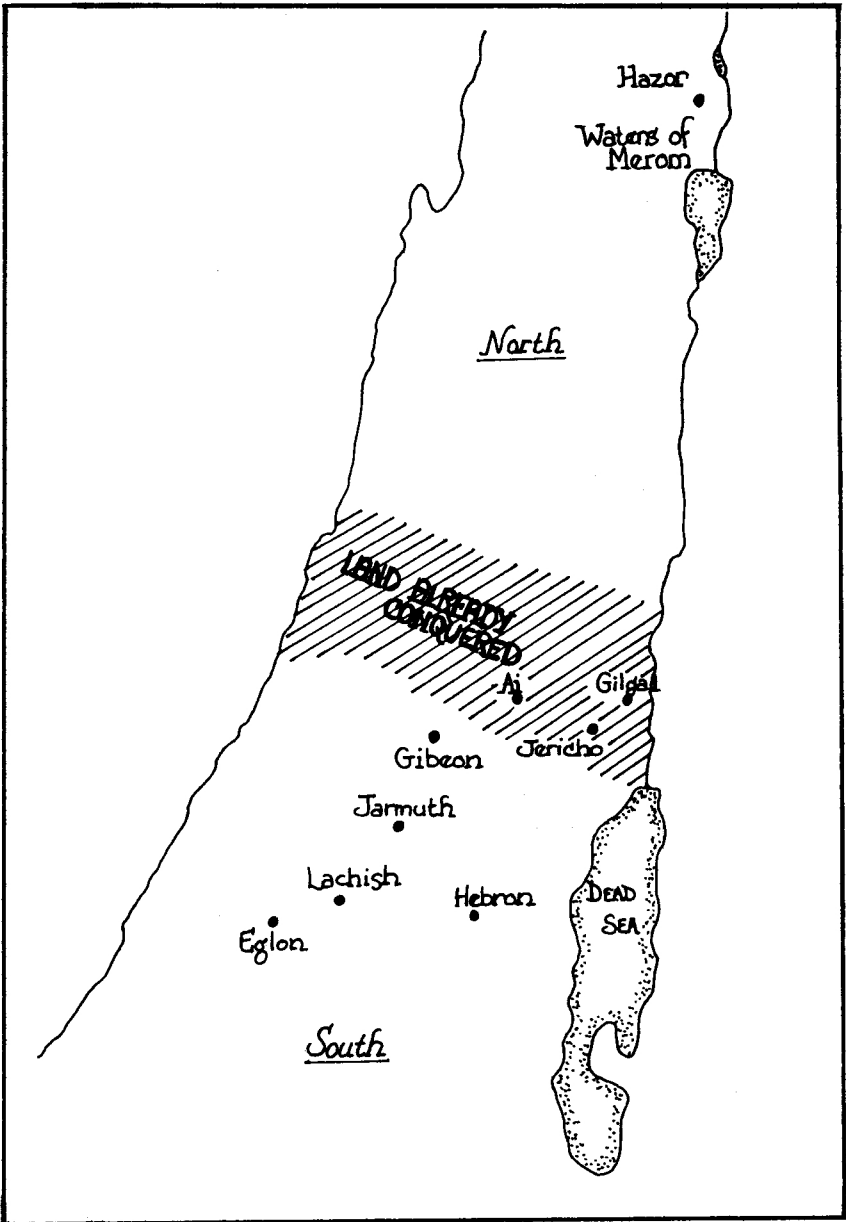
Be ready to tell of a time in your life when obedience brought victory.

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18. We will talk about this in class.

What lesson did Israel learn at Jericho? _____

What lesson did they learn at Ai? _____



Israel Conquered the Land of Canaan

WEEK 2: JOSHUA

DAY 4: THE SOUTH AND NORTH OF CANAAN TAKEN

Joshua 8:30 to 12:24

1. We have studied about Joshua and how Israel entered Canaan. God promised to help Israel drive out their enemies. Jericho and Ai were the first two cities taken.

What lesson did Israel learn at Jericho? _____

What lesson did they learn at Ai? _____

2. At Jericho Israel learned that obedience brings victory. At Ai they learned that disobedience brings defeat. Today we come to another big story in the book of Joshua. It tells how the south and north of Canaan were taken. We shall learn:

After God helped Israel conquer the middle part of Canaan, He helped them take
(1) The south
(2) The north

Take your Bible now and read Joshua 10:1 to 5.

3. God promised Israel victory over the whole land of Canaan. The lesson Israel learned at Jericho was an important one. In order to conquer their enemies they had to obey God.

Look at the map facing this page. From the map, what part of Canaan did Israel conquer first? _____

4. God first helped Israel take the middle part of Canaan. The south and north still had to be conquered. We read in Joshua 9 that the other kings in Canaan heard about Ai. They decided to work together to fight Israel. But there was one group of people who did not try to fight. Instead they made a plan to deceive Israel.

In your Bible read about this in Joshua 9:3 to 15. Now look at the map. Was Gibeon in the north or south Canaan? _____

5. Gibeon was in the south of Canaan. As you read, the people of Gibeon pretended to live far away. They persuaded Joshua to make an agreement with them. Joshua and his leaders sinned by making this agreement. Read what God had commanded.

Exodus 23:31-32:

... I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand, and you shall drive them out before you. You shall make no covenant (or agreement) with them.

Were the people of Gibeon friends or enemies of Israel? _____

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6. The people of Gibeon were enemies. They tricked Israel into making peace with them. But God helped Israel conquer the rest of their enemies in the south.

Joshua 10:1-5:

When Adonizedek king of Jerusalem heard... how Gibeon had made peace with Israel...he feared greatly...(he) sent to the king of Hebron... Jarmuth...Lachish...Eglon saying, "Come up to me, and help me, and let us smite Gibeon..." then the five kings ... gathered their forces, and went up with all their armies ... against Gibeon.

On the map you can see that all these cities were in the south of Canaan. The people of Gibeon were very much afraid. They quickly sent a message to Joshua to help them. Joshua knew God would give Israel victory over these enemies in the south of Canaan.

What land had God given to the people of Israel? _____

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7. God had given Canaan to Israel. He promised to help Israel conquer all the enemies in this land.

Joshua 10:8:

And the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have given them into your hands; there shall not a man of them stand before you."

At this time what part of Canaan was God helping Israel to conquer?

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8. God was helping Israel conquer the south of Canaan. Later we shall see how He helped them take the north. The Amorites also lived in the south of Canaan. They too were enemies of Israel. Read how Israel conquered them.

Joshua 10:10-11

And the Lord threw them (the Amorites) into a panic (or great fear) before Israel, who slew them with a great slaughter ... the Lord threw down great stones from heaven upon them as far as Azekah and they died.

From this verse, who helped Israel conquer the Amorites, who lived in the south of Canaan? _____

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9. God helped Israel to conquer the Amorites. God helped Israel continue to fight until all the enemies in the south were conquered.

Joshua 10:40:

So Joshua defeated the whole land (of the south) ... he left none remaining, but utterly destroyed all that breathed, as the Lord God of Israel commanded.

God had helped Israel conquer their enemies in the middle of Canaan. Now we see that God helped them also to take the south of Canaan.

Which part of Canaan remained to be conquered? _____

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10. The north of Canaan still had to be taken. God would help Israel Conquer the enemies in the north too. Joshua 11 gives the names of some of the cities and kings. Jabin, king of Hazor, heard about Israel's victory in the south. He called together the kings of the north.

Joshua 11:4-5:

And they came out, with all their troops (or armies), a great host, in number like the sand that is upon the seashore, with very many horses and chariots. And all these kings joined their forces, and came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel.

Look back at the map. In what part of Canaan did the king of Hazor live? _____

In what part of Canaan were the waters of Merom? _____

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11. Hazor and the waters of Merom were in the north of Canaan. All the kings and their armies gathered to fight Israel. Again the Lord promised to help.

Joshua 11:6:

And the Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of them, for tomorrow at this time I will give over all of them, slain, to Israel.

God helped Israel conquer their enemies in the middle and south of Canaan. What could God help Israel do to their enemies in the north of Canaan?_____

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12. God would help Israel conquer the enemies in the north of Canaan. God told Joshua how to fight at the waters of Merom. Joshua obeyed all the commands of the Lord.

Joshua 11:7-9:

So Joshua came suddenly upon them with all his people of war by the waters of Merom, and fell upon them. And the Lord gave them (the enemies) into the hand of Israel, who smote them and chased them...until they left none remaining. And Joshua did to them as the Lord bade (or told) him.

After God helped Israel conquer the middle part of Canaan, what other parts did He help them take?

(1) The south

(2) _____

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13. God helped Israel conquer the south and north of Canaan. Joshua obeyed God, and Israel had victory over their enemies.

Joshua 11:15:

...so Joshua did; he left nothing undone of all that the Lord had commanded Moses.

Joshua 11:23:

So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord had spoken to Moses.

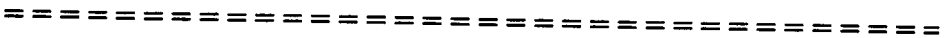
To whom had the Lord promised the whole land of Canaan through Moses and Joshua?_____

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14. God promised Israel the whole land of Canaan. We learned how God used Joshua to lead Israel into Canaan. We have learned how God used him to conquer the land. This does not mean that all of the enemies were driven out. Many enemies remained and lived in the land. We shall learn more about this tomorrow.

After God helped Israel conquer the middle part of Canaan, what other parts did He help them take?

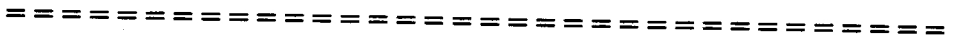
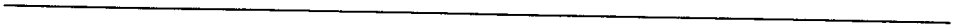
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15. He helped them take the south and the north of Canaan.

For the Christians, Canaan is a picture of the Christian life. The Lord Jesus wants each of us to have victory over our enemies.

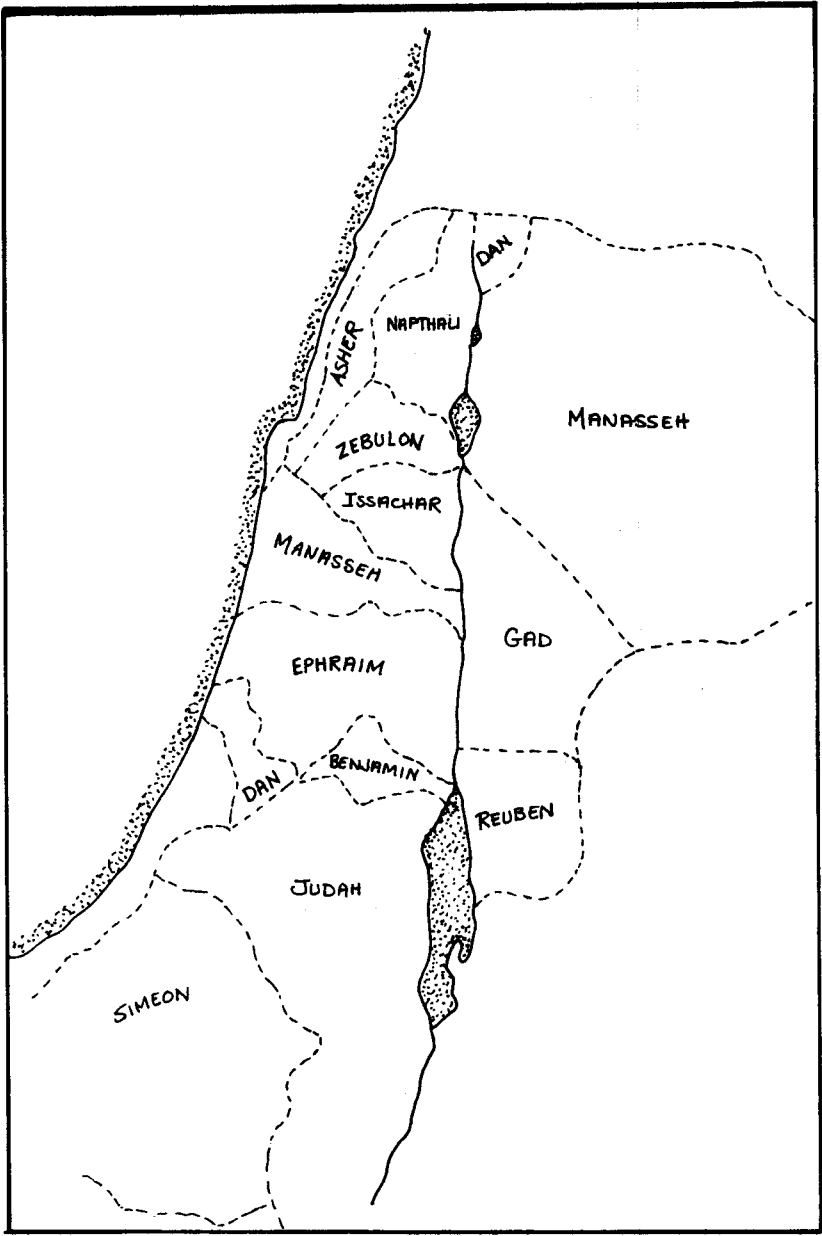
What are some of the enemies that a Christian must fight? _____



16. Perhaps you wrote fear, or pride, or anger. Perhaps you had other good answers. A Christian has many enemies. Be ready to talk about this in class.

After God helped Israel conquer the middle part of Canaan, what other parts did He help them take?

(1) _____ (2) _____



Canaan Was Divided Between the Tribes

WEEK 2: JOSHUA

DAY 5: CANAAN DIVIDED BETWEEN THE TRIBES

Joshua 13 to 24

1 This week we have been studying the book of Joshua. We have seen how God used Joshua to lead Israel into Canaan. We have learned how Israel conquered the middle part of Canaan first.

After God helped Israel conquer the middle part of Canaan, what other parts did He help them take?

(1) _____ (2) _____

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2. God helped Israel take the south and north of Canaan.

Today we are looking at the last 12 chapters of Joshua. This is where we find the last big story of this book. This story is how Canaan was divided between the tribes. Today we shall learn:

After Israel conquered Canaan God told Joshua to divide the land between the tribes of Israel.

Take your Bible now and read Joshua 13:1 to 7. Have you read it? _____

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3. Joshua was now an old man. You remember why God had chosen to use Joshua. It was because he was filled with God's Spirit and he obeyed God. God had used him to help the people of Israel enter Canaan. There was one more command that God gave Joshua.

Joshua 13:7:

Now therefore divide this land for an inheritance to the ... tribes.

From this verse, what did God tell Joshua to do with the land? _____

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4. God told Joshua to divide the land. He should divide it between the tribes. Many years before, God had spoken to Moses. He told him how the land should be divided. We can read about this in Numbers 26:52-56. A big tribe should have a big inheritance. A small tribe should have a small inheritance. Moses passed on these words to Joshua.

What nation had God helped so that they conquered the land of Canaan? _____

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5. God had helped Israel to do this. The nation of Israel was divided into 12 tribes. Now the land was to be divided between these tribes. The tribes of Reuben, Gad and half of Manasseh had already received their land from Moses. The land Moses gave them was on the east side of the River Jordan. Joshua should divide the land of Canaan for the rest of the tribes. Here are the names of the tribes of Israel:

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| _____ Reuben | _____ Issacher | _____ Benjamin |
| _____ Simeon | _____ Zebulon | _____ Gad |
| _____ Levi | _____ Dan | _____ Asher |
| _____ Manasseh | _____ Naphtali | _____ Ephraim |
| _____ Judah | | |

Look at the map on page 58. Find the land which was given to each of these tribes. As you find each tribe's land, write **yes** beside the name of that tribe.

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6. Joshua divided the land between the tribes of Israel as God told him. They could now say, "This is Judah's land. This is Dan's land." But one tribe did not receive any land.

Look at the list of the tribes. You wrote **yes** for each tribe which received land. Which tribe did not receive any land? _____

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7. When Joshua divided the land, the tribe of Levi was not given any. The reason for this is in the book of Deuteronomy.

Deuteronomy 18:1-2:

(God said) "The Levitical priests, that is, all the tribe of Levi, shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel; they shall eat the offerings by fire to the Lord ...; the Lord is their inheritance, as he promised them.

The Levites served God in the tabernacle. Some of them were priests.

From this verse, who was the inheritance of the Levites? _____

Between whom did Joshua divide the land of Canaan? _____

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8. God told Joshua to divide the land between the tribes. The Lord promised to be the inheritance of the Levites. God has set the Levites apart to serve Him in the tabernacle. God Himself promised to supply all their needs.

God has called some people to give Him their time today. They may be called to be pastors or evangelists, or to do some other work. God promises to supply all their needs.

Stop and think carefully. Has God called you to serve Him? _____

Do you believe God can supply all your needs? _____

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9. Be ready to talk about this in class.

Each tribe received land except the tribe of Levi. God had made a different plan for them. Each of the other tribes should give food to the Levites. Each tribe should also give them cities to live in. The Levites were given 48 cities in the land of Canaan. This is how God cared for the Levites.

Who had told Joshua to divide the land of Canaan? _____

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10. God told Joshua to divide the land between the tribes of Israel. But we read about one man who was different. He received a piece of land for himself. His name was Caleb, and Moses had promised him a piece of land.

Joshua 14:13-14:

Then Joshua blessed him (Caleb); and he gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance ... because he wholly followed the Lord, the God of Israel.

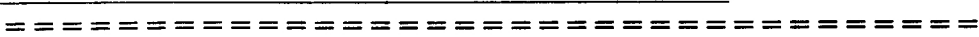
What did each tribe receive as their inheritance? _____

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11. Each tribe received land. Caleb received a piece of land for himself. This was because he followed the Lord completely.

If you have time, read the story of Caleb in Joshua 14:6 to 14.

What did God tell Joshua to do with the land of Canaan? _____

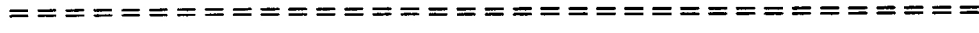


12. God told Joshua to divide the land between the tribes of Israel. This was the land of Canaan that God had promised to give them. God had kept His promise.

Joshua 21:43-45:

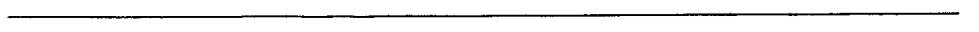
Thus the Lord gave to Israel all the land which he swore to give their fathers; and having taken possession of it they settled there....Not one of all the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel had failed; all came to pass.

God has promised us an inheritance some day . Read about it now in 1 Peter 1:3 to 5. Read again verse 4 again. Where is our inheritance kept? _____



13. Our inheritance is kept in heaven. We have been looking at the Book of History called Joshua. The book of Joshua tells us about the period of history called the Rule of God. We have seen how God chose Joshua to lead Israel into Canaan. Before Joshua died he gave a special message. They should love, serve, and obey God only. They should not mix with the heathen nations. Next week we will learn that Israel failed to obey.

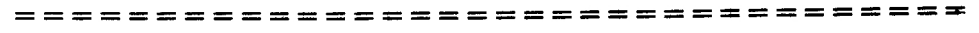
After Israel conquered Canaan, what did God tell Joshua to do with the land?



14. God told Joshua to divide it between the tribes of Israel. Each tribe received an inheritance. You have read about the inheritance in heaven. God has promised this to every believer.

Think about the inheritance in Canaan. Think about the inheritance in heaven. Read 1 Peter 1:3 to 5 again slowly and with prayer.

Begin to prepare a sermon on the believer's inheritance in heaven. Write down your thoughts on another paper. Be ready to share them in class.



15. After Israel conquered Canaan, what did God tell Joshua to do with the land? _____