

Home fellowship ideas for kids

Joshua 5



Eamon was coloring Joshua 5 pages during the initial part of the discussion and then showed everyone when he was done. When he heard parts of the story, he was coloring, we talked to him specifically about it and let him tell us about his pictures.

<https://www.bestcoloringpagesforkids.com/wp-content/uploads/2020/09/Battle-of-Jericho-Coloring-Page.png>

<https://coloringhome.com/joshua-coloring-page>

https://youtu.be/JqOqJIFF_eU this is a Bible project video where they draw the story out while they review and tell it – great for school age -could be a pre-teaching activity the week of- 8:47 long

The New Generation Circumcised----get two groups for the kings talk about who they are and each location—one more group of the Israelites crossing over- act out how everyone felt and how it happened.

5 As soon as all the **kings of the Amorites** who were beyond the Jordan to the west, and all the **kings of the Canaanites** ^awho were by the sea, ^bheard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan **for the people of Israel** until they had crossed over, their hearts ^cmelted and ^dthere was no longer any spirit in them because of the people of Israel.

Circumcision – **leave that to your discretion!** I highlighted some areas to emphasize about obedience, who was and was not going to the promise land and why

2 At that time the Lord said to Joshua, “Make ^sflint knives and circumcise the sons of Israel a second time.” **3** So Joshua made flint knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at Gibeath-haaraloth.¹**4** And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised them: **all the males of the people who came out of Egypt, all the men of war, had died in the wilderness on the way after they had come out of Egypt.** **5** Though all the people who came out had been circumcised, yet all the people who were born on the way in the wilderness after they had come out of Egypt had not been circumcised. **6** **For the people of Israel walked** ^uforty years in the wilderness, until all the nation, the men of war who came out of Egypt, perished, because they did not obey the voice of the Lord; the Lord ^vswore to them that he would not let them see the land that the Lord had sworn to their fathers to give to us, ^wa land

flowing with milk and honey. **7** So it was *their children, whom he raised up in their place, that Joshua circumcised. For they were uncircumcised, because they had not been circumcised on the way.

8 When the circumcising of the whole nation was finished, they remained in their places in the camp until they were healed. **9** And the Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away the ^yreproach of Egypt from you.” And so the name of that place is called ^zGilgal² to this day.

First Passover in Canaan—remind them of Passover and what they did to keep it

10 While the people of Israel were encamped at Gilgal, they kept the Passover ^aon the fourteenth day of the month in the evening on the plains of Jericho. **11** And the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate of the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. **12** And ^bthe manna ceased the day after they ate of the produce of the land. And there was no longer manna for the people



of Israel, but they ate of the fruit of the land of Canaan that year.

<https://i.pinimg.com/originals/58/3f/f3/583ff3a076c9456c5b32b6ab5667952e.jpg> map of Canaan at the

time of Joshua—I try to show a map when locations are mentioned to help them make sense of where we are talking about and to show them it is a real place.



The manna ceased – we always drop manna, talk about G-d providing and use it for a

little snack – but then it ceased. G-d had been providing for them but now it was time for them to participate and do something with the land they were being given.



They ate the produce of the land. They ate the fruit of the land of Canaan that year (

another snack opportunity, chance to explain “produce”, remind them of location of story.

The Commander of the Lord’s Army-- 2 characters can act this out – Joshua and the Commander – who is the commander really? Discussion point.

13 When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, ^ca man was standing



before him ^dwith his drawn sword in his hand.

(sword courtesy of Grant- but I am sure a toy sword, or even a pool noodle would do!)

And Joshua went to him and said to him, “Are you for us, or for our adversaries?” **14** And he said, “No; but I am the commander of the army of the Lord. Now I have come.” And Joshua ^efell on his face to the earth and worshiped³ and said to him, “What does my lord say to his servant?” (act out)

15 And the commander of the Lord’s army said to Joshua, ^f“Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy.” And Joshua did so. (act out).



Remind them where he was standing – why was it holy?

You may want to start taking your own pictures of your homegroup activities. It makes a great review and will help them to remember. How fun to have a walk through the Bible scrapbook of them participating and then being able to retell what they did and why it was important!

As always, if you want other ideas or clarification, just send me an email!

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