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### Lesson #7: JOSHUA'S FAREWELL CHALLENGE (Joshua 23 – 24)



The Bible says that Joshua had trusted God and He had helped the Israelites to defeat the strong nations in Canaan.

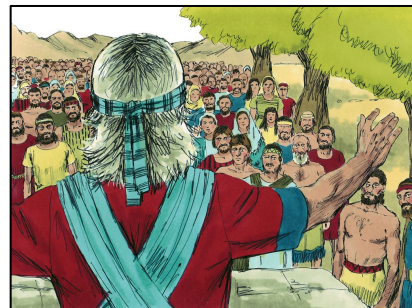
They were now able to live in the land God had promised them.

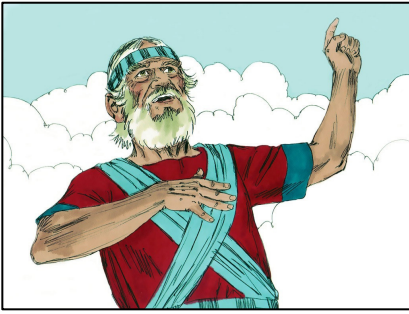


Each tribe got their own land.



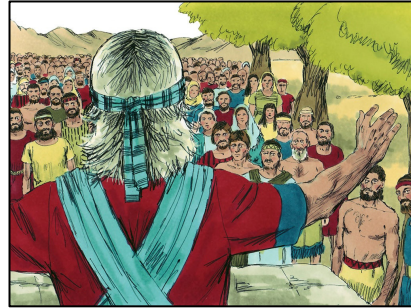
Joshua was now an old man.  
He called together the leaders  
of the people.





Joshua said, "I am an old man. Soon I shall die. You have seen what the Lord your God has done for you. Make sure you obey God's laws. Do not worship the false gods of the people that are still living in the land. If you do, God's anger will rise against you."

He said, "Choose for yourselves whom you will serve... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."



The people replied, "We will not serve other gods! We will serve the Lord our God and obey Him." Joshua wrote the people's words in the book of the laws of God.



Joshua died at the age of 110.



The nation of Israel obeyed the Lord throughout the lifetimes of Joshua and the other old men who had seen the amazing things the Lord had done for them.

Just as God was faithful to Israel, He will be faithful to you too! Choose every day who you will serve! **Following God is the best choice you can ever make!**

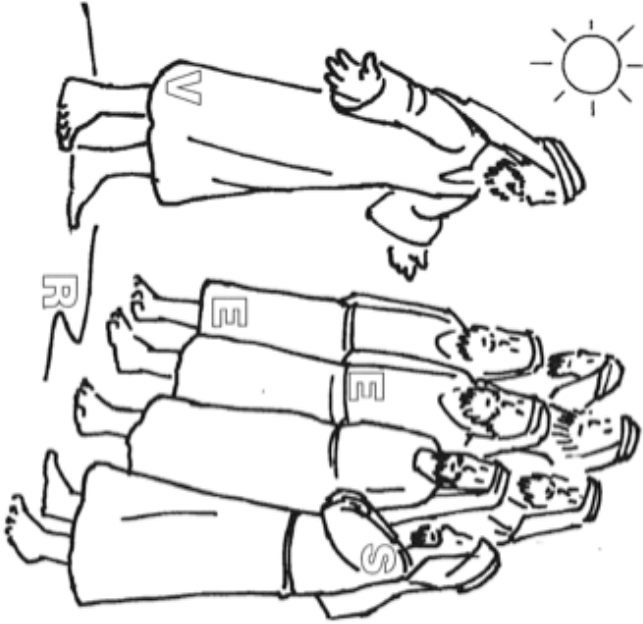


PARIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY

Joshua said to all the people: "Now fear the LORD and serve Him with all faithfulness.

Find the letters hidden in the picture.

S E R V E



Throw away the gods your elders worshiped ... in Egypt, and serve the LORD.

But if serving the LORD is not what you want to do, then choose ... whom you will serve. ...

Write the letter "e" on each of the blanks below.

But as for

m\_\_\_\_ and my

hous\_\_\_\_hold,

w\_\_\_\_ will s\_\_\_\_rv\_\_\_\_

th\_\_\_\_ LORD."



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY



The tribes are named for the 12 sons of Jacob (Israel.)

Notice: the tribe of Levi didn't get its own land. The Levites were the priests. So, they lived in homes spread among each of the other tribes. "Joseph" isn't on the list because his land was divided among his sons – Ephraim and Manasseh.

**Copy the names of the tribes:**

- |          |           |
|----------|-----------|
| 1. _____ | 7. _____  |
| 2. _____ | 8. _____  |
| 3. _____ | 9. _____  |
| 4. _____ | 10. _____ |
| 5. _____ | 11. _____ |
| 6. _____ | 12. _____ |

UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY

Read Joshua 23: 5-12 in your Bible. Fill in the blanks.

**The PROMISE:  
(Verse 5)**

Joshua tells the Israelites that \_\_\_\_\_ will help to drive out the people of the Land of Canaan,



“So that you can take \_\_\_\_\_ of your \_\_\_\_\_.”

**The INSTRUCTIONS:  
(Verse 6)**

“Be very \_\_\_\_\_; be careful to \_\_\_\_\_ all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left.”

**The CONSEQUENCES if they DISOBEY:**

In (Verses 11 – 13) Joshua tells the Israelites that if they turn away from God and worship the idols of the Canaanites, He will not help them!



**THINK ABOUT THIS:**

God gave **PROMISES, INSTRUCTIONS and CONSEQUENCES.**

What can **YOU** learn from this lesson?

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