



Trust God and Keep Going!

Joshua Learns to Trust and Obey | Joshua 11:6-9, 16-23

REMEMBER

"Be not afraid because of them:" Joshua 11:6 (KJV, excerpt)

Have you ever looked at a difficult task and wondered how you could do it? Joshua faced a much bigger challenge: he led Israel during a time of war, and a large army gathered against them. God told Joshua not to be afraid and promised to help him.

Joshua listened and followed God's direction. The work took time, and Joshua had to keep going. The chapter ends with the people receiving their land and the land resting from war. For us today, this lesson is about trusting God and making faithful choices. It is not a reason to fight other people. Jesus teaches us to love and pray for others.

1. Bring your fears to God

Joshua 11:6

God knew the challenge Joshua faced. He spoke to him and told him not to be afraid. Joshua could trust the One who had promised to help.

Try this: When a task feels too big, tell God how you feel. Ask a parent, caregiver, or teacher for help with your next step.

2. Listen and put the lesson into practice

Joshua 11:7-9

Joshua listened to God's direction and followed it. He needed more than brave words; he needed to act faithfully.

Try this: Choose one thing you know is right, such as telling the truth, keeping a promise, or helping with a task. Put it into practice today.



Keep Going and Choose Kindness

3. Keep going and give thanks

Joshua 11:18; class discussion

The campaign took a long time. Deacon Childs reminded the class to keep depending on God and to give Him credit for His help.

Try this: If learning something takes time, ask for help and try the next step. Thank God and the people who support you.

4. Receive rest and choose kindness

Joshua 11:23; lesson application

The chapter closes with the land resting from war. In the class, Deacon Childs also reminded everyone that Jesus teaches love and prayer for others.

Try this: When someone upsets you, pause before answering. Use kind words and ask a trusted adult for help. You can be honest about a problem without being mean.

What Can We Learn?

- Tell God what worries you and ask a trusted adult for help.
- Show faith by doing the next right thing.
- Keep learning, even when a task takes time.
- Thank God for His help and treat people with kindness.

Weekly Challenge

- Say the memory-verse excerpt with a parent, caregiver, or teacher.
- Practice one task that has been difficult, with help if you need it.
- Use a kind response during a disagreement.
- At the end of the week, name one thing you are thankful for.



My Trust-and-Obey Plan

Draw four boxes on a sheet of paper. Label them Pray, Listen, Take a Step, and Give Thanks. Write or draw one challenge and the help you need. In each box, show how you will respond this week. Share your plan with a trusted adult and ask them to encourage you.

Pray

Listen

Take a Step

Give Thanks

Prayer

Dear God, thank You for loving me and hearing me. Help me bring You my worries, listen to Your Word, and do what is right. Give me patience when learning is hard. Help me ask for help, thank those who care for me, and show kindness to others. In Jesus' name, Amen.

What I Learned

What difficult task will you work on this week, and how can you trust God and show kindness while you do it?



Youth Sunday School Questions

Name: _____ Date: _____

Choose one answer for each question. Use the website to submit your answers and reflection privately to the church.

1. Who was leading Israel in this lesson?

- A. Noah
- B. David
- C. Peter
- D. Joshua

2. What did God tell Joshua when the large army gathered?

- A. Do not be afraid
- B. Stop listening to Me
- C. You must do everything alone
- D. Forget what I have told you

3. What did Joshua do with God's directions?

- A. Ignored them
- B. Listened and followed them
- C. Hid them from God
- D. Changed them to please everyone

4. What happened at the end of Joshua 11:23?

- A. Joshua went back to Egypt
- B. The people stopped thanking God
- C. The land rested from war
- D. The people built a tower to heaven

5. Which choice practices this lesson today?

- A. Be mean to anyone who disagrees
- B. Give up whenever learning takes time
- C. Take all the credit when someone helps
- D. Pray, do what is right, and respond with kindness

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