In the Beginning...Jesus

Lesson 23
God Leads Israel into the Promised Land

Themes:
- God is faithful to all His promises.
- God promised to send Israel a new Prophet.
- God chose Joshua to lead His people into the Promised Land.
- God's people must trust and obey Him in all things.

Scripture:
Deuteronomy 18:15; portions of Joshua

Memory Verse:
John 1:4 (and review verses 1-3)

Today's Clue:
GOD'S PROPHET

Home and Heart:
Read Joshua 1:6, 7, 9, 18. What key theme is repeated in these verses? Why are the people reminded of this again and again? Why should they be strong and courageous? Should they be strong and courageous because they are a great people and can defeat anybody? Read and discuss verse 5. These words were written for the people of Israel long ago as they faced a terrible enemy. Are these words still true today? Can you think of situations when verse 9 would be important for your own life?

Look at a family photo album. Point out that the photos show real events and are reminders of vacations, birthdays, weddings, etc. Why is it important to remember these important events? What do they help us understand? Read Joshua 23:14. Pretend you are an Israelite living back in the times of Moses and Joshua. What would you take pictures of? What would these pictures remind you of? How would these pictures prove God's faithfulness, mercy, and goodness? How has God shown this verse to still be true today? Read verses 15-16. What do these verses warn Israel about? Do some people assume they can receive all the good things God has promised without trusting and obeying Him? What might this look like? Are there things you have a hard time trusting God for? Why? How can God's words, written long ago to the Israelites, encourage you to trust and obey Him today?

Read Hebrews 11:1-2, 17-31. What is the common theme in these verses? How did Rahab, who was born a Canaanite, become part of God's covenant people? Is there a way for you to become a part of God's covenant people? How? Read and talk about Galatians 3:6-9, 26-29.



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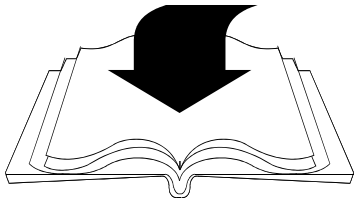

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"We're finally here!" Imagine what the Israelites must have felt like as they stepped into the Promised Land. God is faithful to all His promises! But there was a lot of work ahead of them. Trusting God to keep His promises did not mean Israel could just sit back and relax. They had to be obedient to His command to go throughout the land and drive out their enemies who were not worshipers of God. This week, read Joshua 2-3; 5:13-6:27; 7; and 23. Then, write the missing names to "Who said it?" below. All of the quotes will be found in the texts that you read (ESV).

Who said it ?



"For the LORD your God, He is God in the heavens above and on the earth below." _____

"If you do not tell this business of ours, then when the LORD gives us the land we will deal kindly and faithfully with you." _____

"Take off your sandals from your feet, for the place where you are standing is holy." _____

"See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its kings and mighty men of valor." _____

"Shout! For the LORD has given you the city!" _____

"Truly I have sinned against The LORD God of Israel..." _____

"Be very careful, therefore, to love the LORD your God." _____