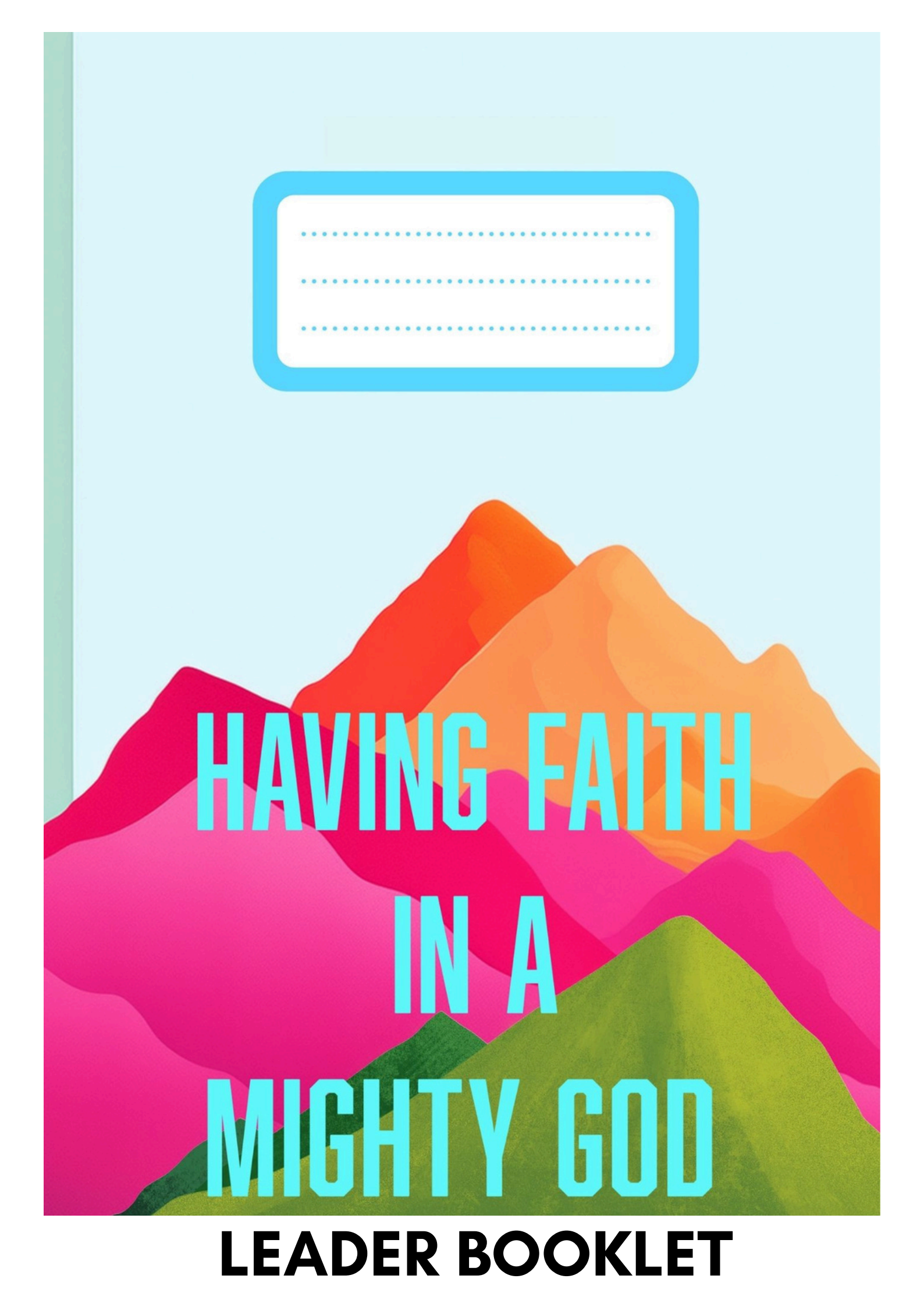




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HAVING FAITH IN A MIGHTY GOD

LEADER BOOKLET

Do you know that we serve a **MIGHTY** God?

We are going to discover what it means to have faith in our mighty God as we journey through the exciting Book of Joshua!

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE FAITH?

Faith means trusting God, even when you can't see what is going to happen. In Hebrews 11:1 it says "Faith shows the reality of what we hope for; it is the evidence of things we cannot see."

It's believing that God is with you, God loves you, and God will help you, even when something feels scary.

God had promised the Israelites a special land called the Promised Land. But before they could get there, they had to leave Egypt, where they had been slaves for many years.

God rescued His people from Egypt and led them towards the Promised Land. However, when they reached the land, they became afraid and did not trust God. They were scared of the people living there and did not believe that God would help them. Because they did not trust and obey God, they had to wander in the wilderness for 40 years before entering the Promised Land.

In the Book of Joshua, we see how the Israelites had to have faith and trust God. God told Joshua and the Israelites in Joshua 1:9 to "be strong and courageous" as they entered the Promised Land.

They didn't know everything that would happen, but they chose to trust God and follow His instructions. Their journey to the Promised Land teaches us an important lesson, to have faith and trust God, even when we are afraid or don't know what will happen. God is always faithful to His promises!



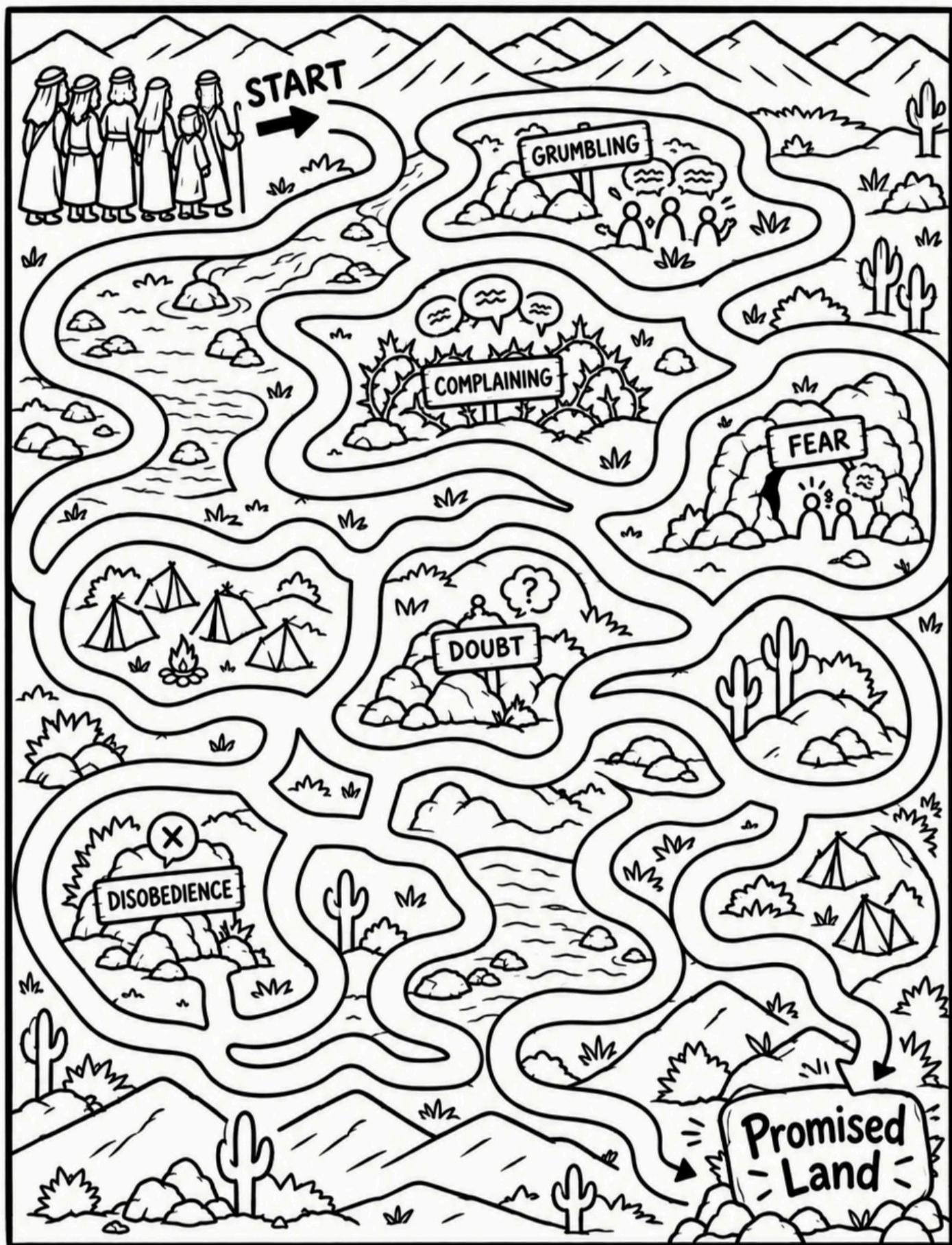
TEACHERS NOTE:

- Explain what it means to have faith. Faith is more than only just believing in God. It is also fully trusting in Him even when we don't know what is going to happen. Our actions show our faith when we completely obey Him.
- God promised to give the Israelites a special land chosen just for them which is often called the Promised Land. Later when they were slaves in Egypt they cried out to God to rescue them and He did. But still the Israelites did not trust and obey God and they ended up wondering in the wilderness for 40 years. They doubted God and often complained and grumbled. They even wanted to return to Egypt, where they had been slaves.
- Remember our verse in Hebrews 11:1 Faith is not about what we can see but it's about having faith in God even when we don't know what the outcome will be.
- We can have faith because He is a mighty God and He will do what He promises.

What the children do:

- Children read Hebrews 11:1 from their Bible

Draw a path to help the Israelites reach the Promised Land:



TEACHER NOTE:

- Help the children realize that by not having faith the Israelites delayed what God had promised them.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Get the children to follow the path as you go through the maze lead them through the obstacles the Israelites went through and how much easier it would have been for them if they had Faith
- Complete the maze to help the Israelites to get to the Promised Land.

Turn to Joshua 1:9 in the Bible and fill in the missing words:

"Be _____ and _____. Do not be afraid; do not be _____, for the _____ your God is with you _____ you go."



Scratch the sticker to find out how many times in the Bible God tells us to not be afraid:

365

Wow! What a reminder that we don't have to be afraid we can trust God every day!

Think of a time when you needed to be brave and have faith, write it down here to remember...



TEACHERS NOTE:

- Discuss that Joshua did not need to be afraid because God promised to always be with Him just as He is always with us. *When we read the verse we see that God is commanding us to be strong and courageous . “This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9*
- The Bible repeatedly tells us not to be afraid but rather to trust God. We can remember this, as there are 365 reminders in the Bible which is one for everyday!

CHILDREN’S NOTE:

- Find the verse and fill in the missing words to complete Joshua 1:9
- Scratch the sticker to reveal the number of times the Bible tells us not to be afraid.
- Children write their own times when they needed to be brave and have faith.

FOR EACH SCENARIO BELOW CIRCLE WHETHER YOU WILL CHOOSE FAITH OR FEAR:

Faith: I don't know what will happen, but I know God is with me.

Fear: I don't know what will happen so I won't try.

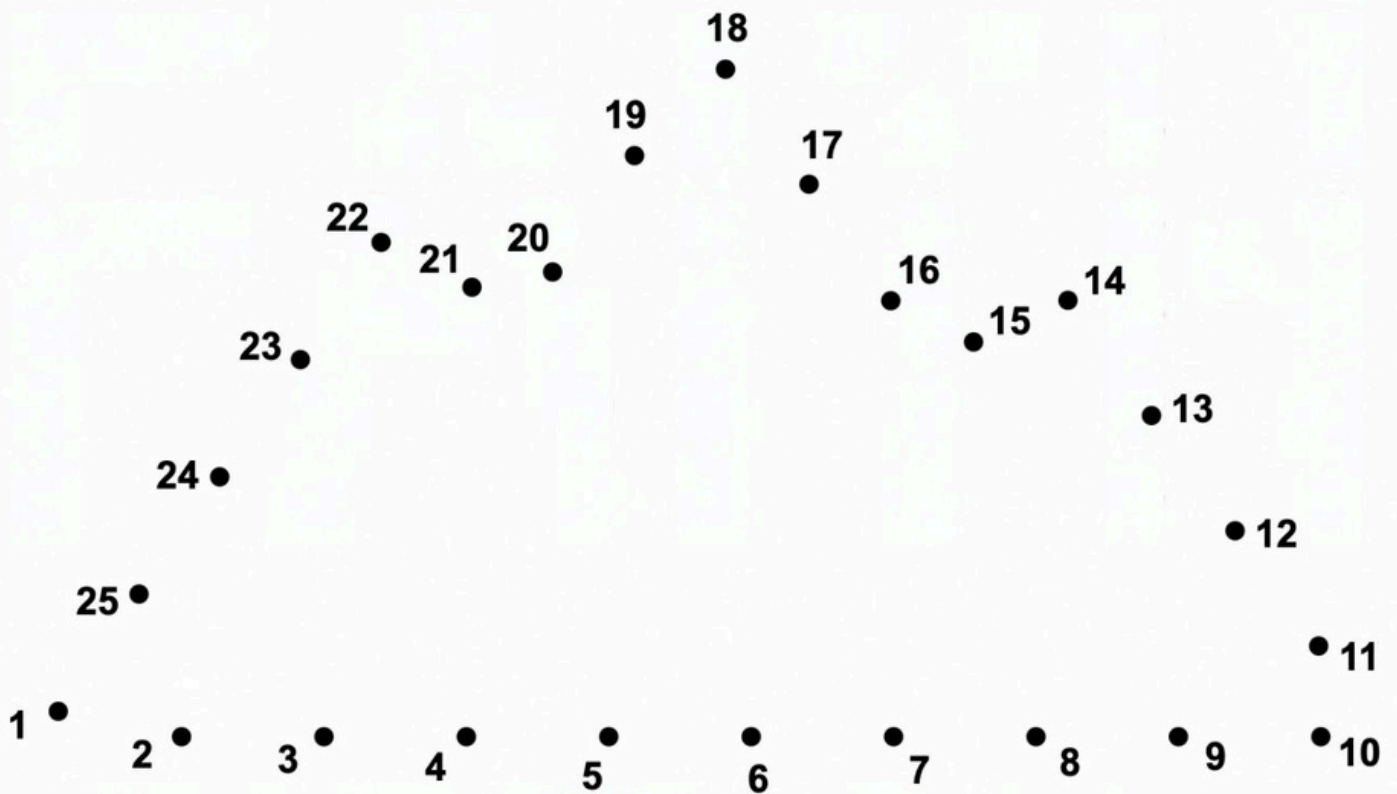
Fear: This is too difficult. I should just give up.

Faith: This is difficult, but I know God will help me.

Faith: I'm nervous, but I'll pray and trust God.

Fear: I'm nervous so will worry about everything that could go wrong.

JOIN THE DOTS TO REVEAL A PICTURE THAT REMINDS US TO HAVE FAITH NOT FEAR:



"I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."

Matthew 17:20

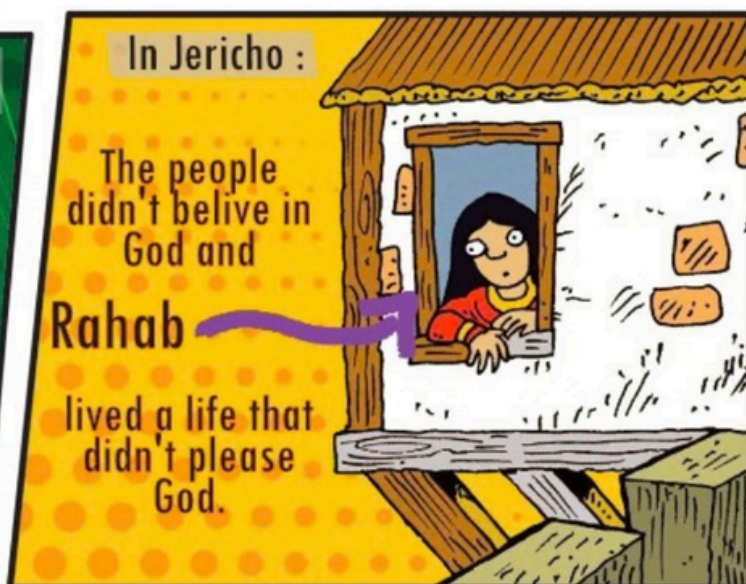
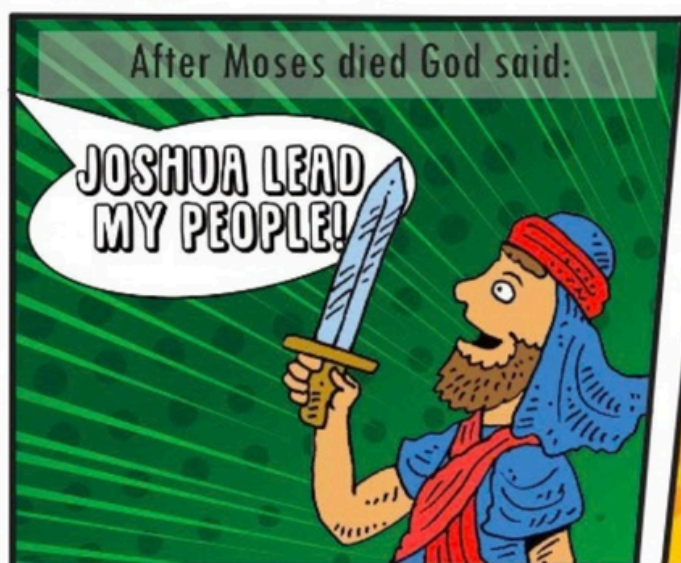
TEACHERS NOTE:

- No matter the situation we need to choose faith over fear because our faith is in a mighty God.
- Read Matthew 17:20 together *"You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."* When Jesus says that faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains, He is replying to the disciples, who are asking why they could not do what Jesus had been doing and knew was good to do (casting out evil spirits). This helps us see that it is not about moving physical mountains from place to place, but rather about having complete faith and trust in God to do what He says and what is impossible for us to do on our own.
- Use the mustard seeds to show the children how small of faith is required to do great things for Jesus.
- Great things are achieved by God when we trust and obey Him.

CHILDREN'S NOTE:

- Go through the scenarios and circle whether you will choose faith or fear.
- Join the dots to reveal the picture of the mountain which reminds us of the verse in Matthew 17:20.

Read the story of Rahab from Joshua 2 in the comic strip below.



TEACHERS NOTE:

- When it was time for the Israelites to take the Promised Land, Joshua sent two spies to explore Jericho. Rahab hid them and helped them escape, and in return, they promised to protect her and her family.
- Even though Rahab's life was sinful and did not please God she was still important to Him. Rahab knew she needed rescuing and trusted that God would.
- If the children ask what a prostitute is you can explain as follows that Rahab had a job where men would pay to spend time with her in a way that God intended for marriage only.
- Ask the children the question do they think God will rescue her and her family before answering the questions.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Read the story of Rahab in the comic strip found in Joshua 2.



DO YOU THINK GOD WILL RESCUE HER AND HER FAMILY?

WHY WERE RAHAB AND THE PEOPLE OF JERICHO AFRAID OF THE ISRAELITES?

Read Joshua 2:9

"I (*know/hope/think*) that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you."

Rahab had heard about the Israelites and knew that God had given them the Promised Land. She **knew** that the God of Israel was powerful, and this made the people of Jericho afraid.

Knowing that God gives us the victory can help our faith grow!

WHAT HAD RAHAB AND THE CANAANITES HEARD THAT GOD HAD DONE?

Read Joshua 2:10

"We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed."

They had heard how _____

They had also heard how _____

Rahab didn't just hear about what God had done she believed in who God was.

When we remember what God has done, it helps us trust Him with what He will do next.

TEACHERS NOTE:

- Rahab had faith and hid the spies and was told to hang a scarlet rope when they returned, so they knew where her and her family were. She obeyed and followed the instructions and this showed how she had faith.
- God is a faithful God and if He says He will rescue we can trust that He will keep His promise.
- We can see in Joshua 2:9 that Rahab knew that God had saved them from Egypt and knew God would give them the victory again.
- Rahab knew that the God of Israel was powerful and that He had given them the Promised Land, and this made the people of Jericho afraid.
- Knowing that God gives us the victory can help our faith grow!
- Read Joshua 2:10 to answer the two questions *They had **heard** how God had parted the Red Sea and rescued His people from Egypt. They had also **heard** how God had helped the Israelites defeat powerful kings.*
- Rahab didn't just hear about what God had done she believed in who God was.
- When we remember what God has done, it helps us trust Him with what He will do next.
- Rahab had heard so much about what God had done. This reminds us how important our testimonies are to help others have faith.
- Remember faith is more than just believing what is said about God is true, it is trusting and showing this in our actions just like Rahab did.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Read Joshua 2:9 and circle the correct word.
- Read Joshua 2:10 and fill in what the Canaanites had heard God had done and fill in what they heard happened to the Kings.

WHO IS OUR GOD?

Read Joshua 2:11

"No wonder our hearts have melted in fear! No one has the courage to fight after hearing such things. For the Lord your God is the supreme God of the heavens above and the earth below."

Was God just great?

Was God just powerful?

No! He is

SUPREME!



To be **supreme** means having the highest rank, power, status, or greatest possible degree. God is above everyone and everything. There is no one like Him!

So when we put our faith in God, we aren't putting our trust in just anyone.

We are trusting the God who made heaven and earth, who keeps His promises, and who is greater than anything we could ever face.

Knowing who God is and remembering what He has done should make our faith grow!

God gave Israel the land of Jericho, but Rahab and her family were saved because she chose to have faith in God



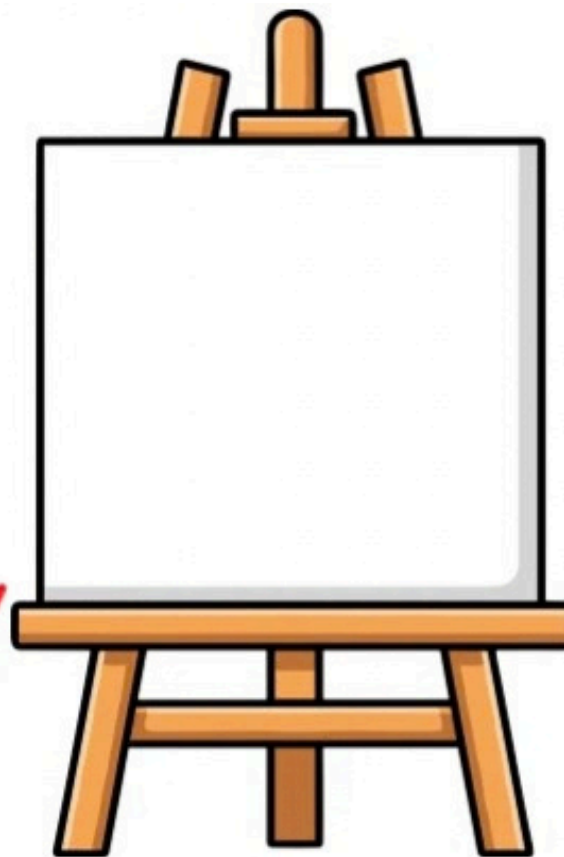
TEACHER NOTES:

- Read Joshua 2:11 which explains how God is supreme. Supreme means, having the highest rank power or status. God is supreme above everything no one comes even close. Just like Rahab put her trust in God we don't put our trust in anyone either, we place our trust in God the creator of heaven and earth, who always keeps His promises and knowing this helps our faith to grow.
- God was faithful and Rahab and her family were saved.

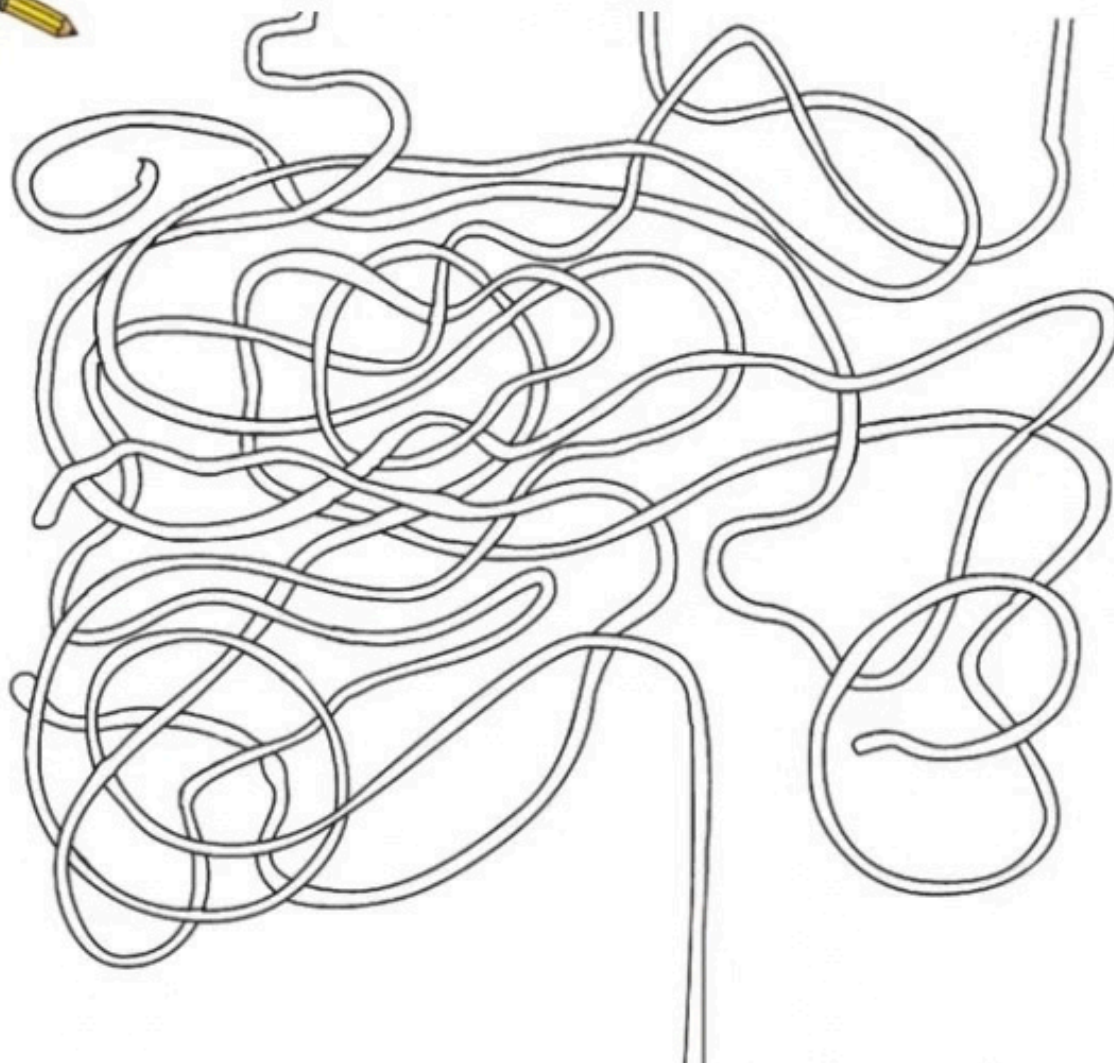
WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Fill in the word supreme.

Rahab didn't live a perfect life, but she heard about God, believed in Him, and chose to trust Him. Her faith gave her the courage to help the Israelite spies, and God rescued her and her family when Jericho was destroyed. God had a special purpose for Rahab, and He has a purpose for you too! Rahab is even mentioned in the family line of Jesus. What an amazing reminder that God's plans are far greater than we can imagine and that He can use anyone for His purposes! Draw yourself doing something that could help someone else and show God's love!



COLOUR THE RIGHT ROPE IN AND HELP RAHAB MAKE THE CHOICE THAT WILL SAVE HER LIFE.



SAFE!

TEACHER NOTES:

- Rahab was obedient to what the spies had asked her to do. Sometimes God is asking us to be obedient with specific things and we need to listen and obey.
- Our obedience can impact others.
- Rahab is also mentioned in the lineage of Jesus we can find this in Matthew 1:5. God has a purpose and a plan over our lives far bigger than we can ever imagine and He can and wants to use all of us, we just need to be obedient.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Draw themselves doing something that could help someone else and show God's love.
- Colour the right rope in to help Rahab make the choice that will save their life.

Rahab knew that she needed to be rescued.

She trusted that the God of Israel was powerful enough to save her and her family.

Do you think Rahab was right to have faith that God would rescue her?

Do you think that we need rescuing from anything?

We need rescuing from:

SIN

Sin is when we choose to do things our own way instead of God's way.

Maybe you tell a little lie because you don't want to get into trouble.

Maybe you disobey when your parents aren't looking.

Maybe you cheat because you really want to win.

You might think, It's okay. Nobody knows!

But God knows. And sin is a bigger problem than we sometimes realise. Sin separates us from God, and we cannot fix the problem of sin all by ourselves.

So who can rescue us?

Let's read Galatians 1:4 and fill in the missing words:

" _____ gave His life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to _____ us from this evil world in which we live."



Jesus is our Rescuer!

Jesus took the punishment for our sins when He died on the cross. And then He came alive again! He defeated sin and death.

Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven and brought back into a relationship with God.

When we put our faith in Jesus and choose to follow Him, we can trust Him to rescue us from our sin.

Wow! Jesus really is the greatest Rescuer!

TEACHER NOTES:

- Rahab knew that she needed to be rescued and she trusted God to rescue her and her family.
- Sin is when we choose to do things our own way instead of God's way. Maybe you tell a little lie because you don't want to get into trouble. Maybe you disobey when your parents aren't looking. Maybe you cheat because you really want to win. You might think, "It's okay, nobody knows!". But God knows. And sin is a bigger problem than we sometimes realise. Sin separates us from God, and we cannot fix the problem of sin without Jesus.
- *Jesus gave His life for our sins, just as God our Father planned, in order to rescue us from this evil world in which we live. Galatians 1:4*
- Jesus is our Rescuer! Jesus took the punishment for our sins when He died on the cross. And then He came alive again! He defeated sin and death. Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven and brought back into a relationship with God. When we put our faith in Jesus and choose to follow Him, we can trust Him to rescue us from our sin. Wow! Jesus really is the greatest Rescuer!

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Do they think it was right for Rahab to have faith that God would rescue her? Yes
- Do you think we need rescuing from anything? Yes
- Go over the dots to reveal the word *SIN*.
- Read Galatians 1:4 and fill in the missing words from the verse. *Jesus and rescue.*

The Bible is full of reminders that God is faithful!
Look up each verse below and fill in the missing words.

If you believe in
[redacted]
you will have
eternal life.
John 3:36

God will never
[redacted] you.
Deuteronomy 31:6

God works
[redacted] things
together for the good
of those who [redacted]
Him and are
called by Him.
Romans 8:28

God will
take care
of all your
[redacted]
Matthew 6:26-34

Do not
[redacted]
God is with you.
Isaiah 41:10

JESUS

LOVE

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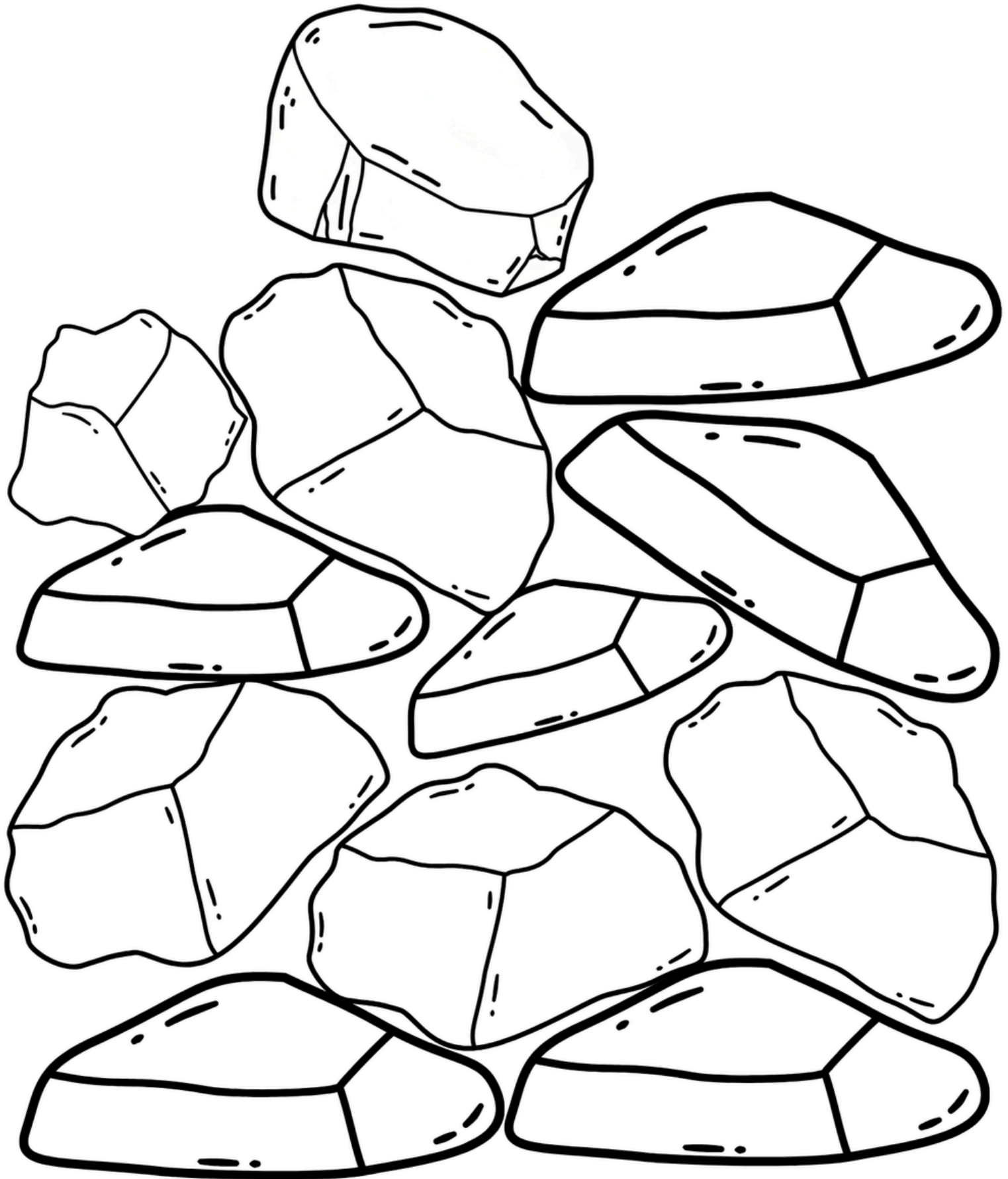
TEACHER NOTES:

- Go through all of the verses found on the page.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Look up each verse and fill in the missing words:
- John 3:36 - *Jesus*
- Deuteronomy 31:6 - *leave*
- Romans 8:28 - *all + love*
- Matthew 6:26-34 - *needs*
- Isaiah 41:10 - *fear*

Read Joshua 4: 1 - 9. We see that after God helped the Israelites cross the Jordan River, He told them to take 12 stones and set them up as a reminder of what He had done. When their children asked about the stones, they could tell them the story of God's faithfulness. Use the stones below to write or draw 12 things you are grateful to God for. Remember all the amazing things He has done for you!



TEACHERS NOTE:

- Read Joshua 4:1 –9 in their Bibles.
- After the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, God told Joshua to choose twelve men, one from each tribe, to collect twelve stones from the river. They built a memorial with the stones to remind them of how God had stopped the river and helped them cross safely. The stones would help them remember God's faithfulness and tell generations what He had done.
- Give the children a quiet moment to think about what they are grateful to God for and write down or draw those twelve things on the stones.
- Remind them that, just like the Israelites, we can look back and remember what God has done. He is faithful, and we can always trust Him.
- Then give each of the children a stone to write their names on to take home to remember all that God has done.

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Write or draw twelve things they are grateful to God for in the stones on the page.
- Write their name on the stone and fill it with things they are thankful God has done for them. Keep it as a reminder of His goodness!



THE FALL OF JERICO

Read Joshua 6:1-17 to answer the following questions

1) What was God's battle plan? Circle what God told Joshua to do.



SHOUT



2) Is this how you normally win a battle?

3) Do you think Joshua should have faith in God that they will win this way? Why?

4) It wasn't the horn, shout or marching that would make them win it was ... (Joshua 6:2)

5) Complete the sentence: Joshua (obeyed/disobeyed) God (kind of/ completely) and God gave them (hope/victory) just like He promised.

Rahab's city had now been destroyed! She was right to have faith that God would rescue her!

COMPLETE THE ACTIVITY BELOW TO DISCOVER A BIBLE VERSE THAT REMINDS US EXACTLY WHAT WE SHOULD DO WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN.



SECRET CODE

Use the key below to work out the verse.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
N	O	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z

PROVERBS 3:5



TEACHERS NOTE:

- Sometimes having faith can be scary because we don't always know what is going to happen. Read Joshua 6:1-17.
- God told Joshua that He would give Jericho to the Israelites. He instructed them to march around the city once a day for six days and seven times on the seventh day. On the seventh day the priests blew their trumpets, the people shouted, and the walls of Jericho came crashing down! The city had strong, tall walls that seemed impossible to overcome, but the Israelites trusted God and followed His instructions and on the seventh day the walls came down!
- The Israelites didn't know how God was going to make the walls fall. They couldn't see what was going to happen, but they chose to trust God and follow His instructions. And God did exactly what He promised! When the walls of Jericho came crashing down, the Israelites saw that God was faithful. The Israelites had to trust God even when they didn't understand His plan. We can do the same!

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Read Joshua 6:1 - 17 then answer the questions about The Fall of Jericho.
- Complete the secret code activity where each picture has a letter from the alphabet. Once complete, the verse will be revealed.
 - Proverbs 3:5 *"Trust in the Lord with all your heart."*

A PROMISE FOR US

Who did the Israelites need to have faith in?

Who helped them defeat their enemies?

Who kept His promise and gave them the Promised Land?

GOD DID IT ALL!

The Israelites needed to trust God and follow Him.

But what about us?

Has God promised us an inheritance too?

Read 1 Peter 1:5-5 and fill in what God has promised us:

God has promised us an inheritance that is even greater than the Promised Land!

Because of our sin, we are separated from God and cannot earn this inheritance on our own.

But Jesus changed everything!

Jesus died for our sins and rose again so that we can have eternal life with God. Our inheritance is not a land filled with milk and honey it is life with God in His perfect Kingdom forever!

Just like the Israelites had to trust God, we can choose to put our faith in Jesus and follow Him.

WILL YOU TRUST AND FOLLOW JESUS?

TICK THE BLOCK FOR WHICH WE CAN HAVE FAITH FOR



☐ I can trust God when I am scared.



☐ I can trust God even when I don't understand.



☐ I can follow God even when things are difficult.



☐ I can be brave because God is always with me.



☐ I can remember that God keeps His promises.

TEACHER NOTES:

- Read through the questions in the circles and answer that God did it all.
- God has promised us an inheritance that is even greater than the Promised Land! Because of our sin, we are separated from God and cannot earn this inheritance on our own. But Jesus changed everything! Jesus died for our sins and rose again so that we can have eternal life with God. Our inheritance is not a land filled with milk and honey it is life with God in His perfect Kingdom forever!
- Just like the Israelites had faith and trusted God we too can have faith and trust in Him and He invites us into a relationship with Him.
- If a child would like to accept Jesus here are some verses you can use:
 - Admit that you have sinned and ask God to forgive you.
Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23, 1 John 1:9
 - Believe that Jesus died for your sins and rose again.
John 3:16, 1 Corinthians 15:3-4, Romans 5:8
 - Choose to follow Jesus and let Him lead your life.
Romans 10:9, Proverbs 3:5-6

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Read 1 Peter 1:3-5 and fill in what God has promised us.
- Tick the blocks for which we can have faith for.

FIND ALL THE WORDS



WORSHIP
 OBEY
 GOD
 PROMISES
 MIGHTY
 FAITH
 COURAGEOUS
 PRAY
 BRAVE
 STRONG



Throughout the stories we have read in Joshua, we have seen that God is faithful. We can trust Him because He always keeps His promises.

Can you match each person or group of people to how God was faithful?
Draw a line to connect them!

THE
ISRAELITES

He trusted God and followed His instructions, and God was faithful to him by giving him the strength and courage to lead the Israelites to the Promised Land.

RAHAB

God brought them into the Promised Land, just as He had promised.

THE
ISRAELITES

They trusted God and followed His instructions, even when they couldn't see how the walls of Jericho would fall. and after seven days, the walls fell!

JOSHUA

She trusted God and kept her promise to protect the spies. God was faithful and saved her and her whole family when Jericho was destroyed.

TEACHER NOTES:

- We can have faith in a mighty God who always keeps His promises!

WHAT THE CHILDREN DO:

- Find all the words hidden in the wordsearch.
- Match the person or group of people to how God was faithful.

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