

## THE THREAD | BEGINNINGS

### Lesson 13: Joshua And The Promised Land

Dear Parents,

We just completed our 13th and final lesson, looking at *Beginnings* in our study of the big-picture story of the Bible called *The Thread: Discovering the Thread of the Gospel Through the Big-Picture Story of the Bible*. This lesson was entitled “Joshua and the Promised Land.” We live in a world that does not put a premium on the word FAITHFUL. Whether it is in relationships, in the workplace, or at school, we all know what it’s like to experience the sting of unfaithfulness. In this lesson, your student learned about the faithfulness of God.

**Lesson Overview:** The time had come. After 40 years of wandering in the wilderness, God was ready to allow the Israelites to cross over the Jordan River into the Promised Land. Moses had died, and a new leader had been appointed. Joshua would lead God’s people. Once again, God parted a body of water to lead His people even closer to the land they had been promised. In this lesson, students will see that God is always faithful. He kept His promise to provide an earthly home for the Israelites, and He would soon begin to reveal His plan to prepare an eternal home for all people through Jesus.

**What We Want Your Teenager To Learn:** See how God was faithful in keeping His promise of a homeland to the Israelites and be reminded that, in Jesus, God came to be among His children in the flesh.

**What We Want Your Teenager To Do With What They’ve Learned:** Consider how Jesus’ life on earth changed their life and humankind forever.

**Scripture Passages We Studied:** Joshua 1:1-3; Joshua 3-4:9; Luke 2:8-14

*Please Take A Few Minutes This Week To Read These Passages.*

## NEXT STEPS...

During the next week, as you engage in conversations with your teenager, remember that one way that will help them to understand and apply what they have learned is to explain it to someone else. Use the following questions to guide your conversation:

- Think about people who have been faithful to you in your life, and tell your teenager about those people, their qualities, etc.
- Ask your teenager about people who have been unfaithful to him/her. Remind him/her that people are not perfect. Perhaps pray for those people and encourage your teenager to be a faithful and dependable person.
- Recall times in your life when God was faithful to you, and share those stories with your teenager. Remind him/her that God is always faithful.

Thank you for all you do. As a parent, you are the primary spiritual influence in the life of your teenager, and they desperately need you. I’m praying for you! If you have any questions or if I can help with anything, please don’t hesitate to let me know.