



Grades 2–3 • Lesson 65

Israel Crosses the Jordan

Joshua 3:14–17, 4:20–24; Luke 22:19–20

Color every other stone to reveal the message.

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Name _____

Memory Verse

Circle the correct word for each blank.

DEUTERONOMY 7:9

_____ THEREFOVRE
(KNOW OR LISTEN)
THAT THE LORD YOUR

_____ IS GOD, THE
(KING OR GOD)
FAITHFUL GOD WHO

_____ COVENANT
(MAKES OR KEEPS)
AND STEADFAST LOVE

WITH THOSE WHO

_____ HIM AND KEEP
(LOVE OR LIKE)

HIS COMMANDMENTS,
TO A THOUSAND
GENERATIONS.

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God strengthened the faith of Joshua, the priests, and the Israelites when he stopped the Jordan River so they could safely cross into the Promised Land.
- Joshua set up 12 memorial stones, one from each tribe, so the people would remember God's miracle and his faithfulness.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if your friend said that God's miracle to stop the Jordan River wasn't so special because she heard that an earthquake or mudslide could have blocked the water for the Israelites to cross. **What could you say?**

Natural disasters like earthquakes or mudslides can block a river from flowing, but there is more to God's miracle than just stopping some water. First, God told Joshua what he was going to do before it happened, so it wasn't an accident. Second, only God could stop the water at the exact time the priests' feet touched the river. Remember that the river was flooded and overflowing its banks! Then God caused the river to return to its place after all the people were safely across and exactly when the priests' feet reached the opposite bank. God can control natural disasters to do his will, but we should give him the glory for his miracles rather than random acts in nature.

