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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



## GOD STOPPED THE JORDAN RIVER

Unit 7 • Session 2

Joshua 3-4

### WHAT IS THE BIBLE? THE BIBLE IS GOD'S WORD THAT TELLS US WHAT IS TRUE ABOUT GOD AND OURSELVES.

After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, it was time for the remaining Israelites to enter the promised land. The only thing keeping the Israelites from their new home was the Jordan River.

God told Joshua and the other leaders what to do. The priests carried the ark of God ahead to the edge of the river. The rest of the Israelites followed behind the ark.

Joshua said, "When these men carry the ark of God into the river, God will stop the water in the river. Then you will know God is with us."

As the priests carrying the ark took a step into the river, God made the water stop! The priests stood on dry ground. Then all of the Israelites crossed safely.

God told Joshua, "Choose 12 men to take 12 stones from the river. They should put them down where you spend the night tonight."

God wanted the stones to be a memorial. The people would see the stones and remember that God helped them cross the river.

The Israelites did exactly what God told them to do. Finally, the priests with the ark crossed the river, and the water began to flow again. God's people were in the promised land!

**Christ Connection:** God went ahead of Joshua and the Israelites into the promised land. He showed His power to them so they would trust in Him. When Jesus came to earth, He showed His power so people would trust in Him and be saved from sin.