

Questions / Answers

1. Who was the new leader after Moses died?
Joshua was the new leader
2. What did God say the Israelites must do when they went into the land?
They must kill the people and destroy their idols.
3. Who saved the spies in Jericho?
Rahab saved the spies
4. What did the spies promise Rahab?
They promised that they would save Rahab and her family
5. How did the Israelites cross the flooded River Jordan?
God made the river stop flowing. The priests with the Ark stood in the middle of the river and the people crossed on dry land
6. What did God tell the Israelites they must do to capture Jericho?
Walk round the walls once for 6 days and 7 times on the 7th day. The priest blew the trumpets, the people shouted and the walls fell down
7. How did Joshua divide the land for the Israelites to live in?
God showed Joshua which area each tribe should live in
8. Who gave a piece of land to each family? Why must they not sell it?
God gave them the land. It belonged to their family for ever
9. Where did the Levites live?
In cities in the land of every tribe
10. Why did the Levites live among all the tribes?
So that they could teach all the people about God and His laws

Memory verses

Joshua 1:6 Hebrews 11:31

Discussion

God told the Israelites to be separate from the people of the land who worshipped idols. Discuss how we should keep separate from people who do not love and obey God and who may turn us away from God.

Writing

Describe how the Israelites conquered Jericho.

CBM Senior Lessons



Lesson 17 Israel go into the Promised Land

READING Joshua 1:5-6; Joshua 2; Joshua 3:14—17

LESSON

At the end of forty years in the wilderness the people were ready to go into the land God had promised them. Moses was an old man. He was 120 years old. God had said that Moses could not go into the land. Moses blessed all the people. Then he climbed up to the top of Mount Nebo. Moses saw all the Promised Land from the top of the mountain. Then Moses died and God buried him. The people mourned for Moses for 30 days.

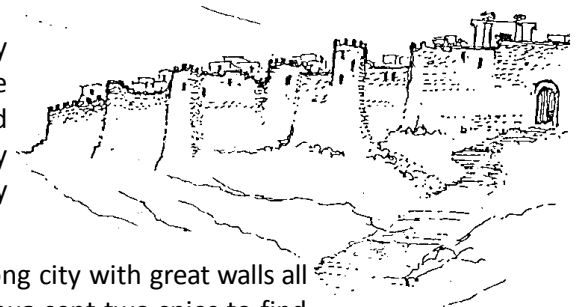
God chose Joshua to be the new leader. Joshua was a very good leader. He had a difficult job to do. Joshua had to lead the nation of Israel to conquer the Promised Land. There were strong cities and giants in the land. God told Joshua to be strong and very brave. God said He would help Joshua.

God had said that the nation of Israel must destroy all the tribes that were already living in the land. Israel must destroy the people and destroy their idols. They must not marry any of these people.

This was very important. God had chosen Israel to be His special people. God told them to keep separate from the people who worshipped idols. God gave Israel laws so that they would be a good example to the people living around them. If someone from another nation wanted to worship God, they had to become an Israelite and keep God's laws; then they could share in God's promises to His people.

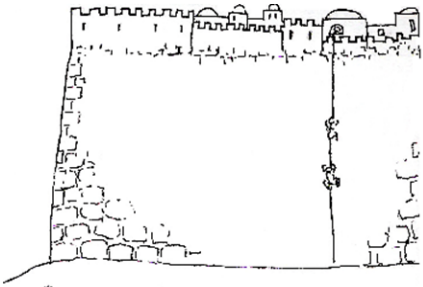
Joshua decided to attack the city of Jericho first. Jericho was the biggest city on the main road through the land of Israel. If they could capture Jericho, they would have good control over

the land. Jericho was a very strong city with great walls all round it and a strong gate. Joshua sent two spies to find out more about Jericho.



The two spies went to the house of Rahab. The King of Jericho heard that the spies were at Rahab's house. He sent soldiers to catch the spies. Rahab hid the spies under a pile of flax (plants) which was drying on the flat roof of her house. Rahab told lies to the soldiers. She said that the spies had gone out of the city. The soldiers went away to find the spies.

Rahab told the spies that all the people in the land were afraid of the nation of Israel, because their God was so powerful. Rahab had faith in God. She asked the spies to save her life when they captured Jericho. The spies promised to save Rahab and her family. Rahab hung a red cord in her window as a sign to the spies.



Rahab's house was built on the wall of the city. Rahab helped the two spies to escape by a rope from her window. They climbed down the wall on the rope. They went safely back to Joshua. The Israelites were very encouraged to know that the people in the land were afraid of them. They believed that God would help them to conquer the land.

First the Israelites had to cross the River Jordan to get into the Promised Land. The River Jordan was flooded, so they could not get across. Joshua prayed to God and God told him what to do.

The priests carried the Ark of God. All the people followed them. When the priests stepped into the river, it stopped flowing. There was a dry path across the river. The priests with the Ark stood still in the middle of the river while all the people crossed over. When all the people had gone across, the priests walked across. Then the river flowed back again.



At last the Israelites were in the land that God had promised them - the land that God had promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

God told the people exactly how to capture Jericho. Every day for six days all the Israelites walked once round the city of Jericho. The priests went first carrying the Ark of God. Seven of the priests blew trumpets made of rams' horns. All the people followed. They walked in silence.

On the seventh day God told the Israelites to walk round the city seven times. Then the priests blew the trumpets very loudly and all the people gave a great shout. God made the walls of the city fall down. The Israelites burnt the city. The two spies found the red cord in Rahab's window. They saved Rahab and her family because Rahab had faith in God and she had saved the spies.

Joshua led the Israelites to conquer the biggest cities and the people in the land. The Israelites conquered the land and took control of it.

God showed Joshua which part of the land should be given to each of the tribes. Each tribe was given an area of the land. It was the duty of each tribe to finish conquering their part of the land. Each family was given a piece of land to live on and farm. The land was given to each family by God; they were not allowed to sell it. The land belonged to them and their family for ever.

The tribe of Levi was not given an area of land. The Levites were God's priests. God gave the Levites cities in each area to live in. The Levites lived in cities in the land of every tribe. The Levites lived among the people so that they could teach all the people about God and His laws.

