

Joshua and Caleb: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: The battle belongs to the Lord.

SuperVerse: *In everything we have won more than a victory because of Christ who loves us.* Romans 8:37 (CEV)

Bible Story: Numbers 10–11,13–14:39; Deuteronomy 1:1–40; Joshua 14:1–9

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Joshua and Caleb lived by faith, not sight. They didn't live according to what they saw around them, but by faith in the Lord. The two men believed that no matter what, God would give them victory!

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet Joshua, Caleb, and 10 other spies sent by Moses to explore the Promised Land. Joshua and Caleb are amazed by Canaan's abundance—yet their good report is undermined by the other spies, who fear giants in the land. The children learn that God blesses faithfulness, while the Israelites are punished for their lack of trust.
- In today's Bible Background video, we'll explore the land of Canaan, which was the land God had promised to His people. We'll also find out more about God's faithful servants, Joshua and Caleb.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Gather and Go! (10 minutes)

Objective: *Play a game to follow God's leading.*

- God had made it clear that He would guide them with the cloud and the pillar of fire. They must move and stop as He guided them. In this game, you will travel by day and follow this cloud.

Game Instructions:

- Move the cloud to the opposite end of the room. When it stops, the horns will blow and the time begins. When the team has moved every piece of camping equipment and positioned them into place in the new location, stop the timer and record the time on the board.

Teaching: It's Our Battle, Too (15 minutes)

Objective: *Discuss how God brings us victory.*

- The Ark of the Covenant brought encouragement and strength to the Israelites. The Holy Spirit goes before us and with us. He guides, protects, and gives us victory in every battle we face.

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- The second part of this challenge is to set aside time each day to read the Bible to discover a new promise from God. Write it on Heart #4 and put it into your Heart Pouch. We want to keep all of God's wonderful promises deep in our hearts!

SuperVerse: Superbook Champion (5 minutes)

Objective: *Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.*

- David was a champion for God and so was Joshua. They acted by faith not by sight!
- Today, we are going to have a contest to see who can memorize the SuperVerse. Everyone on your team will work together to memorize the verse. Then each team will choose a champion to represent the team in saying the verse in front of the whole class.

Prayer: Victory Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: *Communicate with God.*

- As Joshua and his troops fought, Joshua prayed for God to help him in an unusual way.
- Take a moment and silently think about any battles you are facing. No matter what you are facing, give it to the Lord today and ask Him to fight your battle! Let's pray silently.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Battle Game: Play a game to defeat your giants. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Binocular Craft: Make a Gizmo gadget for secret missions. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Game and Song Activity: Children learn the tribe names of Israel. | **Grades 1–6** | 10 min

Bible Activity: Race to find verses about victory in Christ. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

Game Materials Needed:

- Umbrella; or cardstock, cotton balls and glue
- Two trumpets, horns, whistles, or kazoos—functional toys are fine
- Three sixth grade helpers or other leaders
- Timer: stopwatch, clock or watch with second hand, or timer app
- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- All or some of the following items—add or substitute items as desired:
- Two blankets, tablecloths or sheets
- Four chairs
- Two sleeping bags
- Water bottles
- Buckets
- Boxes of various sizes
- Cooking pots
- Wooden spoons
- Stuffed animals—the larger the better
- Plastic or paper cups
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Discipleship Challenge:

- Promise Pouch
- Heart Promises Page
- Sample Challenge Craft made in Lesson 1

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker; or chalkboard and chalk
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App