



3RD - 5TH



CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

When you are given a list of things to do, like chores, do you sometimes forget what you need to do? What makes you forget? What might help you remember in the future?



CAN YOU REMEMBER?

Start by 9:20/10:45

Form kids into groups of three or four and provide each group with three pieces of paper and a pencil. Explain that you will hold up the poster for 5 seconds while they study the pictures. After you hide the poster, challenge groups to write down as many items as they can remember from the poster. Invite groups to share how many items they remembered. Then repeat twice more, adding five more seconds each time. Direct kids to throw their first paper away and begin fresh with a new paper. After each round, see how many items each group remembered. The goal is to remember more items each time.

Today, we will learn how Joshua challenged the Israelites to remember all God had done for them. Joshua reminded the Israelites to worship and obey God. We'll see that we need to be reminded of all God has done for us. The more time we spend in God's Word, the more we will remember God's actions, character, and promises.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE REVIEW

In Joshua 23:6, Joshua told the people to be strong and obey God's Word, just like God told him at the beginning. This reminds us that God's Word matters from beginning to end.

Pair-share: **What does it mean to be strong and obey God?**

Joshua reminded the people that God had kept all His promises. God always does what He says, and His promises never fail.

Pair-share: **Can you think of a promise God has kept?**

Joshua also warned that God judges sin. The people later disobeyed and worshiped idols, showing they were not faithful to God.

Pair-share: **Why is it important to follow God instead of other things?**

God promised that anyone who trusts in Jesus will be forgiven. Even when we mess up, God is still working for our good, and the Holy Spirit helps us obey and live for Him.



DISCUSSION

How have the Purviances chosen to follow God? How have they been strong and courageous?

They chose to leave the comfort of their American home to become missionaries in a very different country far away where there aren't many Christians, in order to love people with the love of Jesus and share the good news of Jesus with them.

Why do you think Joshua reminded the Israelites about all God had done? Encourage kids to think how God's past actions strengthen our faith. Tell kids that meditating on God's faithfulness and His promises helps us trust Him, which then leads us to act by faith. Remind kids that God's actions toward Israel reminded them He is the one true God and to be faithful to Him alone. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Ps. 52:8-9.)

Why should we worship God alone? Tell kids that there is no one like God. He has no equal. Worship of anything else is sin. Remind kids that God alone is holy, good, and true. Discuss how worship of other things will only disappoint us and leave us still dead in our sins. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Isa. 46:5-9.)

How can we remember God's faithfulness and obey His commands? Discuss how we can read our Bibles, listen to people's testimonies, gather in church to hear God's Word, and even read about other Christians to remember God's faithfulness. Share how believers obey the commands of God through the Holy Spirit. Tell kids that obedience to God's commands doesn't save us. Discuss how the Holy Spirit transforms our desires to turn away from sin and turn toward God's good ways. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Col. 3:16.)



FAITHFUL FOUNDATION

Provide each kid with "Faithful Foundation" printable. Guide kids to complete the house's foundation by matching each description to a Bible reference. Then lead kids to write the words from Joshua 24:15 on the frame of the house: "As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord."

Joshua recalled God's faithfulness to the Israelites by reminding them of all God had done. The promises God made to His people could be trusted. God's actions were all working toward the promise of bringing the Savior into the world. Isaiah 28:16 reminds us that Jesus is the sure foundation. Everyone who trusts in Him will not be put to shame. Like a house built on a strong foundation, those who trust in Jesus build their lives on a firm, unshakable foundation. We trust in God's promises and worship Him alone.



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.