



K - 2ND



CONNECT TIME

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

Do you ever need reminding? Maybe you forget to put away your shoes or brush your teeth. Who helps remind you to do things?



WALK THE LINE

Start by 9:20/10:45

Invite kids to take turns walking on each line, challenging them to keep their feet on the tape at all times. If they fall off the line, direct them to start over. Then provide each kid with a pom-pom and a straw. Challenge kids to blow their pom-pom on each line, making sure the pom-pom stays on the line at all times.

It was challenging to always remain on the line! This reminds me of our Bible story. Joshua challenged God's people to remain true to God. Similar to always staying on the line, Joshua told the Israelites not to turn away from God, but to worship only Him. As we'll see later, God's people didn't keep their promise to be faithful to God. In fact, all people sin and turn away from God. No one can be saved by trying to obey God at all times. But God is faithful! He made the way for people to be saved through faith in Jesus.

START BY
9:30/10:55

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



LARGE GROUP

SMALL GROUP



BIBLE STORY REVIEW

God told Joshua to be strong, brave, and obey Him. Before Joshua died, he told the people to be strong and obey God too. This story shows us that God wants us to love Him and obey Him—but because we can't do that perfectly, God sent Jesus to be perfect for us. Read aloud Joshua 23:14-16. Then discuss these questions:

- What promise did God always keep?
- Who gives us all the good things we have?
- What happens when people forget God and don't obey Him?

Joshua reminded the people that God always keeps His promises and gave them the land He promised. He warned them to worship only God and not turn to other gods. We can trust Jesus to save us because He died for us and is worthy of our worship.



DISCUSSION

Remind kids to discuss these questions with a partner sitting close to them first and then whole group to encourage participation.

What does it mean to worship only God?

Worshipping God means we love Him, honor Him, and obey Him. Only God deserves our worship because He made everything and He is King.

Do you think God's people kept their promise to worship only Him? Why not?

No, they did not. They sometimes turned away from God because of sin, like when they worshiped a golden calf. The Bible tells us we all need new hearts, and Jesus came to change our hearts when we trust in Him.

How can we follow God's commands?

We can't obey perfectly on our own, but Jesus helps us. When we trust in Him, He gives us His Spirit to help us love and obey God.



WHO WILL YOU FOLLOW

Provide kids with various options and challenge them to decide which option they will follow. Read each statement below and direct kids to walk to the right of the room if they choose the first option. If kids choose the second option, they walk to the left of the room.

- Follow your heart or follow God's Word
- Forgive others or seek revenge
- Do what other people want you to do, or do what God wants you to do
- Rejoice when you suffer or complain when you suffer
- Love your enemy or only love your friend

Each choice showed whether we will follow God's ways or our own ways. Today, we learned how Joshua told the people to choose who they would follow. Joshua reminded the Israelites to worship and obey God. When we follow God's ways, we are worshipping and obeying Him. Through faith in Jesus, we can live to please God.

How did the Purviance family choose to follow God? Read Joshua 1:9. How have the Purviances been strong and courageous?



As time allows, pass out crayons and pencils for kids to work on the activity sheet.



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.