

# He's with Me

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### Lesson Text

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*Joshua 1:7*

### Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Territory Map

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Bible Story: What God Told Me Today

Life Application: Take the Land

Craft: Mighty Footsteps

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.



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## Territory Map

The children will make a map to be used in the Bible Story.

### Materials

*For each child:*

- crayons or markers

*For the teacher:*

- banner paper or newsprint, 5' x 5'
- black marker

### Preparation

Copy Figure A, as large as possible, onto the paper.

### Instructions

1. As each child arrives explain that they are going to help make a big map showing the land that God promised to give Joshua and the Israelites.
2. Have the children color in the rivers, grass, rocks, mountains, hills, etc. on the map.
3. Give the map to the Bible Story teacher.

### Conclusion

Be sure to discuss the lesson with the children as they color in the map. Ask if they know who Joshua is? If they don't know explain that Joshua became the leader of God's people after Moses. God promised Joshua that he would lead the people into a wonderful land. This map shows what the land might have been like.

### Teacher Tips

- As the children are coloring explain to them that after Moses led the Israelite people out of Egypt God chose Joshua to be the next leader when Moses died.

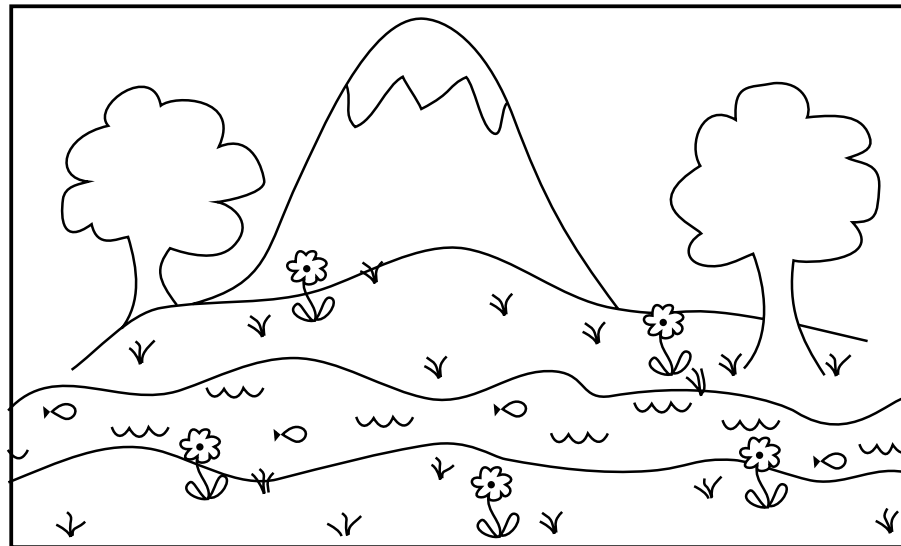


Figure A

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## What God Told Me Today

The children will hear the story of Joseph being given the charge to lead the Israelites.

### Lesson Text

Joshua 1

### Materials

For the teacher:

- Bible
- a scarf
- a robe
- map from the Preclass Activity
- tape

### Preparation

1. Tape the map to the wall in the Bible Story center area.
2. Practice telling the story with emotion.
3. Before the children arrive dress as Joshua. Stay in character the entire class.

### Instructions

Hello children, my name is Joshua. I am in the Bible. Open the Bible to Joshua 1. I am going to tell you about the time that God chose me to lead his people.

Moses was a great man who led the Israelite people out of Egypt where they were slaves. Moses led the people until he got old and then he died. God needed to choose a new leader for his people. Do you know whom God chose? Yes, he chose me, Joshua. Moses did a wonderful job leading God's people. I want to be a great leader just like Moses.

God told me that he was going to give me all the land in every place that we went. He promised me that he would always be with me. He told me that I was going to take his people to a great land that was very big and just for us. (Joshua 1:3-5). This map that you made is a map of the land that God gave to us. Point to the map, making note of the rivers, hills, etc.

*It was all very exciting, but can I tell you the truth? It was also very scary to me. There were a lot of people to lead. When God was telling me all of the great things he wanted me to do, I was happy, but also scared. What if I didn't do a good job? Or what if the people didn't like me? Have you ever felt that way? Have you ever been afraid of something? Tell me about some things that have made you afraid. Listen to the responses from the children. I am so glad you understand how I was feeling.*

*Do you know what God said to me when he saw that I was scared? He told me to be very strong and courageous! Do you know what that means? It means that God wanted me to be very brave. And then do you know what he said? God promised that he would always be with me! Isn't that great! Every place I went to lead God's people, he promised to be there too (Joshua 1:7-9). He said he would never leave me alone! And do you know what? When you feel afraid, God will be with you too, just like he was with me. God won't ever leave you alone. So when you feel afraid of the dark, or of someone at school, or of getting in trouble, or making mistakes (list things that the children named) remember that God promises he will always be right there with you. Knowing God was with me helped me to be brave and strong. So anytime you feel afraid, remember that God is with you. God will help you to feel brave and strong.*

*Let's say something together, "I will be strong and brave because God is with me." Have the children repeat this several times with you.*

### Conclusion

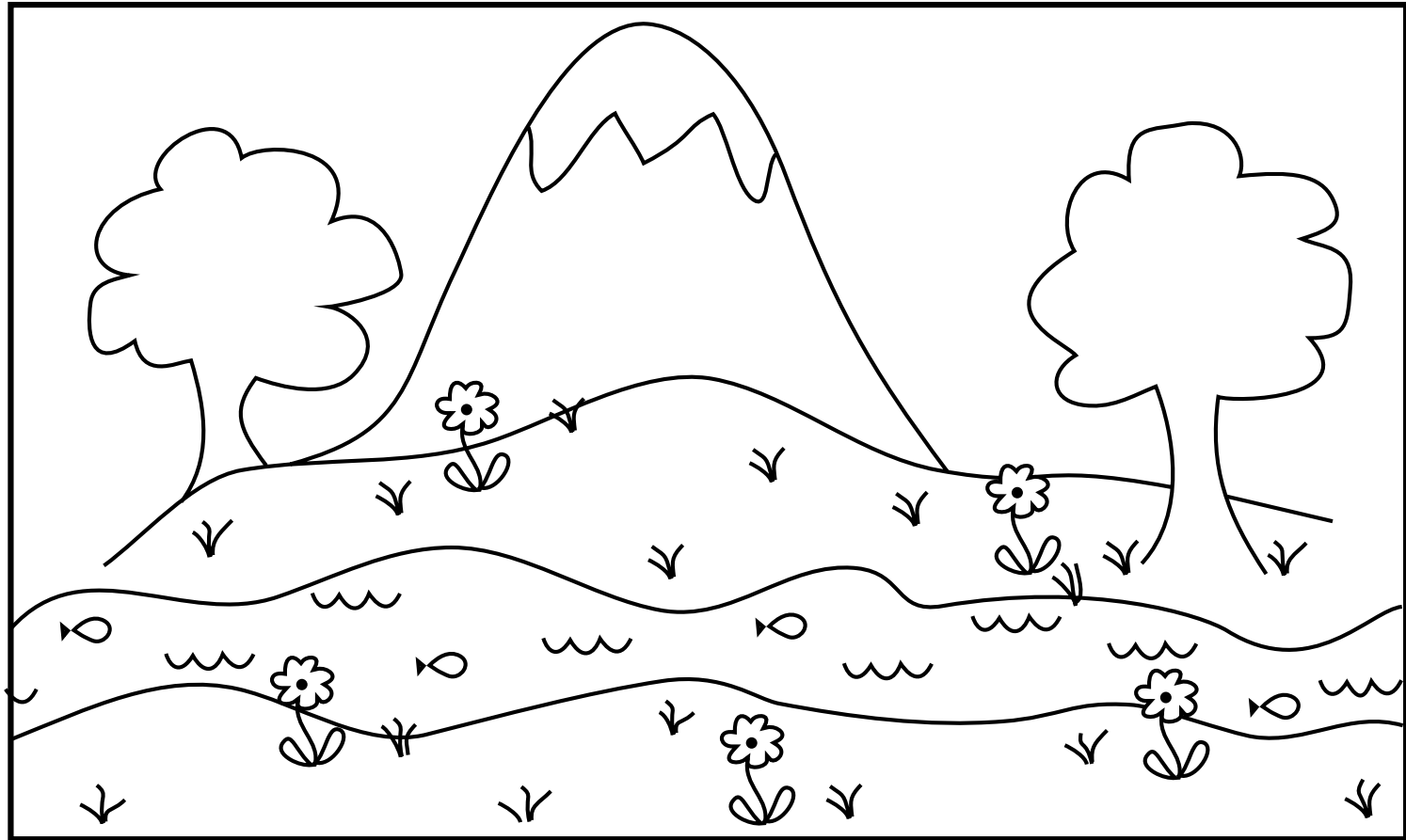
Ask the following questions as a review:

- Who was the Bible Story about? (Joshua)
- What did Joshua do? (led the people to the land that God gave them)
- Who led the people before Joshua did? (Moses)
- How did Joshua feel? (happy but also afraid)
- What did God say to Joshua? (be strong and courageous, that God would be with him)

### Teacher Tips

- Be sure to stay in character for the entire class.

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## Take the Land

The children will practice "taking the land" as Joshua was charged to do by God.

### Scripture Memory Verse

Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.

*Joshua 1:7*

### Materials

*For the teacher:*

- a blue towel
- a box
- two small towels

### Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the activity.

### Instructions

1. *Explain to the children that today they are learning about Joshua. God wanted him to be the next leader of his people after Moses. He promised to give Joshua every place that he set his feet. But Joshua was afraid. Let's think of what Joshua could have been afraid of. Tell me what you think.* (He could have been afraid that no one would listen to him, that God's people would not want him to be the leader. He could have been afraid he would not be a good leader, that he would fail or make mistakes. He could have been afraid that he would not be as good a leader as Moses was.) *God told Joshua to be brave because he would be with him and Joshua listened to God. He led the people and they took lots of beautiful land.*

2. Make the land with the children. Use the box as a mountain, the blue towel as a body of water or river and the towels as two small mountains.
3. Explain to the children that each of them is going to pretend to be Joshua and take the land. First they have to say something that they are afraid of. Then as a group you and the children will tell him to "Be strong and courageous. God is with you." Then he will march around the land and "take" it by sitting down near the mountain with arms and legs crossed.
4. Choose another child to be "Joshua."
5. Continue until all of the children have had a turn.

### Scripture Memory Activity

Tell the children the memory verse. Explain to them that it is what God said to Joshua when he was afraid. *God is with all of us and wants us to be brave and strong.*

Have the children practice the verse together with you several times.

### Conclusion

Tell the children it makes God happy when we are brave and strong and that it will make them happy too.

Ask them to help their friends to be brave and strong. Have them invite their friends to come to Bible class to learn how to be brave and strong.

Ask a child to pray and ask God to help the group to be brave and strong like Joshua.

### Teacher Tips

- If it is easier, set up the "land" before the children arrive.



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### Mighty Footsteps

This craft will remind the children that God is with them every step they take.

#### Materials

For each child:

- 1 piece of poster board, 9" X 12"
- crayons or markers
- pencil
- scissors
- 2 pieces of string, 18"

For the teacher:

- hole punch
- scissors

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for every 6 children

#### Preparation

1. Cut out the text boxes from the copy of Reproducible Page A.
2. Cut two 18" pieces of string for each child.
3. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

#### Instructions

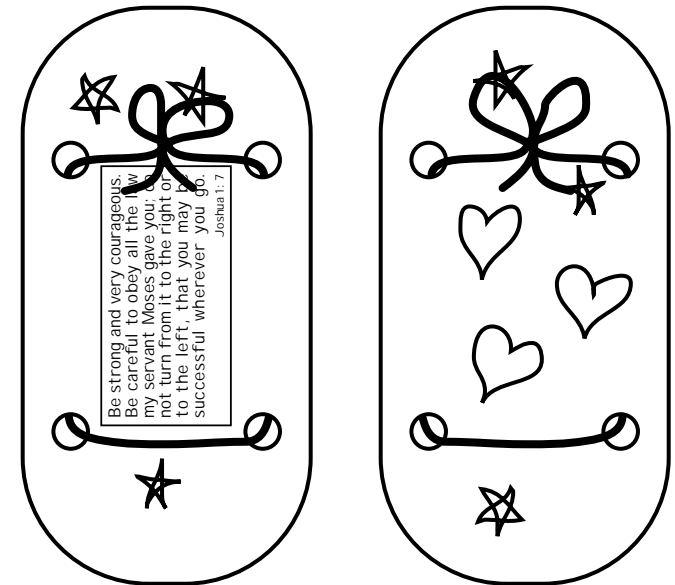
1. *Today in class we are learning about Joshua. He was a powerful leader of God's people. When Joshua first started to lead the people, he was very scared. But God told him to be brave because God would be with him wherever he stepped. Show the children the model of the craft and explain that these footsteps are like God's footsteps. God walks with us wherever we go! He takes every step with us just like he did with Joshua.*
2. Give each child a piece of poster board. Help them to trace their footprints with a pencil.
3. Have the children cut out the footprints.
4. Help the children to punch four holes in each footprint as shown in Figure A.
5. Have the children color their footprints and tape a text box to one of them.
6. Have the children thread a piece of string through the holes in each footprint and then help them to tie them onto their feet.

#### Conclusion

Remind the children that God wants them to be brave and strong just like Joshua. Their 'mighty footprints' will help them to remember that God is always with them.

#### Teacher Tips

- Some children may need help cutting out their footprints and punching holes in the poster board.
- Place a piece of tape at the ends of each piece of yarn to make it easier for the children to thread their footprints.



# CRAFT

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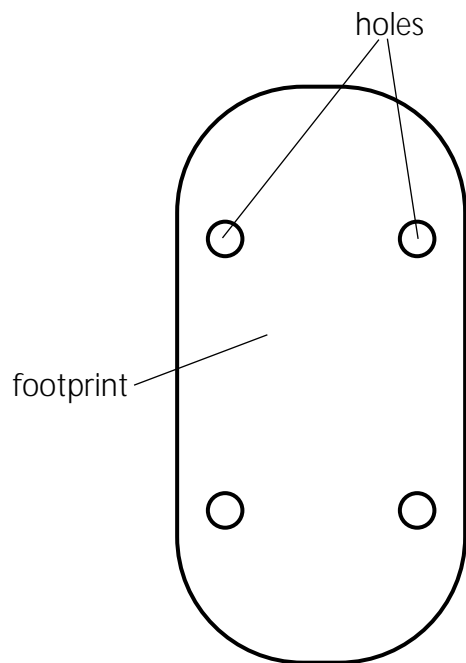
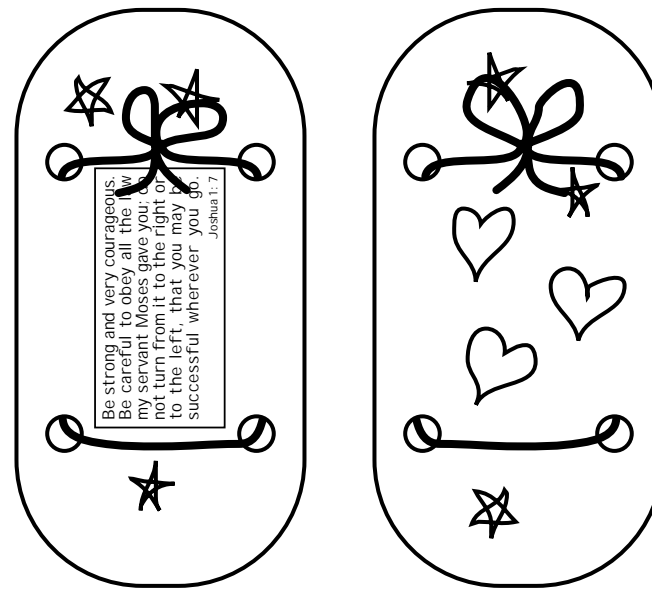


Figure A



Finished Craft







Pre class



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*Joshua 1:7*

### Strong and Brave Pennant

The children will make a banner to remind them to be strong and brave.

#### Materials

*For each child:*

- crayons
- a straw or a wooden chopstick
- tape
- decorative material (stickers, glitter, etc.)

*For the teacher:*

- scissors
- Reproducible Pages:*
- Page B, 1 copy for each child

#### Preparation

Cut out the pennants from the copies of Reproducible Page B.

### Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Preclass Activity: Strong and Brave Pennant

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: Follow Joshua

Craft: Pennant Stand

Life Application: Do Not Be Afraid

NOTE: Be sure to allow sufficient time for a snack.

#### Instructions

1. Remind the children that they are learning about Joshua and how he needed to be strong and brave. Joshua needed to remember that God was always with him. Explain that this pennant will remind them that God is always with them. They can be strong and brave like Joshua.
2. Give each child a pennant to color and decorate.
3. Have each child write their name on their pennant.
4. Help each child to tape the pennant to a straw.
5. Give the pennants to the Craft teacher.

#### Conclusion

As the children work, tell them that it makes God happy when we are brave and strong. Ask them to tell you ways that they have been brave and strong this week. Encourage those who seem timid that they can be brave with God's help. Praise those who have been brave and strong and encourage them to continue to be that way.





### Follow Joshua

The children will practice being brave leaders as Joshua was.

#### Materials

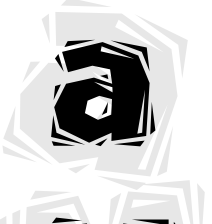
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#### Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the game.

#### Instructions

1. Remind the children that God chose Joshua to be the leader of his people after Moses. Joshua had been afraid to lead the people. Ask them if they remember what God told Joshua when he was afraid. (be strong and very courageous, that he would be with him) *Today we are going to play a game where each of you can pretend that you're Joshua leading the people. Whatever you do, we'll do.*



2. Choose a child to be Joshua. *Don't be afraid Joshua. God said he is with you. Whatever you do we will do.*
3. Have "Joshua" lead the children around the center area once doing whatever he wishes. He can do a silly walk or hop or skip, etc.
4. Choose another child to be Joshua to lead the children around the area once. Remind each child who leads the group that God is with them and they do not need to be afraid.

#### Teacher Tips

- You may want to be Joshua first to show the children how to be the leader.





## Pennant Stand

This craft will remind the children to be strong and brave.

### Materials

*For each child:*

- pennant from the Preclass Activity
- a small milk carton
- 1 piece of construction paper
- glue stick
- decorative material: glitter, stickers, stars, etc.
- fist-sized piece of play dough

*For the teacher:*

- scissors
- ruler
- marker

### Preparation

1. Thoroughly clean each milk carton.
2. Cut off the top of each milk carton. See Figure A.
3. Measure the sides of the milk carton and cut four pieces of construction paper for each child.
4. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

### Instructions

1. Show the children a pennant from the Preclass Activity. Remind them that they are learning about Joshua who God chose to lead his people. *The banners say: "Be Strong and Courageous." That is what God told Joshua when he led the people.* Show the children the model of the craft and stick the banner in it for them to see.
2. Give each child a milk carton and have them choose four pieces of construction paper to glue to the outsides of their cartons to cover them.
3. Have the children color and decorate their cartons.

4. Give each child a large piece of play dough. Have them roll it into a ball and then place it on the bottom of their milk cartons, pressing it down firmly so it will stay in place.
5. Give each child their pennant from the Preclass Activity. Have each child draw a picture of themselves being brave and strong on the back side of the pennant.
6. Have them stick the pennant into the play dough. This will make it stand up straight.
7. Write each child's name on their craft.

### Conclusion

As the children work ask them to tell you how they can be brave and strong that week.

### Teacher Tips

- If the pennant tips to one side use more playdough.



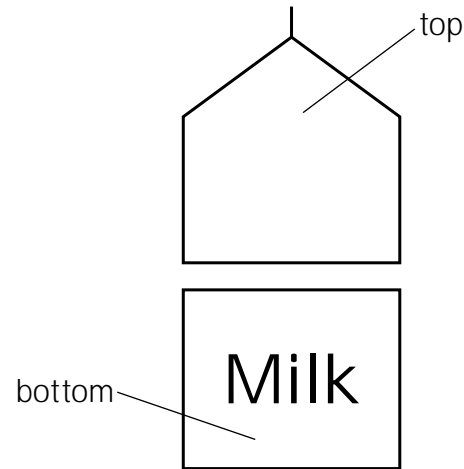


Figure A



Finished Craft

## Do Not Be Afraid

This activity will help the children to identify the difference between being brave and being afraid.

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*Joshua 1:7*

### Materials

*For each child:*

- crayons or colored pencils

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page C, 1 copy for each child

### Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the activity.

### Instructions

1. Show the children a copy of Reproducible Page C. Remind them that they are learning about Joshua. God encouraged him and told him to be brave and strong. Tell them that now they are going to learn how to be brave and strong just like Joshua.
2. Give each child a copy of Reproducible Page C. Ask the children to help you describe what is happening in each picture.
3. After they have described each picture have them circle, with a blue crayon, the pictures of someone who is afraid.
4. Have them circle the pictures with a red crayon of someone who is being brave.

### Scripture Memory Activity

Tell the children the memory verse. Explain that it is God talking to Joshua and ask them to explain what God means. (He means that Joshua should be brave and that he will always be with him to help him.)

Have the children say the verse with you, breaking it down one section at a time.

### Conclusion

Encourage the children to be brave and strong. It will make them and God happy. Remind them that God is always with them and encourage them to share what they are learning with other people. End with a prayer asking God to help you and the children to be brave and strong.

### Teacher Tips

- Glue each copy of Reproducible Page C to a piece of construction paper to make it more colorful.



# He's with Me



Core/Craft

1 copy for every six children

Be-Obedient

Page

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Supplement/Preclass

1 copy for each child

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**B**

Be  
strong and  
brave.

(Joshua 1)





Supplement/Life Application  
1 copy for each child

God Cares

Lesson 1

