

# Joshua

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### Lesson Text

Joshua 1

### Scripture Memory Verse

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*Joshua 1:7*

### Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Pre-class Activity: Be Careful to Obey

Welcome and Singing

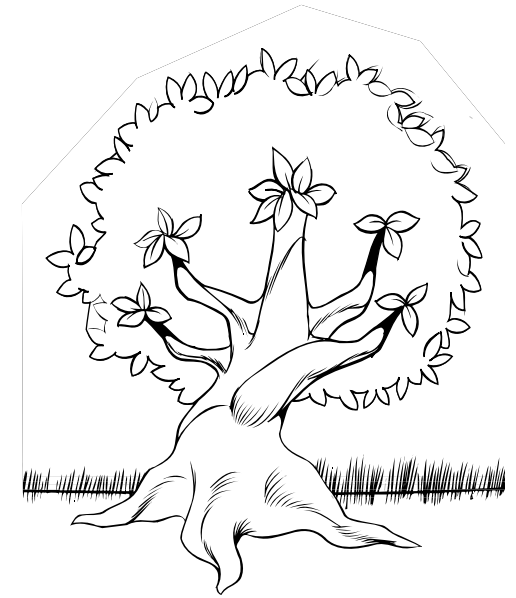
Centers:

Bible Story: Obedient Leaders

Life Application: We Love to Obey

Craft: Obedient Puppets

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





# Joshua

## Be Careful to Obey

The children will make special glasses to remind them to stay on the straight path.

### Materials

For each child:

- crayons
- glue stick
- 1 piece of poster board, 8" x 11"
- 2 pipe cleaners
- decorative materials: stickers, sequins, etc.

For the teacher:

- scissors
- stapler
- pencil
- tape

Reproducible Pages:

- Page A, 1 copy for the teacher

### Preparation

1. Cut out the glasses and blinder stencils from the copy of Reproducible Page A.
2. Trace and cut out one pair of glasses and two blinders for each child from poster board.
3. Make a model of the glasses following the instructions.

### Instructions

1. Remind the children that they are learning about Joshua. Remind them that God told him to be brave and to follow the Bible. He said not to "look to the right or to the left" but to stay on the straight path. *Do you think that God meant that he really shouldn't look to the right or to the left? No, what he did mean was that the Bible is like a straight path that we should follow very carefully.* Show the children the glasses. Explain that the special glasses will remind us to stay on the straight path.
2. Give each child a pair of glasses and two blinders to decorate with the crayons and other decorative materials.

3. Fold a small flap and staple a blinder on each side of the glasses so that they protrude forward. See Figure A.
4. Staple a pipe cleaner to each side of the blinders and bend them as earpieces to the glasses. See Figure B.
5. Write each child's name on their glasses and give them to the Bible Story teacher.

### Conclusion

God told Joshua to obey all of his laws. He told Joshua not to look to the left or to the right, but to focus all the time on obeying God's laws. Today God wants us to be like Joshua and not look around at what our friends are doing but to always do what God wants us to do.

### Teacher Tips

- Put the glasses alphabetically by the children's names to help the Bible Story teacher.
- Encourage the children as they work.
- Place a piece of tape over each staple to cover any sharp edges.

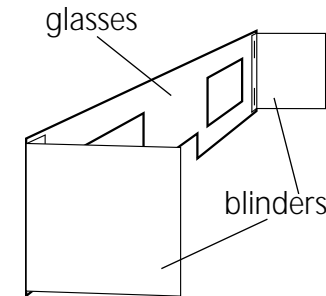


Figure A

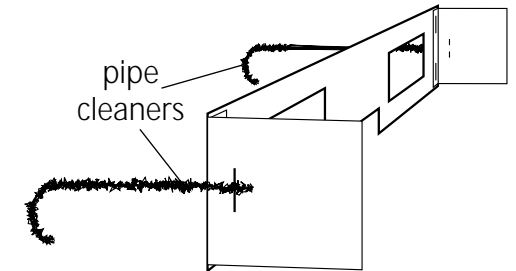


Figure B

# Joshua

## Obedient Leaders

The children will learn about the obedient leadership of Joshua.

### Lesson Text

Joshua 1

### Materials

*For each child:*

- glasses from the Preclass Activity

*For the teacher:*

- a scarf
- a robe

### Preparation

1. Dress as Joshua before the children arrive for class. Remain in character for the entire class.
2. Familiarize yourself with the Bible Story.

### Leaders Obey

Introduce yourself to the children. Open your Bible to Joshua 1 and show it to the children. Explain that today's Bible Story is about you and it comes from the book of Joshua in the Old Testament.

*Last week I told you about how God chose me to lead his people. Do you know who was leading God's people before me? (Moses) What happened to Moses? (he died) Do you remember what God told me? Yes, he told me to be strong and courageous. Do you remember why he told me that? Because I was scared. It was so great to be chosen to lead God's people. I felt so special! But it was also very scary. Now I was going to be in charge. What if the people didn't listen to me? What if they didn't want to follow my lead and go where God told us to go? What if I wasn't as good as Moses? What if I made some mistakes?*

*At the same time I was very excited! Leading God's people into the wonderful land he promised us was going to be a great adventure. I really wanted God to be happy with me. God told me to be brave and strong. He promised to always be with me. And he promised me he would give us some great land. Knowing that made me feel better. I knew I had no reason to be afraid because God was with me.*

*God also told me something else. He told me that I must be careful to always obey all of his laws. He told me that I would be a good leader and please him if I obeyed all of his laws. He told me not to look around at what other people were doing, but to keep thinking and learning about what he wanted me to do (Joshua 1:7-8).*

Have the children put on their glasses from the Preclass Activity and look straight at you. *Don't move your head to the left or the right. Look straight at me. Can you see the people next to you? No. You can only see what is in front of you, right? Right! God wants us to keep learning and obeying what the Bible says. He doesn't want us to focus on what other people are doing. God wants us to focus only on what he wants us to do. That means he wants us to obey our parents and other adults. It means obeying your teachers, too. It makes God happy when we obey. It makes God sad when we disobey. What do you think is better? To obey or to disobey? Why is it better to obey? (it makes God and us happy)*

### Conclusion

Ask the following questions as a review:

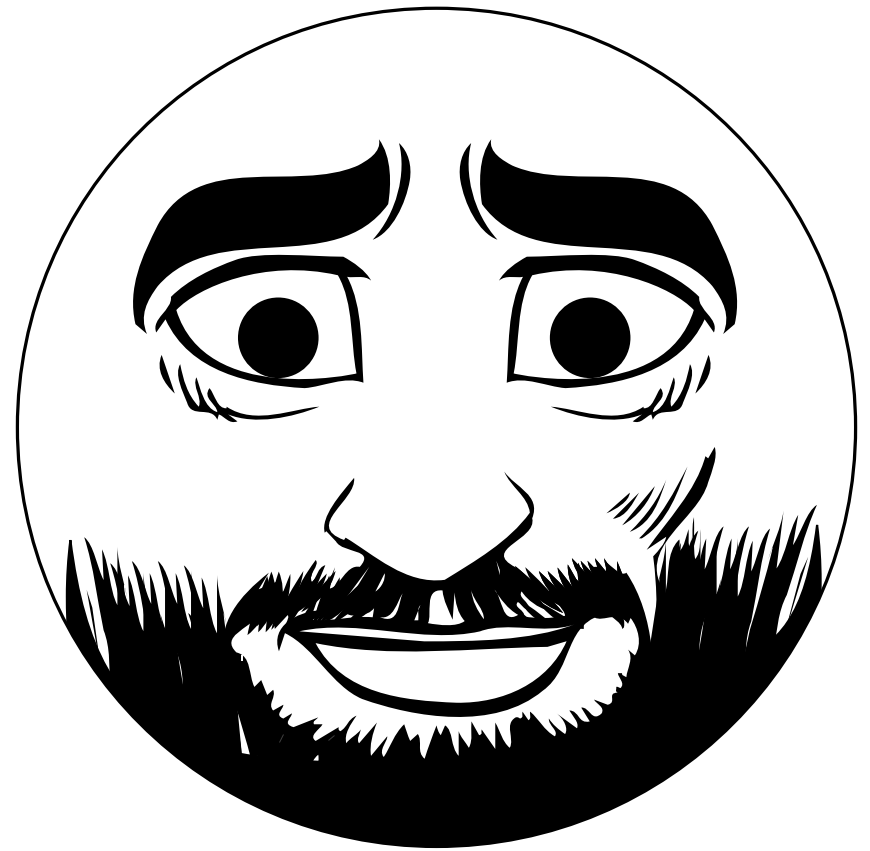
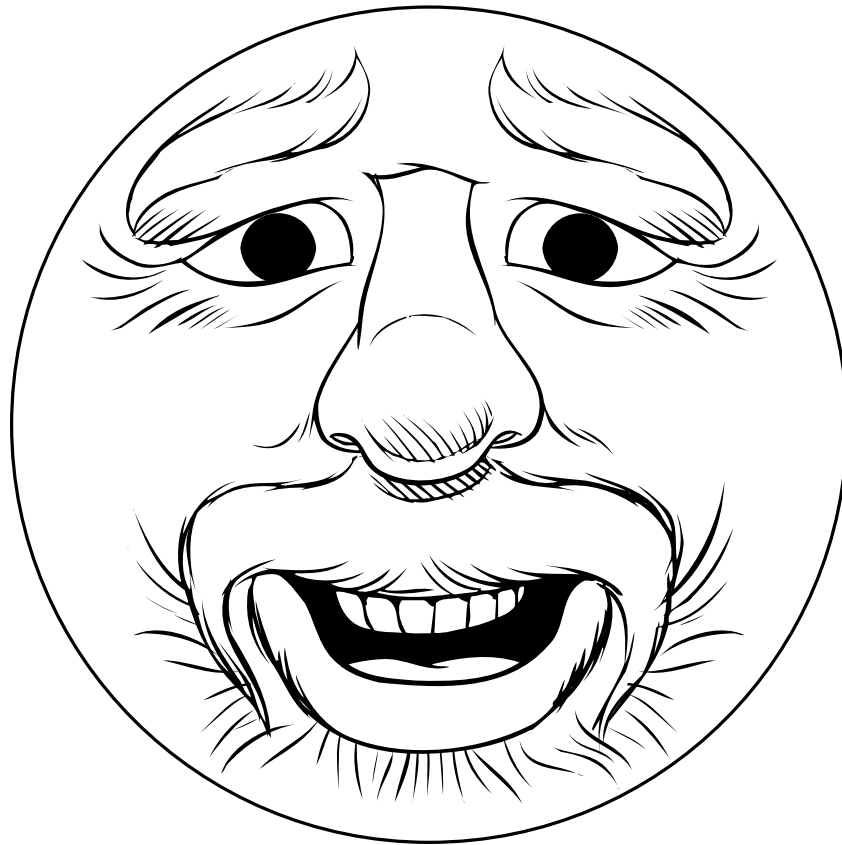
Who was the old leader of God's people? (Moses)

Who was the new leader of God's people? (Joshua)

What did God tell Joshua? (to be strong and courageous, to obey God's laws)

### Teacher Tips

- Be animated as Joshua.



## We Love to Obey

The children will practice making choices to please God.

### Scripture Memory Verse

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*Joshua 1:7*

### Materials

*For the teacher:*

- a white piece of paper
- scissors
- a hat or box

### Preparation

1. Write a list of commands on a piece of paper: touch your toes, hop up and down, give a friend a hug, etc.
2. Cut out each of the commands and place them in the hat.

### Instructions

1. *Today we are learning about Joshua who was a leader of God's people. He was a very obedient leader. Right now we are going to practice being obedient leaders just as Joshua was.*
2. Choose a child to pick a piece of paper out of the hat and give it to you. Read the paper out loud to the group and have the child act it out.
3. Have the group encourage the child for obeying by singing the Obey Song from the Unit 20 Song Sheet.
4. Have the first child choose the next child to have a turn.
5. Repeat this until all of the children have had a turn.

### Scripture Memory Activity

Divide the children into two teams. Have the first team say the first half of the scripture. Have the second team finish the scripture. After reciting the verse a few times, switch and have the second team begin the scripture and the first team finish it.

### Conclusion

Encourage the children who have been bringing friends to Bible class.

Choose a child to pray and ask God to help the group to be obedient.

### Teacher Tips

- Be sure to make enough commands for each child in the group. You may want to make extra commands in case you have time to play the game a second time.



## Joshua

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# Joshua

## Obedient Puppets

The children will make a Moses and Joshua puppet to remind them of the Bible Story.

### Materials

*For each child:*

- 1 paper plate
- crayons
- glue stick
- 15, 2" pieces of yarn
- 5 cotton balls
- 1 large craft stick

*For the teacher:*

- scissors
- stapler
- ruler
- marker
- tape

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page B, 1 copy for each child
- Page C, 1 copy for each child

### Preparation

1. Cut out the pictures of Moses and Joshua from the copies of Reproducible Pages B and C.
2. Staple or tape each craft stick onto each plate as a handle.
3. Cut fifteen 2" pieces of yarn for each child as "hair."
4. Make a model of the craft following the instructions.

### Instructions

1. Remind the children that they are learning about two people who led God's people. Ask them if they remember the names of those two people. (Moses and Joshua) Show them the model of the craft. Show them the side with Moses. *First, Moses was God's chosen man to lead his people. Then God chose Joshua (flip the plate) after Moses got too old.* Explain which face is Joshua and which is Moses.
2. Give each child a paper plate, a picture of Moses and a picture of Joshua. Have them glue one picture to each side of the plate.
3. Have the children color the pictures.
4. Give each child five cotton balls to pull apart and glue to Moses as hair and a beard.
5. Give each child fifteen pieces of yarn to glue onto Joshua's face as hair and a beard.
6. Write Moses on the plate under Moses' face and Joshua on the plate under Joshua's face.
7. Write each child's name on their craft stick.

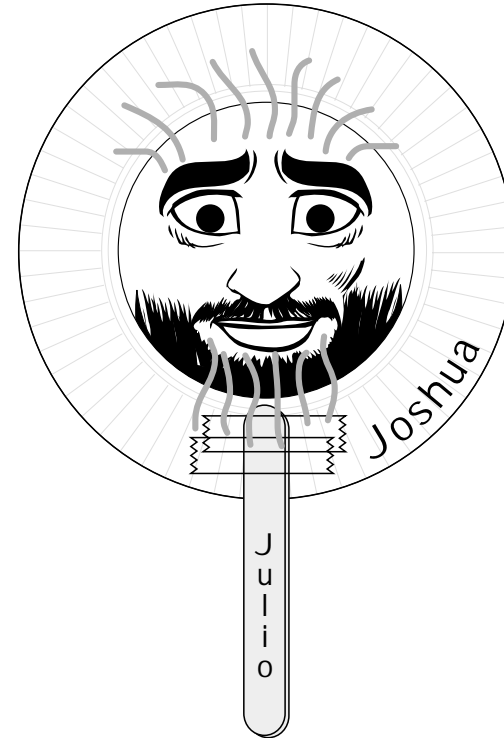
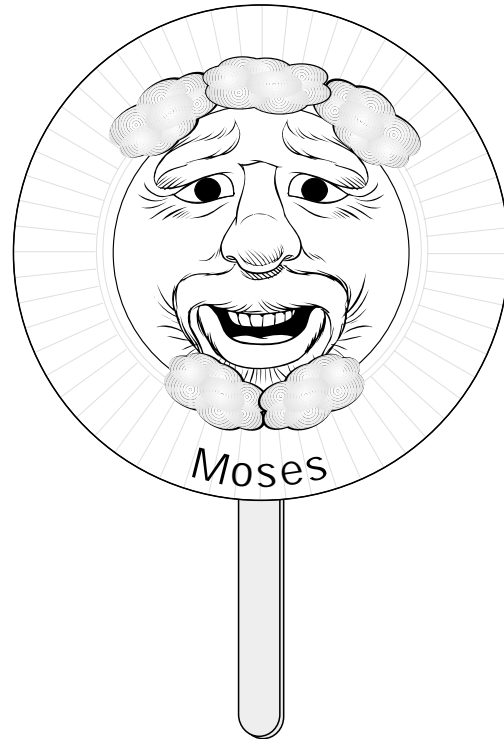
### Conclusion

God chose Joshua to lead his people after Moses. Discuss how Joshua felt about being chosen by God. (he was scared but excited) Ask the children to tell you what God told Joshua. (to be strong and very courageous)



# CRAFT

## Joshua



Finished Craft







Pre class



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*Joshua 1:7*

### Obedient Badge

The children will make a badge to remind them to be obedient.

#### Materials

*For each child:*

- 1 piece of construction paper, 5" x 5"
- 1 piece of construction paper, 7" x 7"
- yarn, 30"
- crayons
- glue stick
- decorative materials: sequins, buttons, glitter, etc.

*For the teacher:*

- scissors
- pencil
- hole punch
- marker

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page D, 1 copy for the teacher

### Lesson Plan

Greeting and Registration

Pre-class Activity: Obedient Badge

Welcome and Singing

Centers:

Game: Joshua Says

Craft: Obeying Is Better

Life Application: We Love to Obey

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

#### Preparation

1. Cut out the large circle stencil from the copy of Reproducible Page D. NOTE: Do not cut out the small circle.
2. Trace and cut out one large circle from 7" x 7" construction paper for each child.
3. Cut out the small circle stencil from the larger one.
4. Trace and cut out one small circle from 5" x 5" construction paper for each child.
5. On the smaller circles write "I Love to Obey."
6. Cut a 30" piece of yarn for each child.
7. Make a model following the instructions.

#### Instructions

1. Remind the children of the Bible Story. *We are learning about Joshua and how obedient he was to God. God chose him to be a great leader because he was so obedient. Show the children the model. Today you can make a badge to remind you to be obedient too.*
2. Give each child a large circle and a smaller circle. Have them glue the smaller circle on top of the large circle.
3. Have each child color and decorate the badge.
4. Punch a hole in the top of each badge.
5. Give each child a piece of yarn to thread through the hole. Tie the ends together.

#### Teacher Tips

- Cut out the circles with pinking shears to make them more decorative.

## Joshua Says

The children will practice being obedient.

### Materials

None

### Preparation

Familiarize yourself with the activity.

### Instructions

1. Remind the children that they are learning about Joshua who was an obedient leader of God's people. Joshua made God happy because he was so obedient. Explain to the children that they are going to play a game to help them remember that it is fun to obey. God told Joshua to obey all of his laws. God wants each one of us to obey all his laws, too. It was not always easy for Joshua to obey and it will not always be easy for us to obey. But when we listen and obey it makes God happy and it makes us very happy.
2. Have the children stand in a straight line next to each other leaving some space for movement.
3. Give the children a simple instruction such as, hop on one foot. As they are hopping encourage them for being obedient.
4. Tell the children to stop. Then give them another instruction.
5. If a child doesn't obey, kindly ask her to sit down.
6. Continue the game as time allows.

### Conclusion

Encourage the children for being obedient. Make note of how much more fun it is to obey than to disobey.

### Teacher Tips

- Give different children a chance to lead the group.
- Focus positively on the children who are being obedient versus dwelling on the children who are not.



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## Obeying Is Better

The children will make a poster to remind them of Joshua's obedient leadership.

### Materials

*For each child:*

- 1 piece of construction paper, 9" x 12"
- scissors
- crayons or markers
- glue stick
- 1 piece of green tissue paper
- 1 piece of sandpaper, 1" x 4"
- 1 piece of fabric, 1" x 2"

*For the teacher:*

- scissors

*Reproducible Pages:*

- Page E, 1 copy for each child

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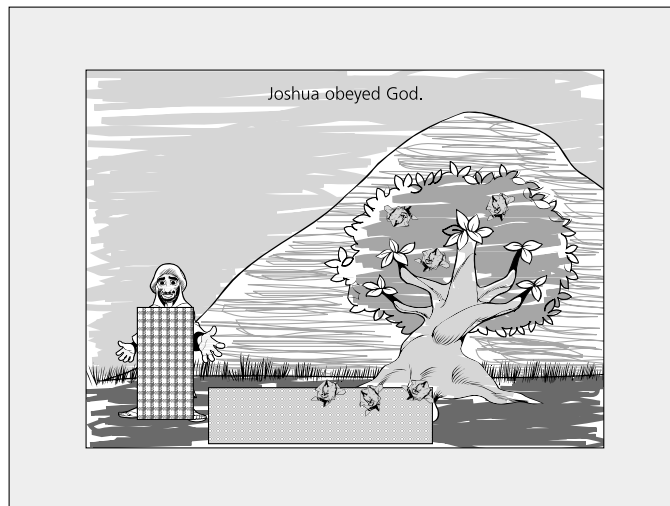
1. Cut out the pictures from the copies of Reproducible Page E.
2. Cut a 1" x 4" piece of sandpaper for each child.
3. Cut a 1" x 2" piece of fabric for each child.
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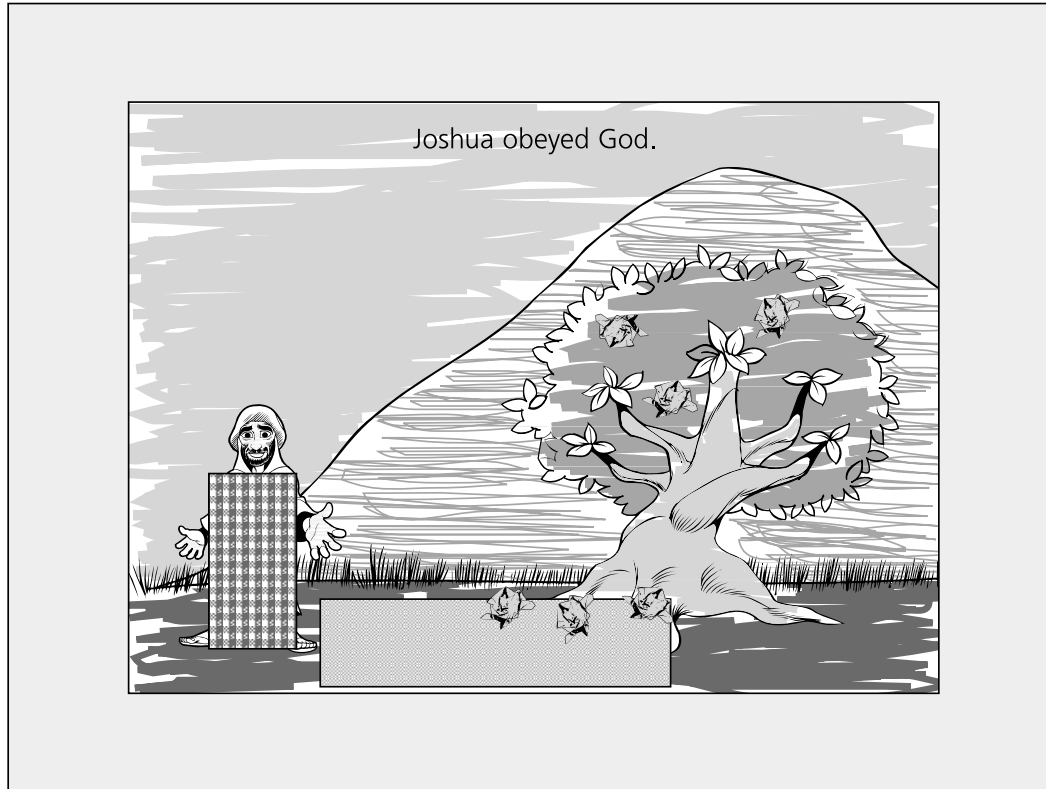
### Instructions

1. Remind the children of the story of Joshua. God chose him to be the new leader of his people. Joshua was obedient and this made God very happy. Show the children the model and explain that it is a picture of Joshua and the land that God promised to give his people. Joshua's job was to lead the people through the desert into the rich land.
2. Give each child a copy of Reproducible Page E and a piece of construction paper. Have them glue the picture onto the construction paper.
3. Have them color the paper.
4. Give each child a piece of sandpaper to glue onto the ground by Joshua's feet.
5. Give each child a piece of fabric to glue onto Joshua as a coat.
6. Give each child a piece of green tissue paper. Have them rip it into small pieces and glue the pieces onto the trees as leaves and the ground as grass.
7. Help the children to write their names on their craft.

### Conclusion

Remind the children that Joshua was a great leader because he was obedient to God. God can do great things with our lives too if we are obedient to him.





Finished Craft

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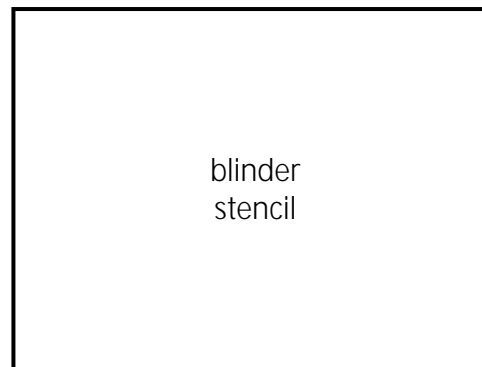
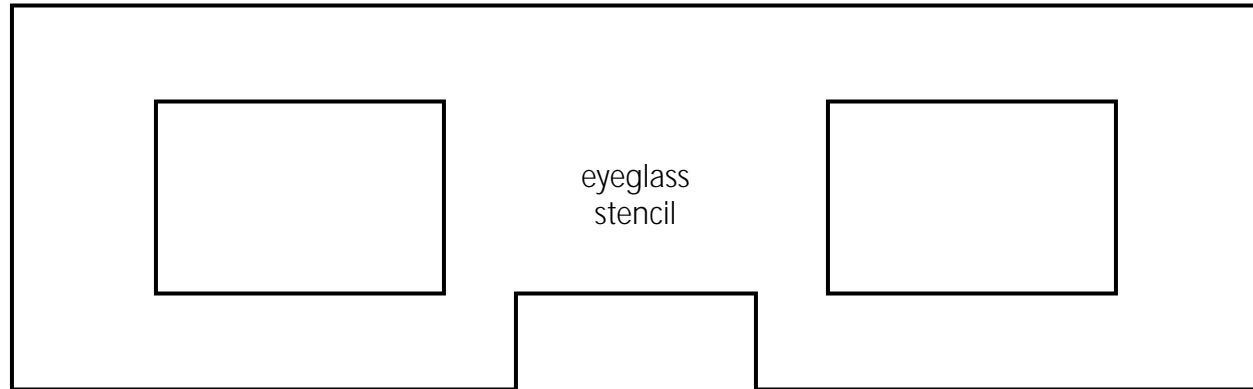
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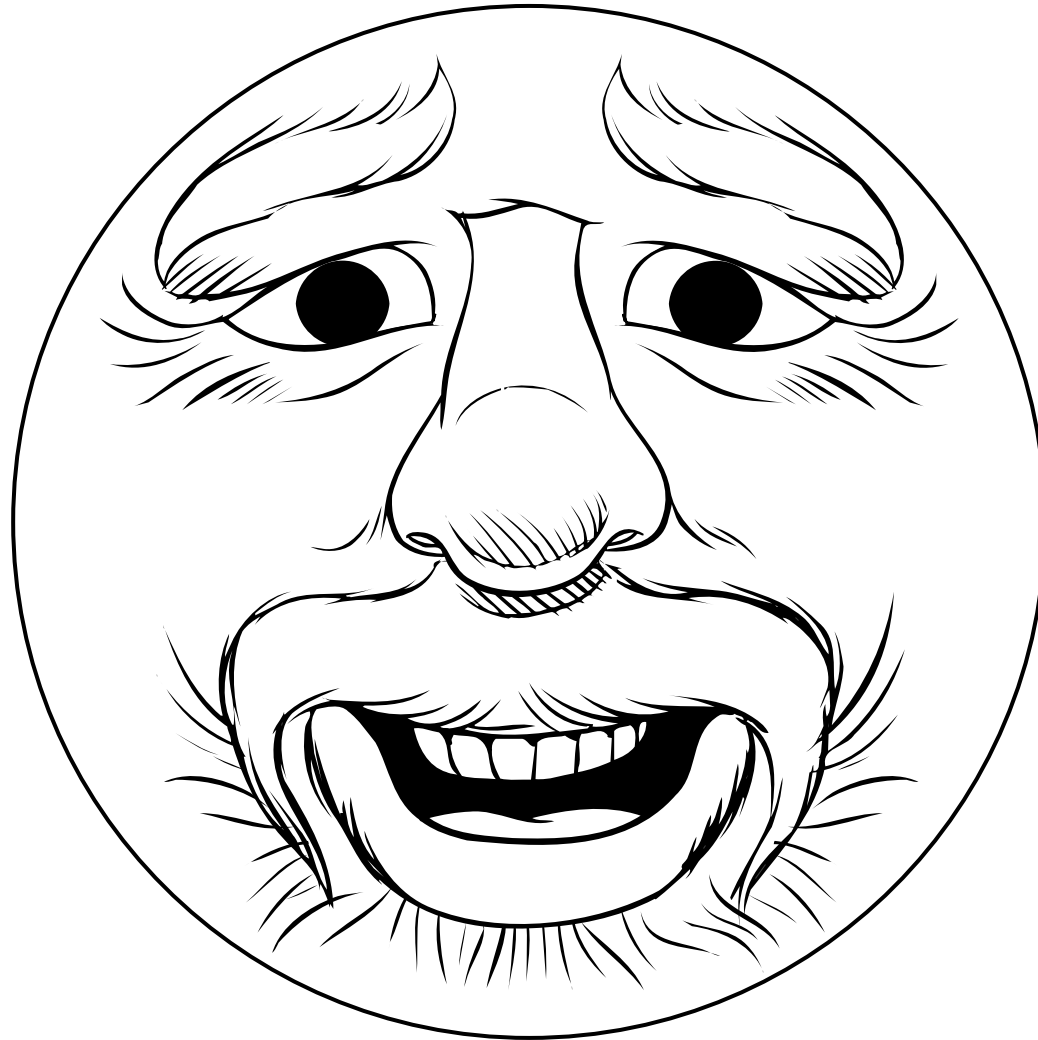
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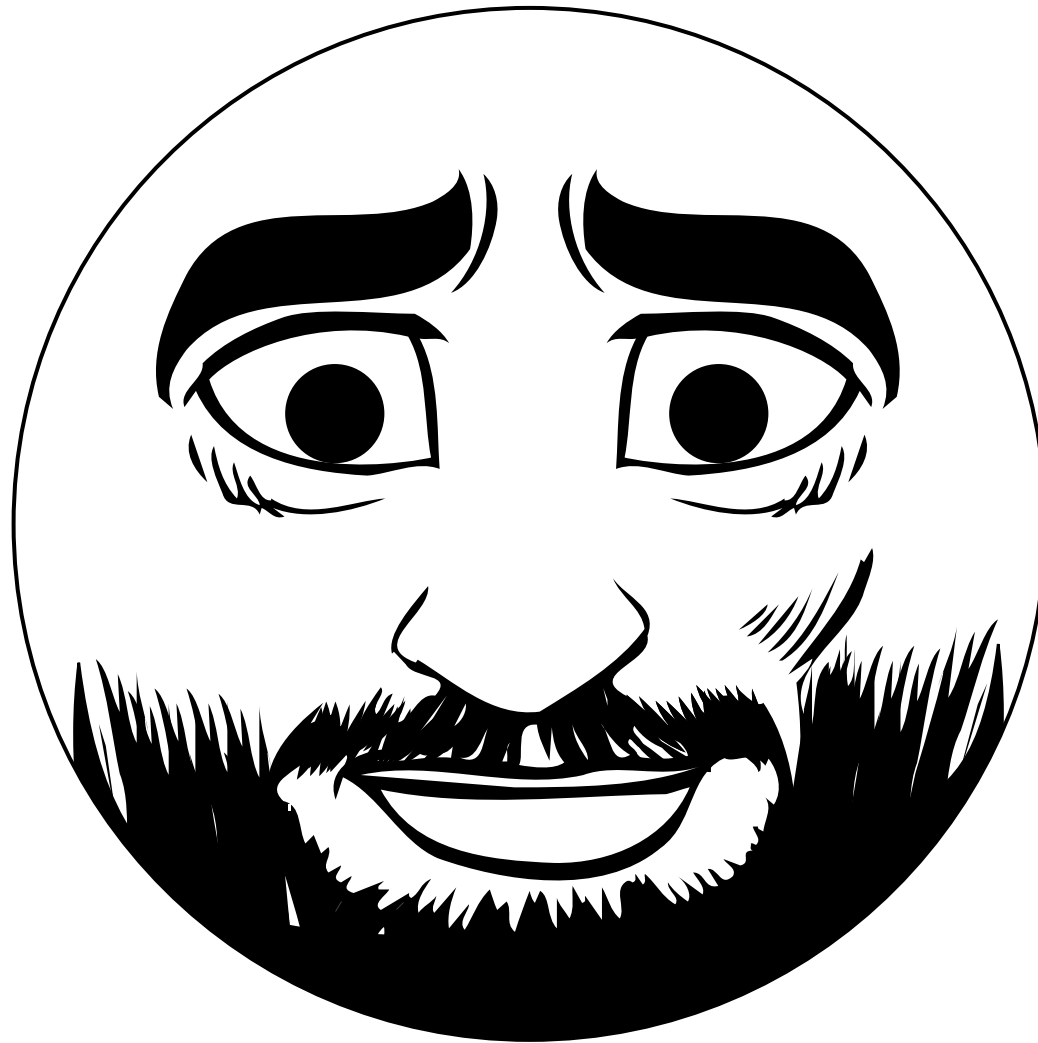
Moses face

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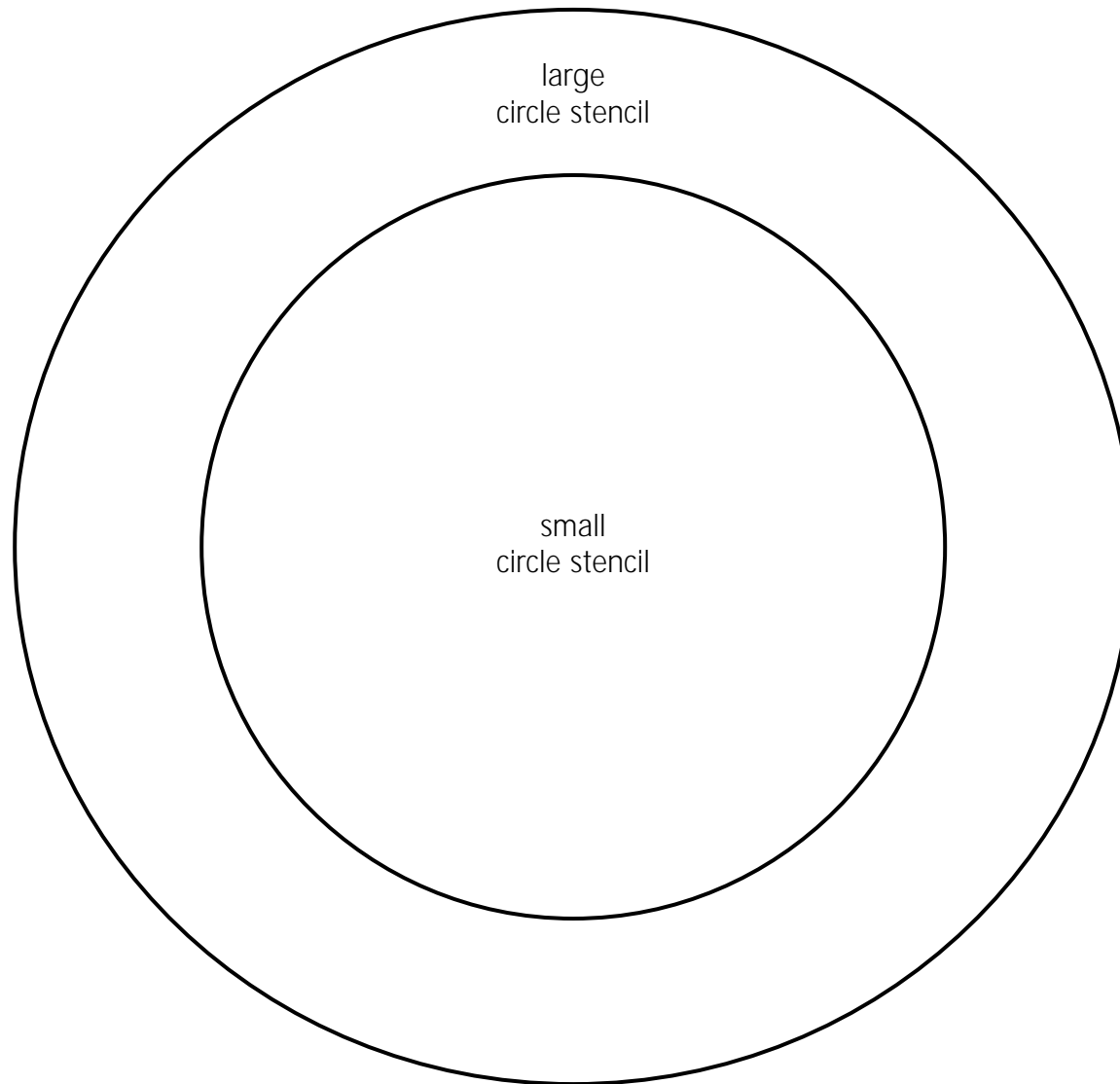
Joshua face

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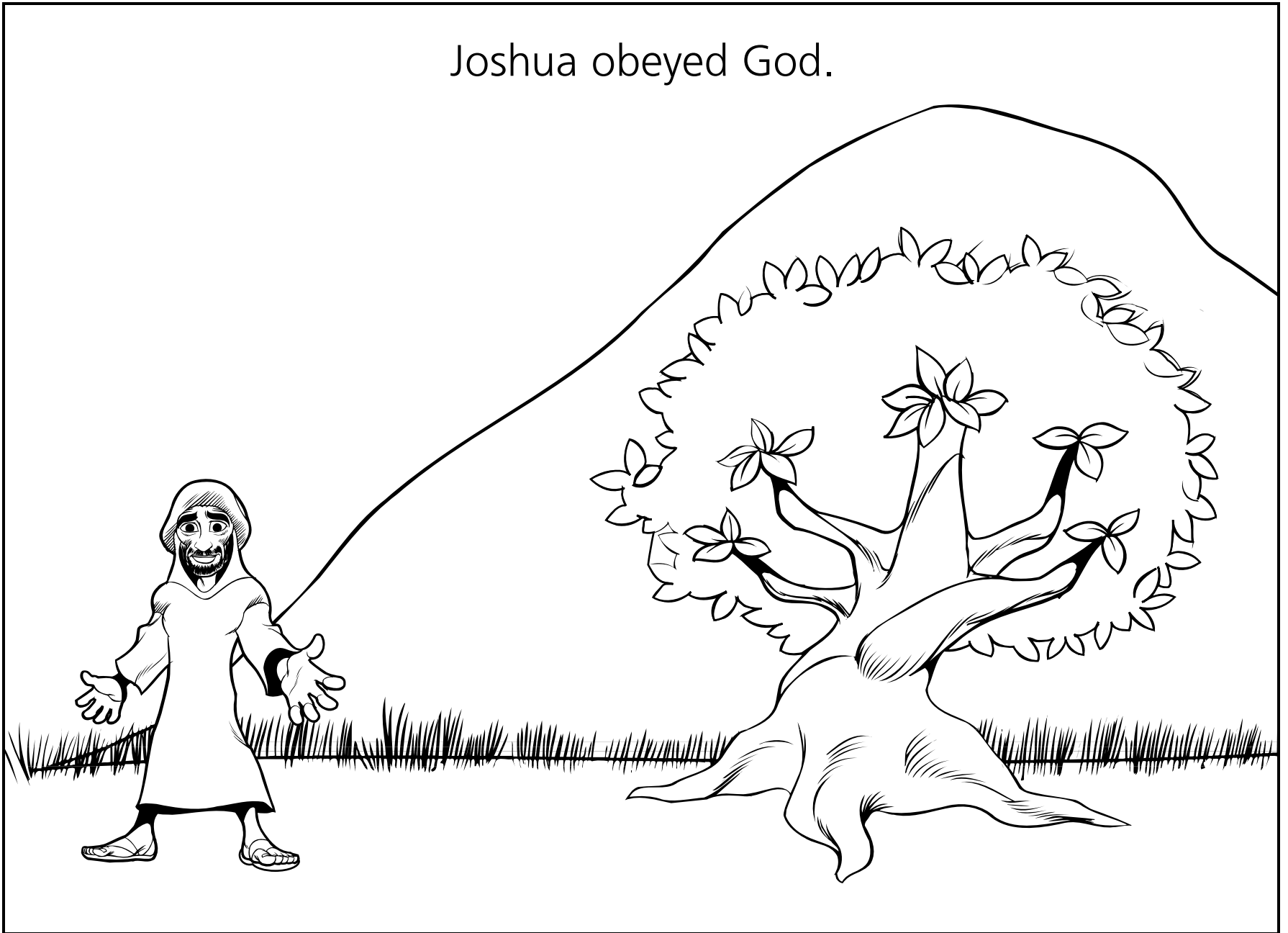
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Joshua obeyed God.



**READ-OBED-TO-WORD**

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4 and 5 Year Olds

