

Faith Practices: remembering

Joshua 4:1-9



Understanding the Bible:

What is the problem being expressed in this Bible passage?

How does God show up in this Bible Passage?

What is one way you can practice remembering this week?

My favorite song today:

Things I will pray for this week:

Today's Bible Passage: Joshua 4:1-9

(Can you find the highlighted words?)

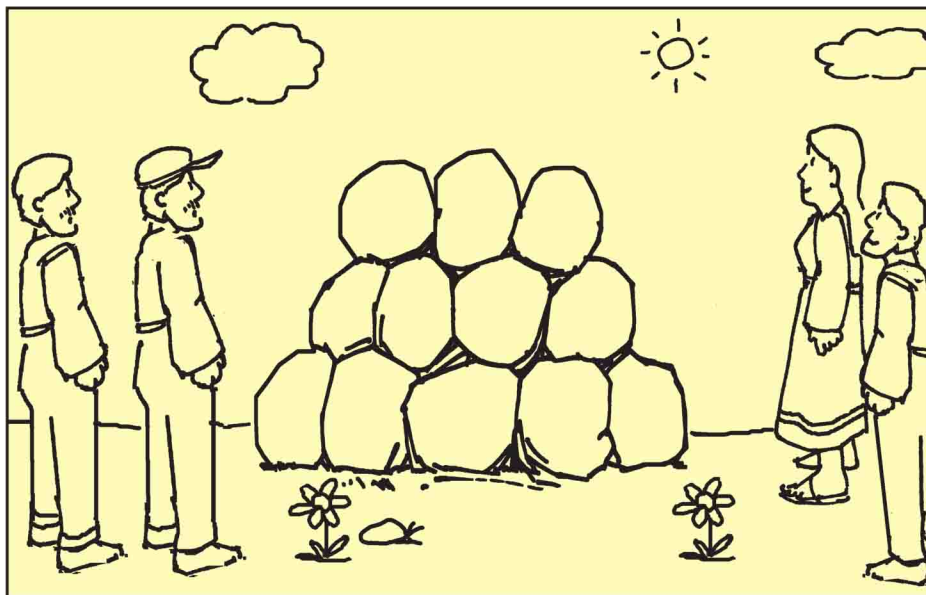
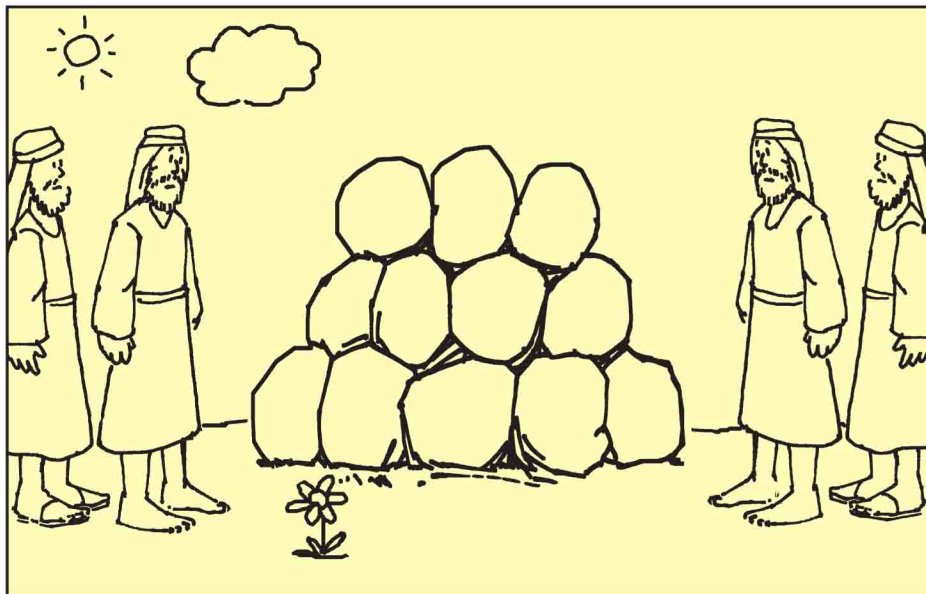
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When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."

So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever." So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them. They took twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, as the LORD had told Joshua; and they carried them over with them to their camp, where they put them down. Joshua set up the twelve stones that had been in the middle of the Jordan at the spot where the priests who carried the ark of the covenant had stood. And they are there to this day.

These stones were to be a memorial.

Circle 8 differences in the second picture.



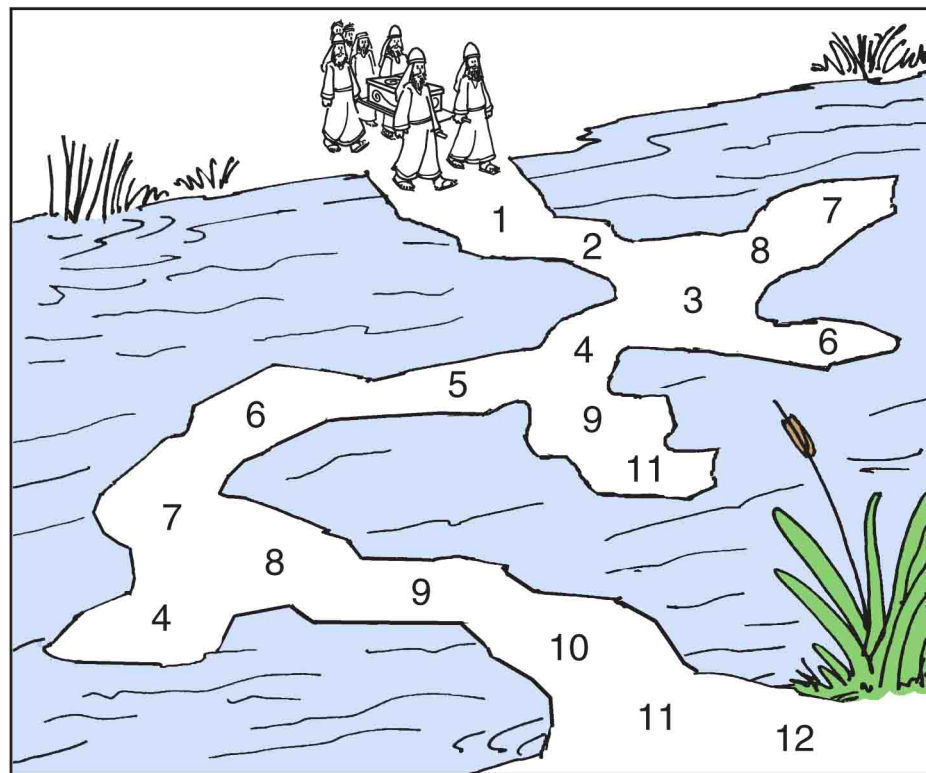
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The Memorial Stones

The people of Israel crossed the Jordan River. God parted the water for them.

Follow the maze. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12



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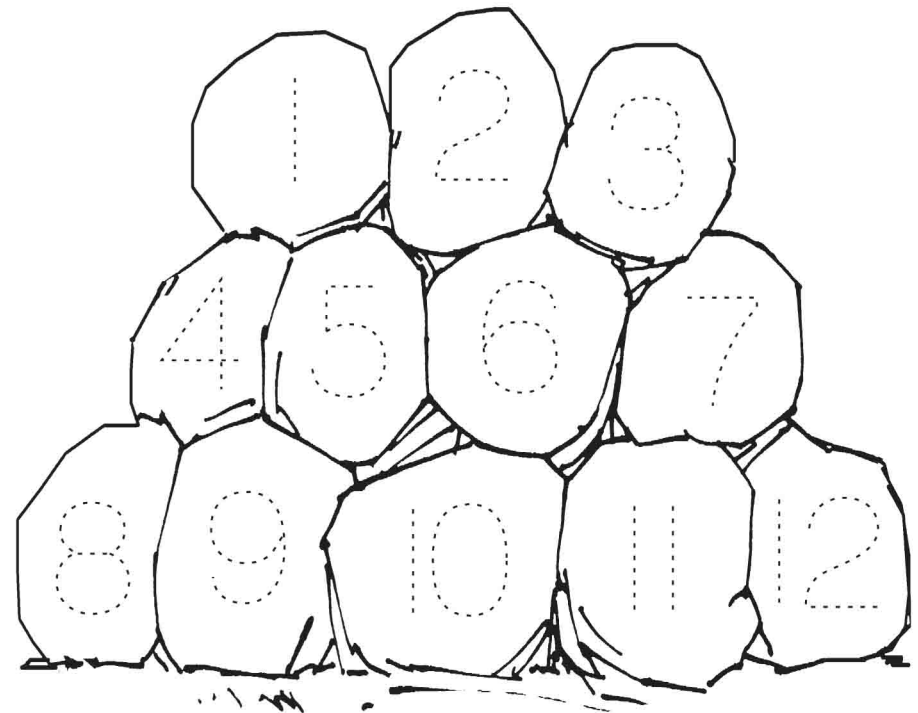
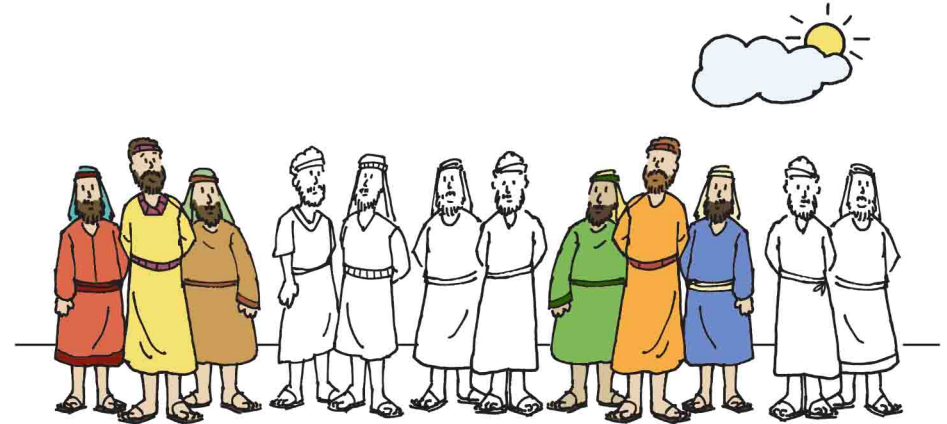
God told Joshua to have 12 men
bring 12 stones out from the riverbed.

Find these hidden objects.



1 stone was for
each of the 12 tribes of Israel.

Count the stones. Trace the numbers.





What did Joshua tell the Israelites to answer when their future descendants asked, "What do these stones mean?"

Read the passage and find the underlined words in the puzzle.

Tell them, "Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground."

When the ark of the covenant crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. For the Lord your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The Lord your God did to the Jordan just what He had done to the Red Sea when He dried it up before us until we had crossed over. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."

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The Memorial Stones

The people of Israel needed to cross the River Jordan to get to Canaan. What command did God give Joshua?

Find a path through the maze, reading God's command along the way. Cross out all words starting with B, G, H, K, L, N, Q, R, V.

are
"Choose 12
Who
has
of the Nile
wonders
creation
are
earth
to leave
heavens
can
believe
beyond
in
His
put
men
from
can
why
among
the very
are
luckiest
His
when
paths
end
near
place
last
nature
where
you
need
lunch
stay
12
bags
stones
from
the
banks
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unsearchable
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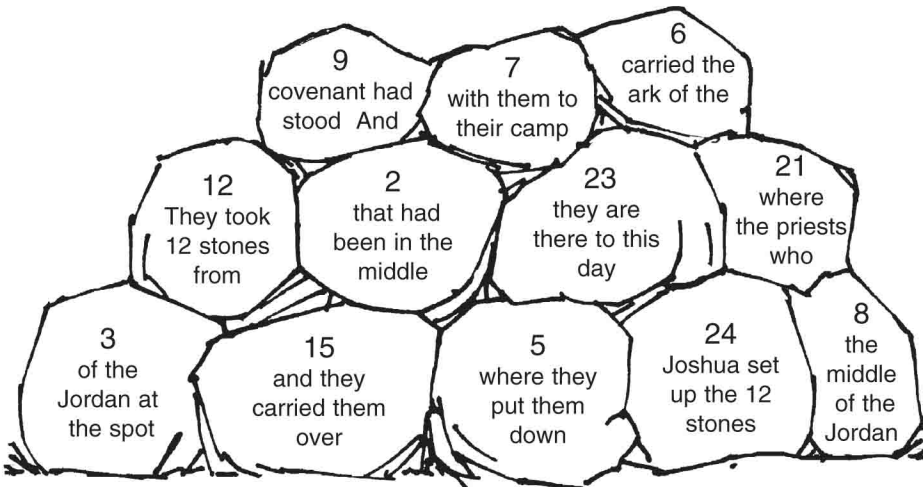


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So the Israelites did as Joshua commanded them.

Solve the math problems. Then write the words from the pile of stones in order on the blanks.

- 3 x 4 " They took 12 stones from
- 4 + 4 _____,
- 5 x 3 _____
- 13 - 6 _____,
- 15 - 10 _____.
- 3 x 8 _____
- 19 - 17 _____
- 7 - 4 _____
- 7 x 3 _____
- 1 + 5 _____
- 2 + 7 _____.
- 15 + 8 _____."



God parted the water for the people.
The Israelites hurried across on dry ground.
As soon as all of them had crossed, the ark of the Lord and the priests came to the other side while the people watched. What happened next?

Use the code to find out.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N M L K J I H G F E D C B A

"So Joshua commanded the priests, 'Come up out of the Jordan.'

Z M W G S V K I R V H G H

X Z N V F K L F G L U G S V

I R E V I X Z I I B R M T G S V

Z I P L U G S V X L E V M Z M G

L U G S V O L I W M L

H L L M V I S Z W G S V B H V G

G S V R I U V V G L M G S V

W I B T I L F M W G S Z M

G S V D Z G V I H L U G S V

Q L I W Z M I V G F I M V W G L

G S V R I K O Z X V Z M W

I Z M Z G U O L L W

H G Z T V Z H Y V U L I V."