



Joshua, the New Leader

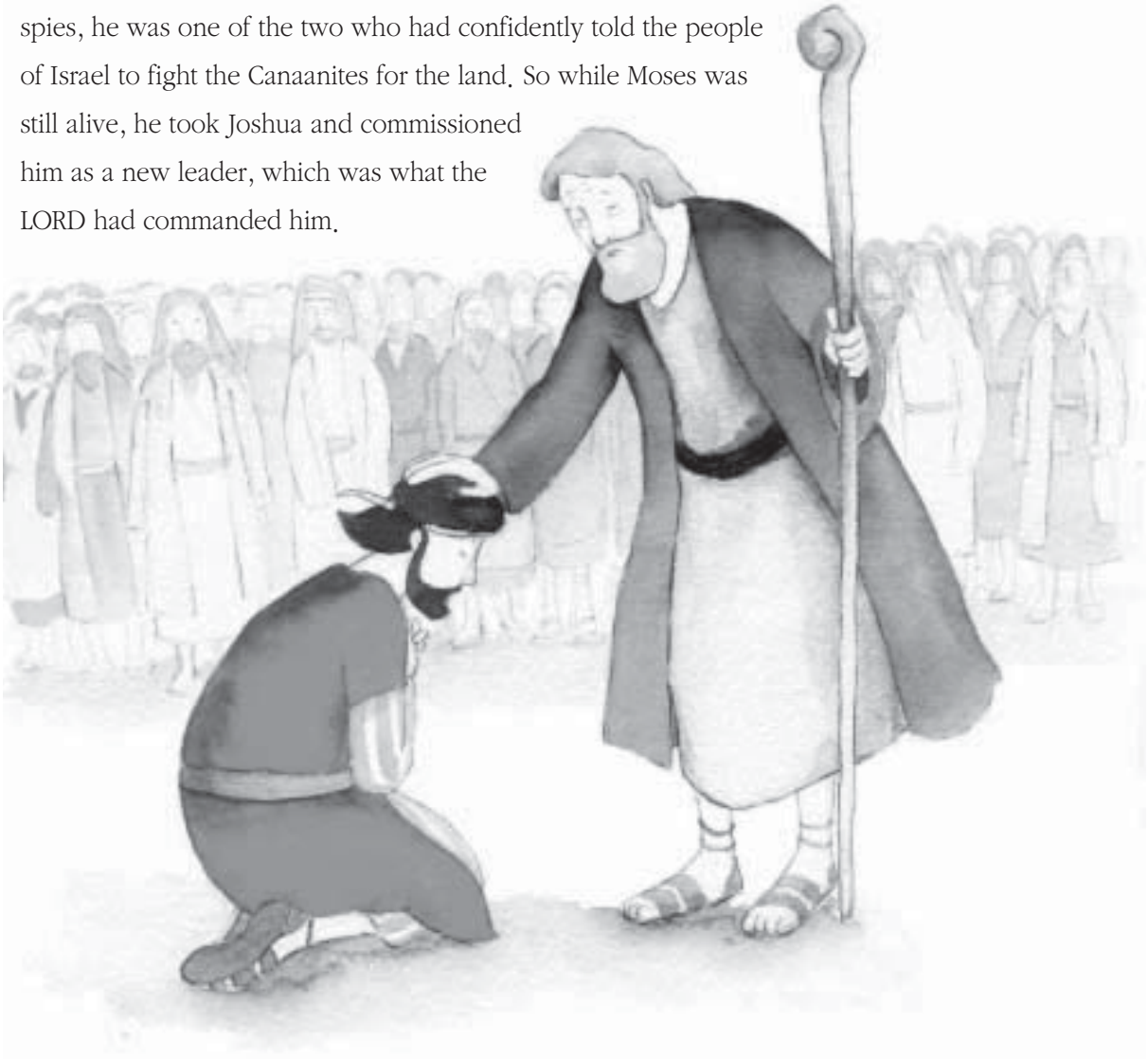
Numbers 27:15~23; Joshua 1

Forty years have passed since Moses and the Israelite's were led out of Egypt. Just before Moses was about to die, he prayed to God asking for another leader to be appointed who could lead Israel.

"May the LORD, the God of the spirits of all living beings, appoint a man over this people who will lead them wherever they go."

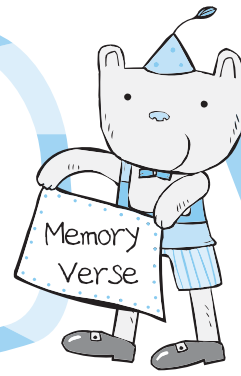
So God appointed Joshua as the new leader of Israel.

Joshua was one of the twelve spies who were sent to spy out the land of Canaan. Among the spies, he was one of the two who had confidently told the people of Israel to fight the Canaanites for the land. So while Moses was still alive, he took Joshua and commissioned him as a new leader, which was what the LORD had commanded him.



Have I not commanded you? Be strong and of good courage; do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9



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After Moses' s death, God spoke to Joshua, saying,

"Arise, cross this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them, to the sons of Israel. No man will be able to stand before you all the days of your life. Just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you. I will not fail you or forsake you. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

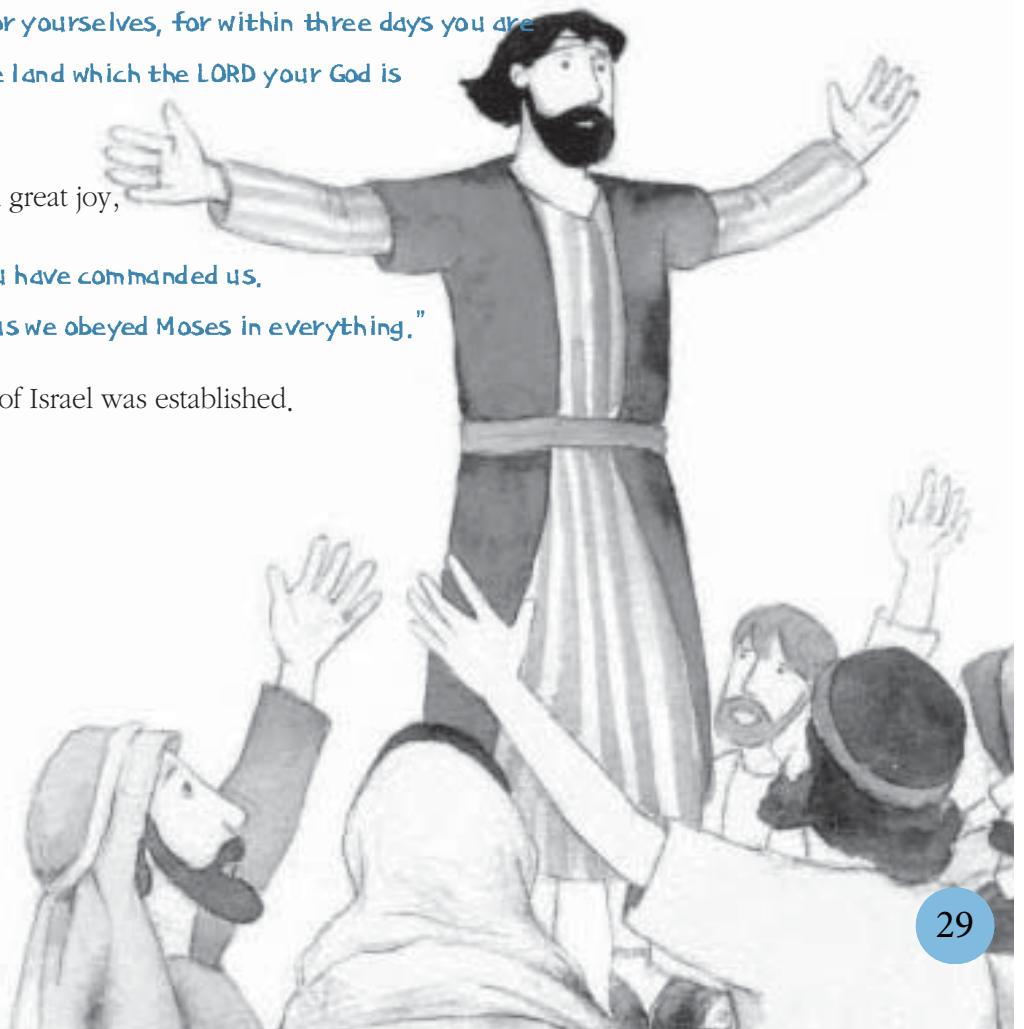
Hearing this, Joshua gained much confidence and strength. So he spoke to the people of Israel,

"Prepare provisions for yourselves, for within three days you are to go in to possess the land which the LORD your God is giving you."

The Israelites replied in great joy,

"We will do all that you have commanded us.
We will obey you just as we obeyed Moses in everything."

And so the new leader of Israel was established.





Today's Study

What Kind of Person Would Joshua Have Been?

Look at the pictures and search the noted Scriptures, and then write what you think of Joshua.

Numbers 13:6-9

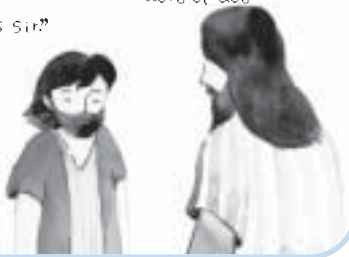
"Don't be afraid.
We will be
victorious!"



Exodus 33:11

"Yes Sir?"

"I must obey Moses,
because he has the
word of God"



Joshua was a man who served and obeyed honestly with all his heart God.

"And the LORD said to Moses, "Take Joshua the son of Nun with you, a man
, and lay your hand on
him; (Numbers 27:18)

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What did God promise Joshua?

...do not be afraid, nor be dismayed, for the LORD your God
 wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)



Today's Lesson

Like Joshua

Who among the following would God be able to trust and rely on to do some work for Him if He needs it?



- ❶ One who boasts about his good grades and looks down on other friends



- ❷ One who behaves well only at church and never reads the Bible at home



- ❸ One who takes a shower every day



- ❹ One who prays, "Lord, I am using the computer too much. Please help me be able to control myself." "I'll use it less today!"

Rather than smart, strong, and good-looking people, God just loves those who just want to keep themselves away from sins.



Did you know?

* Jesus and Joshua

Jesus and Joshua have the same name.

In Hebrew, "Joshua" means "The LORD is salvation" or "The LORD saves." And in Greek, "Joshua" is called "Jesus"

Just like God had led the Israelite people to the land of Canaan through Joshua, Jesus leads to the eternal heaven, saving us from our sins.

"And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins." (Matthew 1:21)

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