

JOSHUA BUILDS AN ALTAR

Joshua 8:30-35

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³⁰Then Joshua built on Mount Ebal an altar to the LORD, the God of Israel, ³¹as Moses the servant of the LORD had commanded the Israelites. He built it according to what is written in the Book of the Law of Moses—an altar of uncut stones, on which no iron tool had been used. On it they offered to the LORD burnt offerings and sacrificed fellowship offerings.

³²There, in the presence of the Israelites, Joshua copied on stones the law of Moses, which he had written. ³³All Israel, aliens and citizens alike, with their elders, officials and judges, were standing on both sides of the ark of the covenant of the LORD, facing those who carried it—the priests, who

were Levites. Half of the people stood in front of Mount Gerizim and half of them in front of Mount Ebal, as Moses the servant of the LORD had formerly commanded when he gave instructions to bless the people of Israel.

³⁴Afterward, Joshua read all the words of the law—the blessings and the curses—just as it is written in the Book of the Law. ³⁵There was not a word of all that Moses had commanded that Joshua did not read to the whole assembly of Israel, including the women and children, and the aliens who lived among them.

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Joshua build?
5		2.) What did Joshua copy onto the stones of the altar?
5		3.) What did Joshua do after he copied the law of Moses on the stones? (Verse 34)
5		4.) Why do you think Joshua read the words of the law to the people?

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">1 John 2:3</p>

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER'S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ___/___/___

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Joshua builds an altar to the Lord

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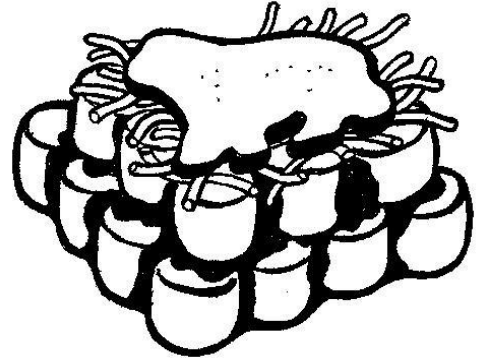
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: ALTARS

Using lima beans as stones, and white glue as mortar, students will build altars to remind them of how Joshua built an altar and wrote the law of Moses on in.

MATERIALS

1. Dry Lima Beans
2. White Glue
3. Gummy bears or animal crackers
4. Chinese fried noodles
5. Small paper plates
6. Sand



DIRECTIONS

1. Pass out a small handful of lima beans to each student.
2. Pass out a small paper plate to build the “altars” on.
3. Have students smear some glue on the plate.
4. Sprinkle sand on the glue.
5. Let students glue dry lima beans in a pile to make an altar.
6. Glue a few Chinese fried noodles to the top of each altar to represent wood.
7. Glue a gummy bear or animal cracker to the top to represent the burnt offering.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are building their “altars” discuss how Joshua built an altar as Moses had commanded. Remind students that the law was written on the stones. This was a reminder to the people to obey God’s commands and reaffirm that God was in charge.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 20 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

“We know that we have come to know him if we obey his commands.”
1 John 2:3

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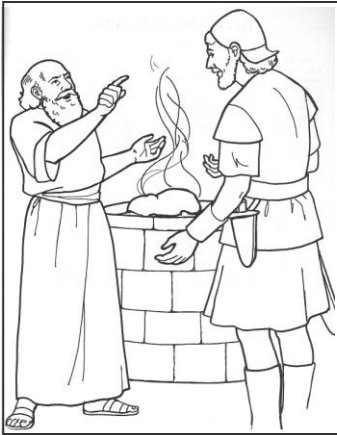
Directions: Write a short summary of the bible story. You may look back in your bible for help. When you finish, draw a picture in the box.

A large rectangular frame containing writing lines and a drawing area. On the left side, there are 11 horizontal lines for writing. To the right of these lines is a square box with a double-line border, intended for drawing. Below the double-line box, there are 11 more horizontal lines for writing.

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JOSHUA 8:30-35

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Joshua remembered what Moses had instructed the Israelites to do once they crossed the Jordan river. So Joshua built an Altar to the Lord. He built the altar

with uncut stone, on which no iron tool had been used.

Once the altar was completed, the Israelites offered burnt offerings and fellowship offerings to the Lord. The burnt offerings symbolized the worship and prayers of the Israelites going up to God. Fellowship offerings were to show that the Israelites wanted to live at peace with God.

On the stones of the altar, Joshua copied the law of Moses. All of the Israelites stood on both sides of the Ark of the Covenant which reminded them of the Lord being with them.

When he was finished, Joshua read the all of the words of the law. This was a good reminder to the people to obey the Lord's commands.

For more details, please read Joshua 8:30-35 in the Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Joshua build?
2. What did Joshua copy onto the stones of the altar?
3. What did Joshua do after he finished copying the law onto the stones?
4. Why do you think Joshua read the words of the law aloud to the people?

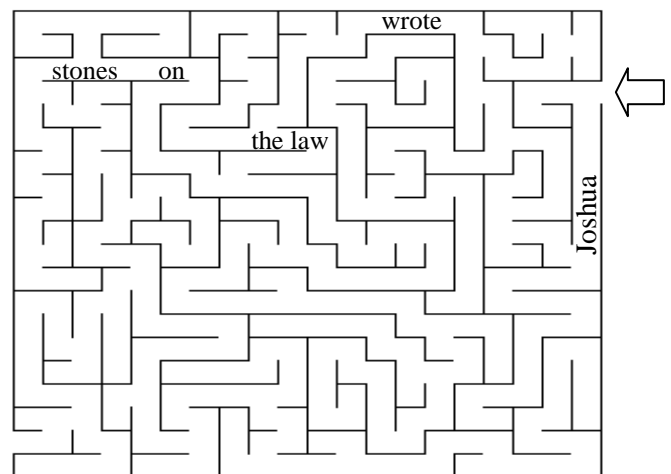
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MAZE MESSAGE

Write down each word as you come to it to find the hidden message.



Hidden message: _____