

JOSHUA'S FAREWELL

Joshua 23:1-16

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¹After a long time had passed and the LORD had given Israel rest from all their enemies around them, Joshua, by then old and well advanced in years, ²summoned all Israel—their elders, leaders, judges and officials—and said to them: “I am old and well advanced in years. ³You yourselves have seen everything the LORD your God has done to all these nations for your sake; it was the LORD your God who fought for you. ⁴Remember how I have allotted as an inheritance for your tribes all the land of the nations that remain—the nations I conquered—between the Jordan and the Great Sea in the west. ⁵The LORD your God himself will drive them out of your way. He will push them out before you, and you will take possession of their land, as the LORD your God promised you.

⁶“Be very strong; be careful to obey all that is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, without turning aside to the right or to the left. ⁷Do not associate with these nations that remain among you; do not invoke the names of their gods or swear by them. You must not serve them or bow down to them. ⁸But you are to hold fast to the LORD your God, as you have until now.

⁹“The LORD has driven out before you great and powerful nations; to this day no one has been able to withstand

you. ¹⁰One of you routs a thousand, because the LORD your God fights for you, just as he promised. ¹¹So be very careful to love the LORD your God.

¹²“But if you turn away and ally yourselves with the survivors of these nations that remain among you and if you intermarry with them and associate with them, ¹³then you may be sure that the LORD your God will no longer drive out these nations before you. Instead, they will become snares and traps for you, whips on your backs and thorns in your eyes, until you perish from this good land, which the LORD your God has given you.

¹⁴“Now I am about to go the way of all the earth. You know with all your heart and soul that not one of all the good promises the LORD your God gave you has failed. Every promise has been fulfilled; not one has failed. ¹⁵But just as every good promise of the LORD your God has come true, so the LORD will bring on you all the evil he has threatened, until he has destroyed you from this good land he has given you. ¹⁶If you violate the covenant of the LORD your God, which he commanded you, and go and serve other gods and bow down to them, the LORD’S anger will burn against you, and you will quickly perish from the good land he has given you.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Joshua remind the people to do?
5		2.) What did Joshua tell the people that they should not do?
5		3.) What did Joshua say about the Lord's promises? (Verse 14)
5		4.) Why do you think Joshua warned the people of things they should not do?

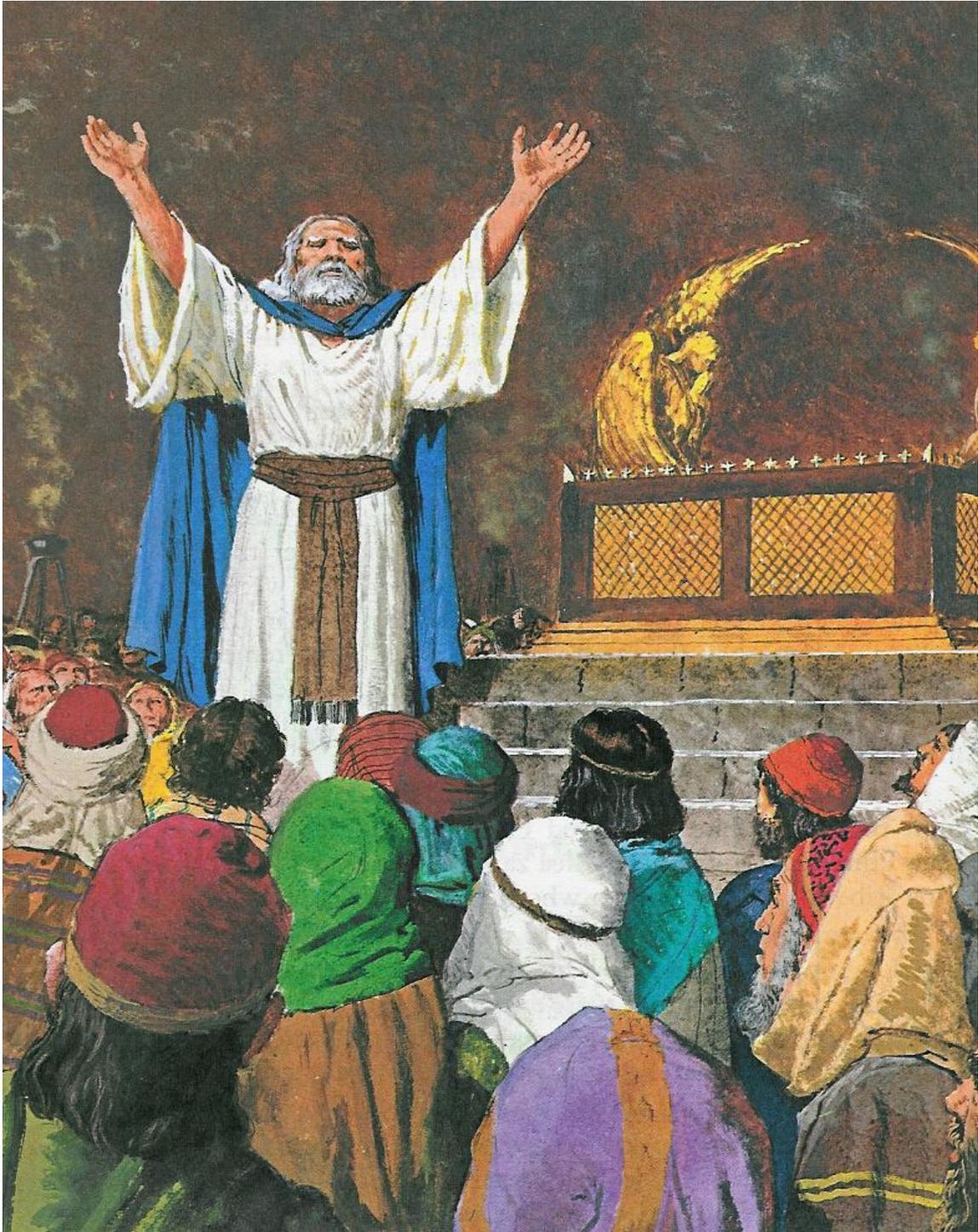
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		<p>“You are my portion, O LORD; I have promised to obey your words.”</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalm 119:57</p>

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 says good-bye to the Israelites before he dies

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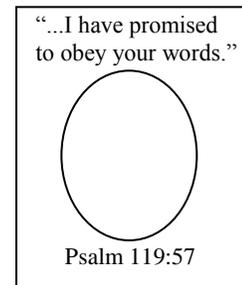
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: MIRRORS

Students will make a mirror to remind them that they should see themselves as children who obey God's words.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. Mirror Pattern
3. Aluminum Foil
4. Glue
5. Scissors
6. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy the mirror pattern onto 67 lb. cardstock for each student.
2. Have students cut out the mirror pattern on the solid black lines (including the oval).
3. Fold the mirror pattern on the dotted line like a greeting card.
4. Allow students to color the words of the memory verse.
5. Glue a piece of foil to the back side of the cut-out oval (the side without writing).
6. Glue the two halves together. (It should look like a greeting card glued shut with an oval mirror on it).

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are cutting and coloring their mirror patterns, remind them that the memory verse is an encouragement to all of us. Joshua, as he was saying good-bye to the Israelites, warned them to obey what God had told the people. Tell students that, as they look into their "mirror", they should see themselves and be reminded to obey God's words too.

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 15 minutes

MEMORY VERSE

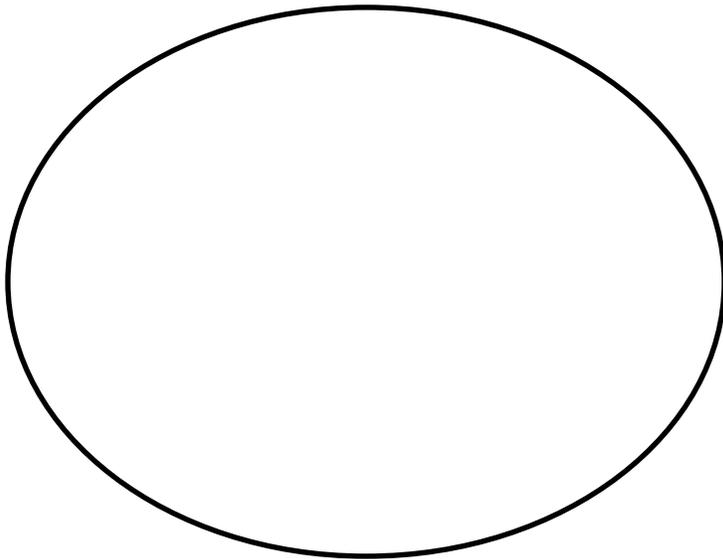
*"You are my portion, O Lord; I have promised to obey your words."
Psalm 119:57*

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MIRROR PATTERN

"...I have promised
to obey your words."



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Directions: In box #1, draw a picture of something that happened at the *beginning* of the story. In box #2 and #3, draw a picture of something that happened in the *middle* of the story. In box #4, draw a picture of something that happened at the *end* of the story. Then write a sentence for each picture to describe what you have drawn.

1.

2.

3.

4.

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JOSHUA 23:1-16

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Joshua was about to die, so he called together all of the Israelites so he could speak with them.

Joshua reminded the people of all the

good that Lord had done for them. He shared with them that the Lord had conquered the surrounding nations and would continue to do so in the future if the Israelites followed after Him.

But Joshua knew, all too well, that the Israelites had not always obeyed the Lord. Bad things happened when the Israelites did not obey. The Lord would get angry and would punish the Israelites.

Joshua wanted the Israelites to please God. He told the people to obey everything written in the Book of the Law. He said not to associate with the people remaining in nations that they conquer in the future.

Joshua also reminded the people that the Lord keeps his promises.

For additional details about this story, please read Joshua 23:1-16 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Joshua remind the people to do?
2. What did Joshua tell the people that they should not do?
3. What did Joshua say about the Lord's promises?
4. Why do you think Joshua warned the people of things that they should not do?

MEMORY VERSE

“You are my portion, O LORD; I have promised to obey your words.”

Psalm 119:57

FINISH THE PICTURE

