

STUDENT STUDY GUIDE: WEEK SEVEN // JOSHUA

KEY UNDERSTANDING OBJECTIVES

1. God transitions the nation from a wandering people to preparing them to take the Promised Land.
2. Obedience to God and His commands brought about victory.
3. God fulfilled every promise that He made.

ACTIVITY 1

[God transitions the nation from a wandering people to preparing them to take the Promised Land.]

Observe

Read chapters 3-5 and create a timeline of the key events found in this part of the story.

Understand

After wandering in the wilderness for 40 years, now positioned on the edge of entering the Promised Land, God prepares them for what lay ahead. Consider how these key events may have helped get the people ready for going into Canaan. For example, did it build people's faith and trust in God? Did it prepare the people to trust their new leader? Did it remind the people that they are to be set apart?

Apply

Can you see times in your life when God has prepared you for something that lies ahead? Share an example.

ACTIVITY 2

[Obedience to God and His commands brought about victory.]

Observe

Read Chapter 7.

1. What was Achan's sin?
2. What command did Achan disobey? (find chapter/verse reference)
3. How did this affect the nation of Israel?
4. How did it affect Achan and his family?

Understand

We see from this example that the disobedience of God's people brought about a defeat. But God doesn't leave them defeated. How did they come to have victory?

What understanding do you gain from chapters 7 and 8 about obedience and disobedience, and the consequences that they can have?

Apply

God hates sin. Sin always has consequences - in our own lives and the lives of people around us. What is your view of sin? Are you quick to turn back to God when sin is identified?

ACTIVITY 3

[God fulfilled every promise that He made.]

Observe

Complete the table by looking up the promise God made and then where/how it was fulfilled in the book of Joshua.

STATED TO MOSES	FULFILLED IN JOSHUA	PROMISE
Deut. 3:21,28 and 31:3-8	Joshua 1:3	
Deut. 11:29 and 27:4,13	Joshua 8:30-35	
Deut. 9:1-5	Joshua 11:12	
Numbers 26:52-56	Joshua 14:1-5	
Numbers 35:1-8	Joshua 21:1-3	

Understand

What do you come to understand from what you have just read and recorded?

Apply

Read Joshua 21:43-45. Isn't it amazing to see that the promises God gave to Moses were fulfilled in Joshua! God is a promise-keeping God.

- What promises have you seen God fulfil in your life?
- For those promises of God that are yet to be fulfilled in your life, how does what you've read in Joshua help you?