



JOSHUA 7 DAY DEVOTIONAL



Strong

Verse: Joshua 1:9

“This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.”

Find the whole story of God talking to Joshua

Joshua 1:5-9

What can we get from this?

Joshua was just about to lead a whole country, so I’m sure he was feeling scared and not strong enough. But God didn’t want him to worry because God was Joshua’s strength and he can be your strength too! This doesn’t mean you can do 100 push ups in one go (although that would be cool!). Being strong in God means that even when we go through hard times, we remain close to God and we don’t allow our fear to stop us from trying something new. God was Joshua’s strength, why don’t you ask God to be yours?

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that you want to be my strength. Please help me to rely on you when I feel afraid of..... Help me to be strong like Joshua. In Jesus name, amen.

Challenge

Write Joshua 1:9 on a piece of paper and put it on your wall. Whenever you need some strength, say the verse out loud and ask God to be your strength.

Fun Fact

The world record for the most number of push ups done in one minute is 123 (September 2019)! How many can you do in one minute?



Brave

Verse: Joshua 2:12

“Now swear to me by the Lord that you will be kind to me and my family since I have helped you.”

Find Rahab’s whole story

Joshua 2 and 6

What can we get from this?

Rahab was so brave in this chapter. Joshua sent spies into this city and the officers of the city wanted to find them so they could hurt them. So Rahab protected the spies by hiding them. She was risking her own safety because she would have been in a lot of trouble if the officers found out that she was hiding the spies. But, Rahab knew it was the right thing to do for God. How amazing is that? Sometimes the right thing to do is scary. We might be scared of what other people will think or what will happen to us. But, when we are brave enough to do the right thing, God will protect and reward us just like he did with Rahab. Let’s be brave enough to do the right thing!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for helping us to be brave. I want to be brave enough to do the right thing even when I am scared of what other people will think. Please help me to be brave like Rahab. In Jesus name, amen.

Challenge

Think about a time where you have been scared to do the right thing. Ask God to help you to be brave when you are in a similar situation in the future.

Fun Fact

The most common fear in the world is Arachnophobia – the fear of spiders. Are you afraid of spiders or do you like them?



Persistent

Verse: Joshua 6:4

“On the seventh day you are to march around the town seven times, with the priests blowing the horns.”

Find the whole story of the fall of Jericho

Joshua 6

What can we get from this

What does it mean to be persistent? It means to carry on strongly even when it gets difficult. God promised the Israelites that they would have Jericho but first he asked them to walk around the town once a day for 6 days and 7 times on the 7th day. Imagine how tiring that would have been! I think there would have been times when they were walking around the city that they wanted to give up. But, they didn't and finally when the priests blew the horns, the walls came down! If you have been praying for something for a long time, don't give up! God hears your prayers but wants us to be persistent because it shows we have faith in him! If the Israelites gave up walking, the walls may have never come down. Let's be persistent in our lives!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that you hear my prayers. I will never give up praying for..... because I know that you will answer me when I am persistent. In your name, amen.

Challenge

Write down a list of things you are praying for and pray for them everyday. When God answers them, you can highlight it or tick it off and thank him for answering your prayers!

Fun Fact

It is estimated that it would have taken about an hour to walk around the wall of Jericho. That means they had to walk for at least 7 hours on the 7th day! What's the longest you have walked in one go?



Faith

Verse: Joshua 10:13

“So the sun stood still and the moon stayed in place until the nation of Israel had defeated its enemies”.

Find the whole story of the sun staying still

Joshua 10:12-15

What can we get from this

How cool is that! Joshua prayed that the sun would not move until they had won the battle and God answered that prayer! Clearly, Joshua knew God could do anything and he had the faith to ask God for that. Imagine what we could do if we had faith like that?! Faith is believing that God can and will do all that He has promised. I think God likes it when we pray big prayers because it shows him that we believe he is powerful enough for that! I think we should all be like Joshua and ask God to do big things in our life and have faith that he will!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that you want me to have faith in you. I have faith that you will..... and I look forward to being able to thank you for this when you do it. In Jesus name, amen.

Challenge

Don't be afraid to ask God for anything. There is nothing that is too big for God's power or too small that he wouldn't care about it.

Fun Fact

NASA scientists discovered a "missing" day in time that links to this story in Joshua! How cool is that?



Devoted

Verse: Joshua 14:8

“For my part, I wholeheartedly followed the Lord my God.”

Find Caleb’s whole story

Numbers 13-15, Joshua 14-15

What can we get from this

45 years before Caleb spoke in Joshua 14:8, Joshua and Caleb were sent with 10 other people as spies. When they came back to give their reports to Moses, only Caleb and Joshua gave an honest report. All the other 10 spies complained! Because Caleb remained loyal to God and had a good attitude, God rewarded him by giving him a lot of land. In Joshua 14, when Caleb was 85 years old, he received his reward. Being devoted means that you are very loving and loyal. Caleb was devoted to God and spent his whole life following him with everything he had. God wants us to be devoted to him because it is the best way for us to live. So, let’s follow God wholeheartedly for the rest of our lives!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you for being awesome! I want to follow you wholeheartedly. Help me to be devoted to you even when no one else around me is. In Jesus name, amen.

Challenge

Draw a heart and write inside Joshua 14:8 as a way to promise God you will follow him wholeheartedly!

Fun Fact

When Caleb was 85 years old, he said he was as strong as he was when he was 40! I hope we can all say the same!



Thankful

Verse: Joshua 21:45

“Not a single one of all the good promises the Lord had given to the family of Israel was left unfulfilled; everything he had spoken came true.”

Find the whole story

Joshua 21:43-45

What can we get from this

God kept every single promise that he made to Israel! And guess what?! God will keep every single promise he makes to you. You might be reading this and think that God has never promised you anything. Well, can I tell you something? God promises us all so many things in the Bible. God promises you that he is with you wherever you go. He promises you that he has a good plan for your life. God promises that he hears your prayers. Since God is so good to us, I think we should make sure that we thank him for all he has done and will do. The Israelites had seen God do all that he promised so they made sure that they thanked him for being so good to them! Let's remember to always be thankful to God!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that you keep your promises. Thank you for promising..... in the Bible. Help me to remain thankful even when I am waiting for you to do what you promised. In Jesus name, amen!

Challenge

Look up and write down 10 promises that God makes to you in the Bible. Spend time just thanking God for all the promises that he has already done in your life.

Fun Fact

The Israelites waited 40 years before God started to come through on his promises. How old will you be in 40 years? A bit older right?!



The Choice

Verse: Joshua 24:15

“But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”

Find the whole of Joshua’s final words

Joshua 23-24

What can we get from this

In our life we have to make a lot of choices. We can choose what we wear in the morning. We can choose what TV shows we like. We can choose what our favourite drink is. When Joshua was speaking to the Israelites in this chapter, he was giving them a choice. They could choose to live with God or they could live without him. But, Joshua knew that life is way better when you have God in it! He remembered everything God had done in his life and knew that he didn’t want to live without him, even if everyone else around him chose not to live with God. The best decision you can ever make in life is to choose to follow Jesus because he is the coolest person ever!

Prayer

Dear God, thank you that you love me. I choose to give me life to you and to live for you always. Help me to choose you everyday. In Jesus name, amen.

Challenge

Ask a parent or someone you know that is a Christian when they chose to follow Jesus.

Fun Fact

Tea is the most popular drink in the world! What drink have you chosen to be your favourite?

