

# BibleWise

## Discussion Questions – Joshua Leads the People

Read 3:1-5:12

Take out the maps and ask the children to:

- Find the Jordan River on the map.
- Why is the Ark of the Covenant so important?
- What happened to this river when the priests, carrying the Ark of the Covenant, put their feet in the water? (Josh 3:13-17)
- What does this event remind you of? (parting of the Red Sea)
- Why do you think God did this?
- Do you think it is possible to part the water?

Point of information: In 1927, some earth tremors caused a shift in the dirt, which blocked the Jordan River in just about the same place where Joshua and the Children of Israel crossed. It was stopped up for over 20 hours (taken from *The Awesome Book of Bible Facts* by Sandy Silverthorne).

- What have the children of Israel been eating for 40 years? (manna and quail)
- What is your favorite meal?
- Do you think you could eat that meal everyday for one year? 40 years?
- What will the children of Israel get to eat now? (Josh. 5:12)

Read Joshua 5:13-15

- What happens to Joshua that is very similar to Moses' experience? (Josh. 5:13-15)
- What else did Joshua experience the way Moses did?
- Why do you think this happened to Joshua?
- Now that Joshua and the Israelites are across the Jordan River, what happens next?
- How was it determined which parcel of land went to each tribe?  
Which tribes didn't live on the other side of the Jordan River?
- Use [The Twelve Tribes of Israel map](#) and place each tribe in the Promised Land.