

WEEK 3

BIBLE LESSON



Need to Know: *Open Up My Heart*

Bible Story: *God Speaks to Joshua (Joshua 1:1-9)*

Supplies: *Attached Story Cards, printed*

1. SAY: *Each day, we can open up our hearts to God when we get quiet and spend time reading His Word—the Bible. Let's get quiet and do that now!*
2. READ the **Bible Story Cards**. After the story, SAY: *After we read something in the Bible, we can open up our hearts to think about two things:*
 - *First, let's think about who God is. What did this story tell us about who God is? Did we see that God was with Joshua? (Yes) Yes, God reminded Joshua that He would be with him. Just like He was with Joshua, God is with us, too!*
 - *Second, let's open up our hearts and think about what this story tells us that God wants us to do. If you think that God wants us to read the Bible and think about it all day and all night, pat your legs. (ALLOW responses) That's right! God wants us to think about and obey His Word because He knows it will help us to do the right things and to trust Him!*
3. SAY: *When we opened our hearts to this story from the Bible, it showed us that God is always with us! Just like Joshua, we can open our hearts to God and think about truth from His Word. When we do, our friendship with Him grows!*



God Speaks to Joshua

Joshua 1:1-9

There's a book in the Bible named Joshua. Can you guess who this book is about? (Allow responses) It's about a man named Joshua who heard from God when he spent time opening up His heart to God.



God was putting Joshua in charge of all His people. He gave Joshua instructions to get the people ready to cross the Jordan River. It was time for them to have the special land He had promised them!

God knew this was a big task, so He reminded Joshua that He would be with him and that no one would be able to come against Joshua as long as he lived! God also gave Joshua these instructions, “Be strong and very brave. Make sure you obey the whole law my servant Moses gave you. Do not turn away from it to the right or the left. Then you will have success everywhere you go.”



God also told Joshua to never stop reading His Word. He wanted Joshua to think about what it said day and night! God told him to make sure to do everything in it so that things would go well for him and he would have great success!

Joshua opened up his heart to God. He learned that God was with him, guiding his every step, and that gave him the confidence to lead God's people to the land they had been longing for.