

## Lesson – Sunday May 9<sup>th</sup> 2020

Today we are continuing our old testament learning. We are picking up the story 40 years after last week's lesson when the Israelites chose to disobey God and not go into the promised land.

For 40 years the Israelites wandered the desert, now they are ready to go into the promised land lead by their leader Joshua.

Watch video on church website

Joshua is now the leader of the Israelites.

**Scripture Focus:** [Joshua 1](#)

### Questions

- Joshua knew that the Israelites did not always follow God or their human leader. What emotions do you think Joshua felt becoming leader of the Israelites?
- Have you ever been the leader of an activity or group of people? How did you feel?
- If we were back at Cornerstone and Pastor Rachel pointed at you and said – “You are going to come up front of everyone and lead us in ... singing/hand actions/prayer ... how would you feel? What if she asked you to get up in front of the entire church and do something?
- Sometimes we feel scared.
  - 40 years earlier the Israelites were afraid of the giants in the promised land and they let their fear stop them from obeying God.
  - Do you think all the giants had disappeared 40 years later? Probably not, but now the Israelites were ready to go into the promised land.
  - Joshua had a choice – he could have let his fear stop him from becoming the leader after Moses, but he didn't let that happen. We are going to learn a lot more about Joshua in the next few weeks.

### Science Experiment



FEAR. You can't see it, but you can sure see the effects of it. In this lesson, use a simple science experiment to help children understand that God asks us to make hard decisions and that He is with us wherever we go.

**Materials:** Wide candle, lighter, glass beaker or measuring cup, white vinegar, baking soda  
{[CLICK HERE](#) for a video showing you how to do this science experiment.}

**Object Lesson for Joshua Takes Command:**

{On a table in front of you put the candle, the lighter, and the other materials. Light the candle. Ask:}



- Of which words of Jesus does this candle remind you? [Allow for answers; Jesus is the light of the world; lead children to the answer of us being a light on a hill.]

Jesus told us to be a light on a hill. We are to shine for Him and show people the love of God in everything we do. And so we shine, especially when life is good.



{Put some of the baking soda in the measuring cup and add some vinegar.



Put your hand over the top as the chemical reaction takes place.



Then “pour” the gas over the candle to put it out.

You can’t see the gas, but you feel it. And it can put out your light if you aren’t careful.



When life gets hard our light can go out. Maybe you get scared and fearful. Maybe you are comparing yourself to other people. Perhaps you aren't as good at basketball as you'd like to be. Maybe you have a hard time at school. Maybe you have to do a report and have to stand in front of people.

The Lord told Joshua that wherever his foot went, that land would be given to the people. God again promised to give them the land which He promised Abraham.

**What can we learn from Joshua? We can be strong and courageous because God is with us wherever we go. We do not need to fear anything.**

**Close in prayer**