

Joshua - Solo story

The Israelite people were camping, on the banks of the river Jordan.

“In three days time”, God told Joshua, “you are to lead the Israelites into a new land that He had promised them.”

But people had already taken the land that God had promised them and so Joshua was going to have to listen to God and be strong and courageous if he was ever going to succeed in taking the land.

Walking throughout the Israelite camp where people were cooking and cleaning, and sleeping, Joshua spoke up and said to them...

‘Three days from now we will march across the River Jordan and take the land that God has promised us. Make sure you’re ready!’

And so, the Israelite people began packing everything they had. Their tents and clothes and food and animals—they packed up everything and prepared to move out.

The time came for the Israelites to cross the River Jordan.

‘Everybody get ready to cross the river!’ shouted Joshua... ‘be strong and courageous, God is with us.’

But how? It was harvest time, which meant that the river was deep. And not just deep, it was VERY deep. So deep in fact that not even the tallest amongst them could touch the bottom. But there were thousands of Israelites who needed to cross the river and no way to get across.

But, God did something miraculous. As soon as the priests walked towards the river, and as soon as the tips of their toes touched the edge of the water, God stopped the water flowing down the river!

“Come one everyone, onto the city of Jericho and the land that God has promised to us” Shouted Joshua.

When everyone had finally crossed the river, God spoke to Joshua:

“Joshua, you need to choose 12 men. One from each tribe and get them each to pick up a stone from the middle of the river. Carry the stones with you and place them where you camp tonight.”

So Joshua did as God had told him and commanded the 12 men to pick up the stones and carry them to the place where they camped. The priests left the river and as soon as they did, the water began to flow again, as deep and as fast as it had before.

'This is incredible!' said the Israelites as they all crossed over on dry ground. 'We shall never forget this. God is absolutely amazing!'

Joshua then instructed the 12 men from the 12 tribes to place their stones together in the middle of the place where they were camping. Joshua set them up so that the Israelite people would always remember what God had done for them.

The End.