God's People Cross the Jordan River

Joshua 1:1-11; 3:5-4:24

Bible Memory Verse: "We will serve the Lord our God." ~Joshua 24:24

Supplies you will need this week:
Scissors, glue stick, crayons

God's people had a problem. God said it was time for them to go to the new home He promised them when they left Egypt, but there was a HUGE river, called the Jordan River, between them and Canaan. What should they do? Of course, God had a plan. He is powerful and He is with His people always. Let's check out what God had planned in this week's lesson.

God's plan involved getting the Israelites from one side of the Jordan River to the other. Our first activity will be to make and play a game about coming and going places. At the end of this lesson plan, you will find two pages of Coming and Going Cards. The pictures on these cards show Scamper the Squirrel coming from and going to different places. Please print this document on two separate pieces of paper and color the pictures. Then cut out the cards. (someone older may need to help with this part) Find a grown up or older brother/sister to play with you. Turn all the cards over and lay them face down on the table. Then take turns flipping them over, two at a time, and see if you get a match of Scamper coming from and going to the same place. Whoever gets a match keeps those cards and the next player has a turn. The game is over when all the cards are gone from the table. Great job! What are some places you like to go? Do you like to go to new places? No matter where we go, we can remember that **God is powerful and He is with us.**

Next, let's find out more about God's plan to get the Israelites to Canaan. To watch Miss Sue and Woolly talk about how God's people crossed the Jordan River, click the video link at the LCKids web page. Or you can read this true story from the book of Joshua in the Bible with your family by clicking the link called *Bible Story*.

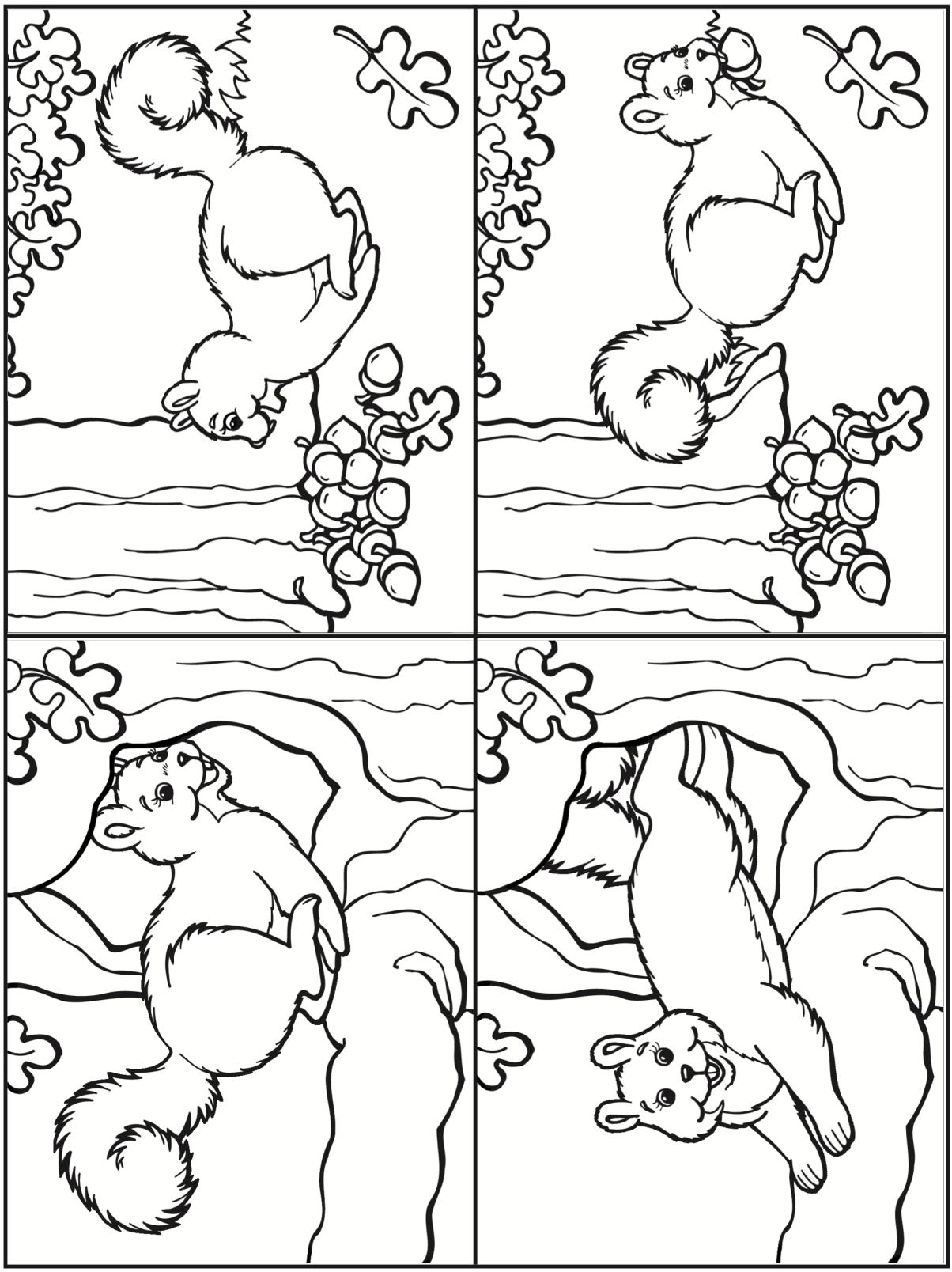
The Israelites must have really trusted God to be able to walk through the Jordan River like that! It's a good thing God is powerful! And then they made a big pile with those stones they picked up on the other side of the river so they would never forget how God helped them get across the river by stopping the water. God wanted the people always to remember that **God is powerful. He is with us**.

In our Bible adventure today, God wanted His people to remember that He was always with them and that He is powerful, so He had them do something special. Do you remember what it was? Yes, they built a memorial with stones. God is with us, too. We should worship Him because He is powerful. To worship God means you show love to Him and tell Him how special He is. Let's make Worship Reminders to remind us to show love to God. This week's Make-N-Share can be found at the end of this lesson plan, after the Scamper cards. Print the page (print to a single piece of paper or print on two pages and glue them together back to back) and the "stickers". Cut out the "stickers". (a grownup can help with this if needed) Then follow the instructions on the back page to complete the activity. What are some ways we can worship God? One way is to pray. So let's do that now to end our lesson for this week.

Prayer:
Dear God, thank You that You are powerful. Thank You that You will always be with us and help us. Please help us to remember to worship You. We love you, Jesus! Amen.

This week's *Heart Tugs*, including the Family page, can be found at the LCKids web page. I hope you can check in with us again next week when we will learn about another time God showed His power to help His people.

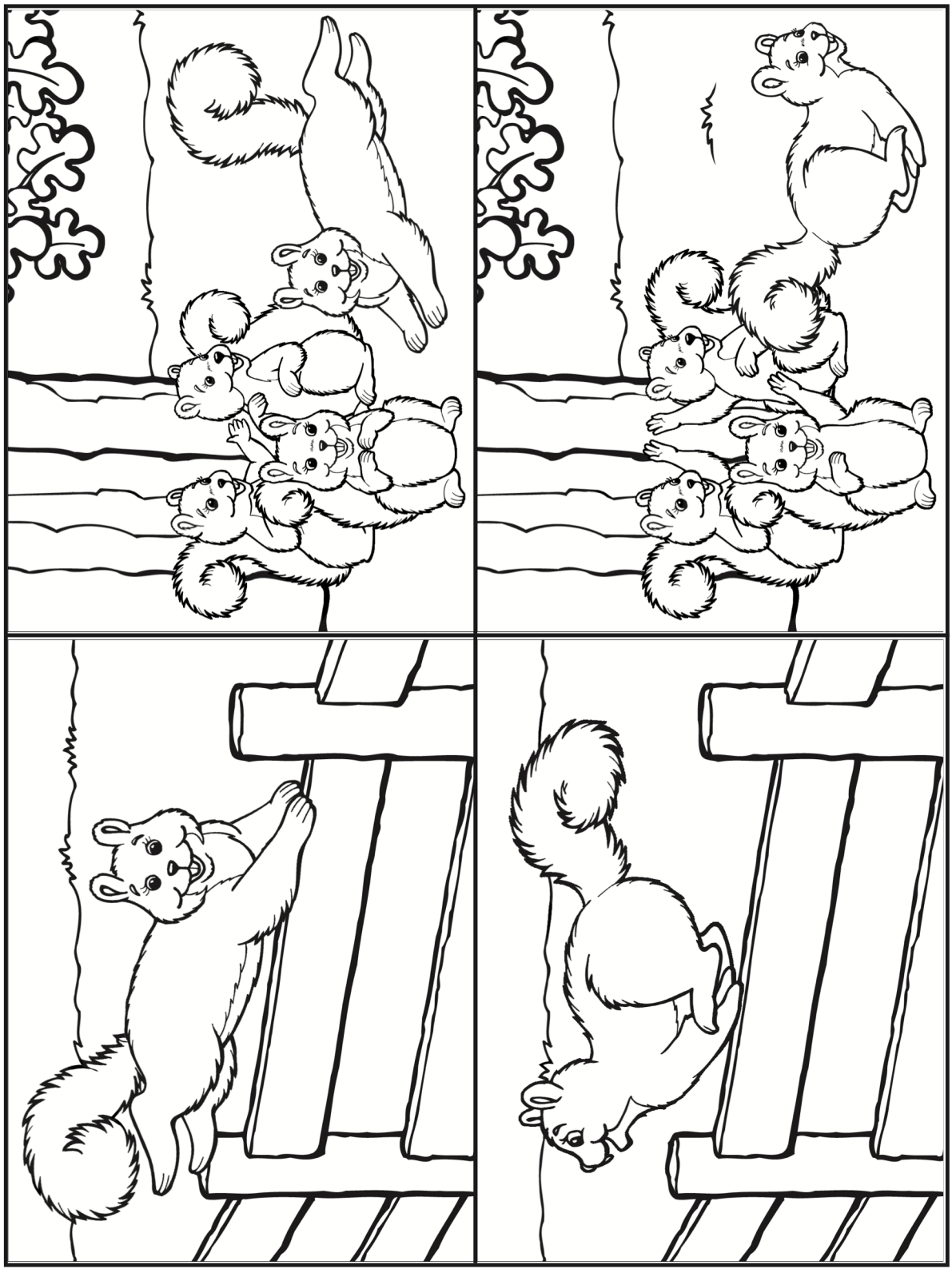
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Worship Reminder

God is powerful. He is with us.

Instructions

1. Trace the words on the Worship Reminder.
2. Attach stickers showing children worshipping God.
3. Cut out the Worship Reminder and easel.
4. Fold and glue the easel to the back of the activity.
5. Each day choose one way you will worship God.

Joshua 1, 3, 4

attach easel here

Name







Lesson 11

God stops a river.

Joshua 3



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