

## **SMALL GROUP RESOURCE**

Big Idea: You must take the first step.

### **SCRIPTURE READINGS:**

JOSHUA, CHAPTERS 1 THROUGH 6

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:**

- Why does God have the Israelites wait for 3 days before crossing the Jordan?  
What feelings do you experience when you have to wait to do something challenging?  
How does God establish Joshua's leadership?  
How does God establish leadership in His church now?  
Describe a river at flood stage.  
How would it feel to be the priest in front?  
Why doesn't God part the waters first?  
Where in your life are you waiting for God to "part the waters"?  
Why did God ask the Israelites to build a memorial?  
What is the most significant event in your life and how have you preserved its memory?  
What is the first thing God asks the people to do when they have crossed the Jordan?  
The Israelites are preparing for war. What are the final steps of preparation that God asks them to take?  
What steps do you need to take to better prepare for the spiritual war that is constantly around you?

### **PRAYER FOCUS:**

- Praise God for His patient instruction.  
Agree with God about areas in your life where you have been unwilling to take the first step of faith.  
Thank God for all He has faithfully provided.  
Ask God for clear direction regarding your next step.

## **FAMILY RESOURCE**

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### **READ JOSHUA 1:6-9**

- God repeats a phrase that starts with "BE" three times.  
What is it?  
There are other "BE" phrases.  
What are they?  
Make a "bee" out of food and toothpicks to eat and to help you remember to "BE".....

### **READ JOSHUA 3:9-17**

- Does this story remind you of another time when God's people had to cross water?  
How do you think they felt walking across the river?  
Make a river by using two strings for each riverbank. Start them close together, then move them farther apart.  
How wide a river can you jump?

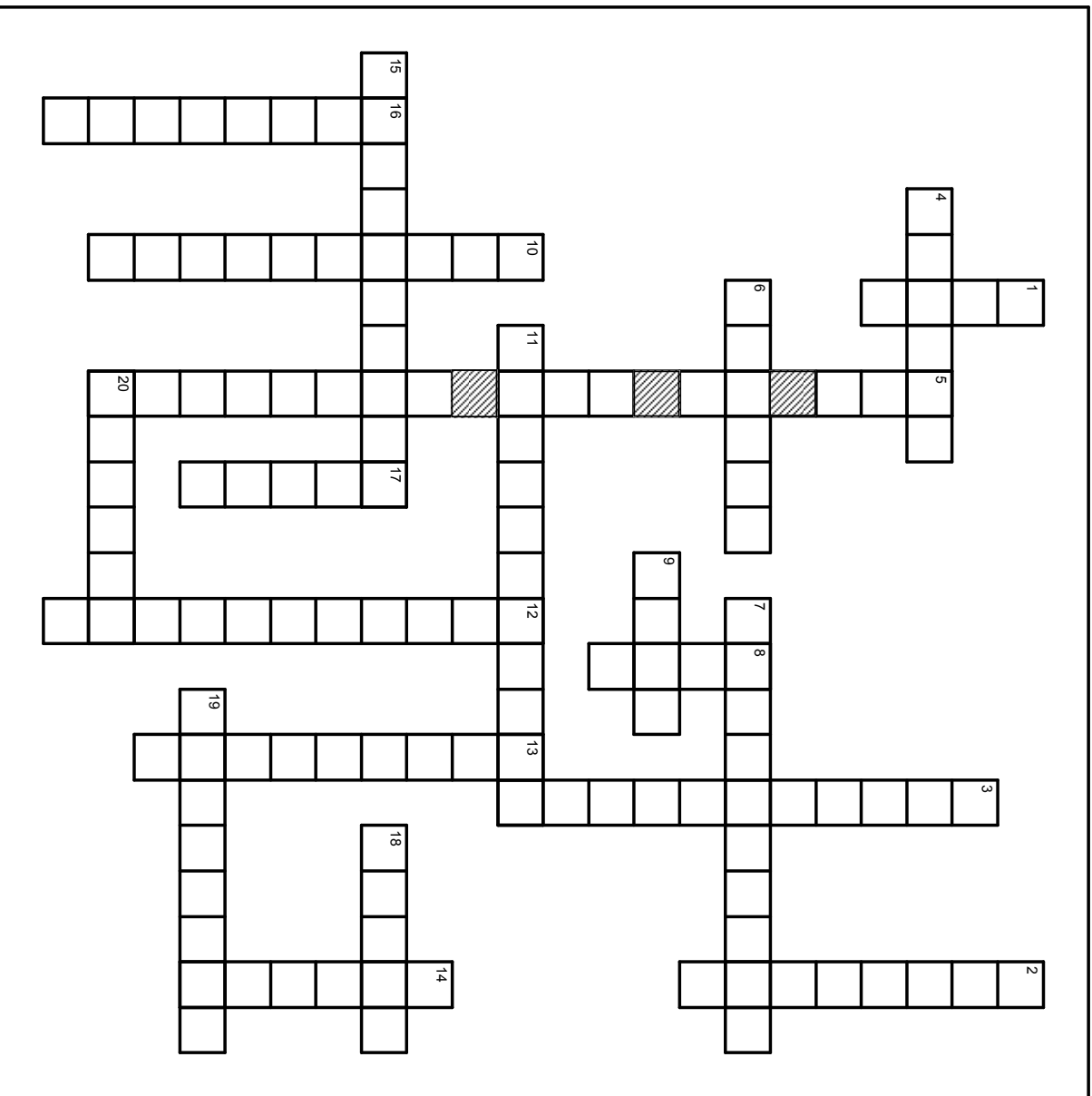
### **READ JOSHUA 4:18-24**

- Why did God bring the people into the promised land this way?  
What did He want them to learn?  
What did they do to remember what happened?  
What souvenirs do you have?  
Have a "show and tell" time with them.

### **MEMORY VERSE:**

- "Whoever serves me must follow me;  
and where I am, my servant also will be.  
My Father will honor the one who serves me."  
John 12:26

# Step Out In Faith



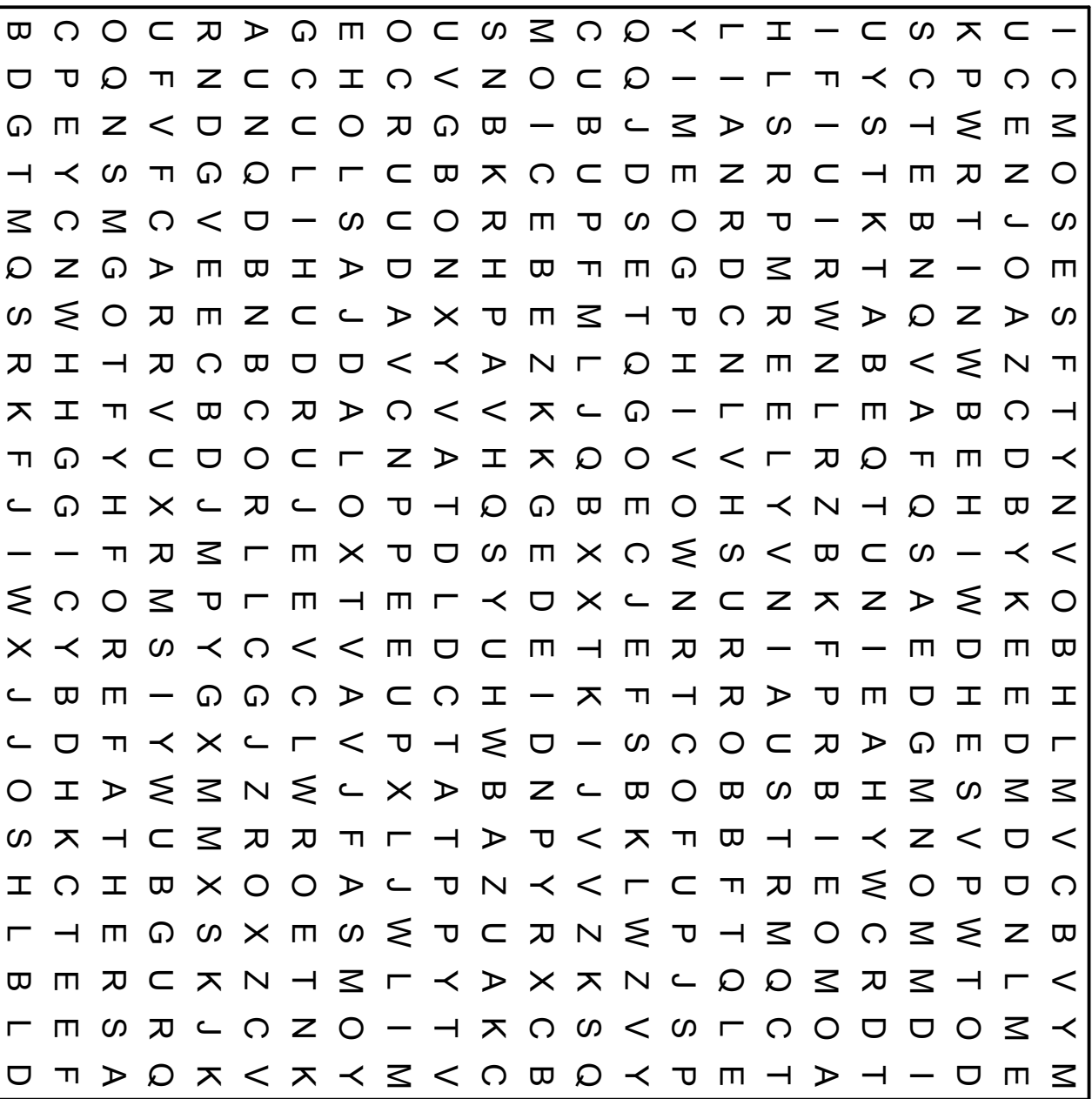
## Across

4. the river's name (Joshua 3:11)
6. place where we walk (Joshua 4:22)
7. opposite of fearful (Joshua 1:6)
9. the first thing to touch the water (Joshua 3:15)
11. children (Joshua 4:21)
15. wealthy (Joshua 1:8)
18. law giver (Joshua 1:7)
19. think about (Joshua 1:8)
20. # of stones (Joshua 4:20)

## Down

1. how courageous? (Joshua 1:7)
2. strong (Joshua 4:24)
3. ancestors (Joshua 1:6)
5. it was a symbol of God's presence (Joshua 3:11)
8. follow (Joshua 1:7)
10. totally (Joshua 3:16)
12. tempted to give up (Joshua 1:9)
13. afraid (Joshua 1:9)
14. leave (Joshua 1:8)
16. came back (Joshua 4:18)
17. promised (Joshua 1:6)

# Step Out In Faith



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# Step Out In Faith

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