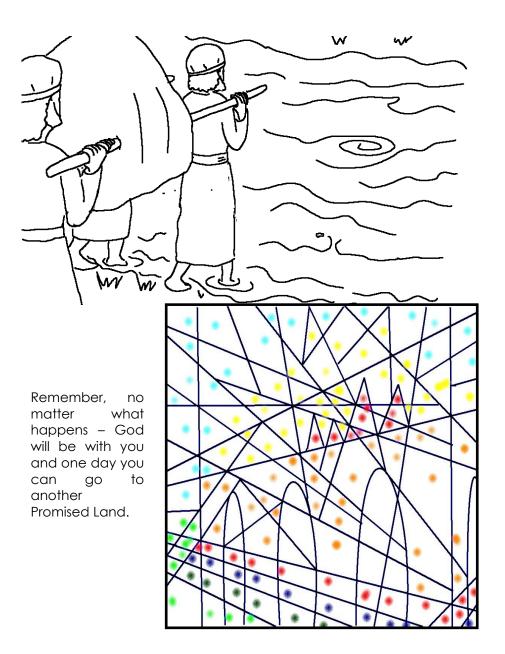
Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go. Joshua $1:9_{\text{NIV}}$



The Promised Land

Sabbath

Have you ever moved to a new house or a new school? What was different about them? Write down as many differences as you can think of.

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Refer: Deut 34; Joshua 1:1-9; 3; 4; 5:10, 11 NLT; *Patriarchs and Prophets* p469-486; *The Bible Story* vol3 p67-83

Sunday

The Israelites were finally nearing the Promised Land again. Then the Lord took



Moses to the top of a mountain and showed it to him.

now Joshua became the leader in Moses place.

Moses would not enter it because he had disobeyed God in front of all the people, when he struck the rock, so Moses died there and the Lord buried him. Moses was 120 years old when he died and he was as strong as ever. The people of Israel mourned for Moses for thirty days. Before he died, Moses had laid his hands on his assistant Joshua, and

Then the Lord spoke to Joshua, "It is time for you to lead the people across the Jordan River and into the Promised Land. Be strong and courageous. Be careful to obey all of My instructions and then you will be successful in everything you do."

Joshua led the Israelites down to the Jordan River where they camped. Three days later Joshua sent the message through the camp, telling the people: "When you see the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant of the Lord your God, follow half a mile behind them."

In the morning the priests took up the Ark of the Covenant and led the people to the river and stepped in. As soon as their feet touched the water, the water stopped upstream as if there was an invisible dam! The remaining water flowed on and soon the riverbed was dry. The priests stood in the middle of the river and all the people crossed over.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Choose twelve men, one from each tribe. Take twelve stones from in the river; pile them up at the place where you camp tonight as a reminder of how you crossed the river."

When everyone was safely over, the priests came out with the Ark of the Lord; as soon as they reached the high ground, the water of the Jordan rushed back and overflowed its banks.

Friday

When Jesus talked to Nicodemus in John 3, He spoke of two baptisms, one of the 'water' and one of the 'Spirit'. The water baptism is the ceremony of baptism which we are familiar with, but the even more important part is the Baptism of the Spirit.

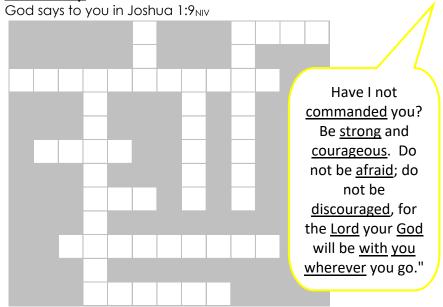
Baptism of the Spirit refers to God living in us. As Jeremiah 31:33 says, putting His law in our hearts. Or as Ezekiel 36:26 says, giving us a new heart and putting His Spirit in us.

Will you ask God to do this for you? You will be amazed.

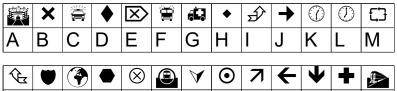
Use a NIV or NLT Bible to fill in the missing words from Romans 6:3-6 and then solve the crossword.

Or don't you know that all of us who were baptised into $____$	(5d)
(2a) were baptised into his (8a)? We were therefore	
$_{---}$ (4d) with Him through baptism into death in order that, just	as
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Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been $____$	(3d)
with Him in a death like His, we will certainly also 1	
pe united with him in a resurrection like His.	
For we know that our old self was	
(7a) with Him so that the body ruled by sin	
might be done away with, that we should no 2 3	
onger be (1d) to sin." NIV	
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Thursday



Use the code to find some situations where this might help you.





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Monday

The laver or wash basin stood outside the Sanctuary, in the courtyard. Here, the priests would wash themselves, removing all dirt before entering the Sanctuary. Dirt can be a symbol for sin, and this showed the people that anything sinful cannot be where God is.



Baptism too, symbolises removing of sin and it also signifies the start of a new life, just as the crossing through the Jordon River symbolised the start of a new life for the Israelites.

When a person chooses to be baptised, they are saying to everyone, "My sins have been removed, washed away, and I am starting a new life with God"

Many people think that obeying the law saves them. That is what the Jews in Jesus time believed. The law is important, but it does not save us. Romans $3:20_{NLT}$ says, "For no one can ever be made right with God by doing what the law commands. The law simply shows us how sinful we are."

Jeremiah 31:33 $_{
m NIV}$ says, "I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people."

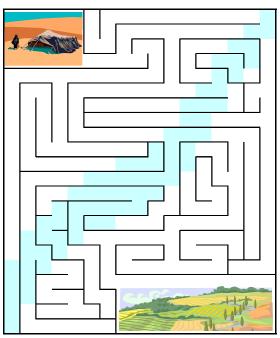
- 1. A person realises they are sinful
- 2. They ask for forgiveness and salvation
- 3. God puts His 'law in their hearts' He changes them and gives them the desire to do what is right.

This change is not completed immediately but is a gradual change that continues all our lives, as long as we continue to spend time with God. As Philippians 1:6 says, "God, who began the good work within you, will continue His work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns." NLT

<u>Tuesday</u>

Find a path for the Israelites from the wilderness, across the river to the Promised Land.

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Wednesday

Use Monday's lesson to help solve the crossword.

- What does washing remove? _ _ _ (2d)
- Sin is symbolised by _ _ _ _ (6d)
- Crossing the _____ (1a) and _____ (3d) are both symbols for starting a new life.
- _____ (5d) the ___ (9d) does not save us.
- The purpose of the Ten Commandments is to show us
 we are ______(8a)
- Where will God put His law? Our ____ (4a)
- The change in us will be complete when Jesus

____ (7a)

