

# Huddle Guide

for Children 4-6 years old

## Hopekids Huddle Time (25-30 mins)

**Big Point:** God Guides our Next Step Forward

**God's Word:** Joshua Leads the Israelites to Cross the Jordan (Joshua 3-4)

**Memory Verse:** "Be strong and brave. Do not be afraid. Do not lose hope. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go." (Joshua 1:9b)

**Life Question:** How do I obey to take the next step with God?

**Preacher's Note:** Main focus is Joshua 3 more than 4 (but still mention Joshua 4 please). This passage is chosen as it shows the action of moving forward, and also recognizes the preparation works that has been in place. Preacher is supposed to help kids see and understand that sometimes God calls us to do something new, but He will prepare and guide us and tell us what to do as we take steps to obey Him and will continue to do so as we step out. Highlight that the Israelites were obedient to God's instructions.

Can mention also, that this is what West (preparing the people and things - e.g. buy new chairs) and the P6 kids (getting to know older brothers and sisters from secondary school) are going through and going to do (West - starting a new church in another part of Singapore), (P6 - moving to youth church).

**MATERIALS HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW ARE Prepared by Logistics and Prep Team**  
**Huddle leaders prepare and ensure material in BLUE are ready**

### BEFORE SESSION:

<b>Logistics and Prep Team:</b> <a href="#">HERE</a>	<b>Huddle Leaders:</b>
	Ensure that all stationery are intact + there are enough double-sided tapes

### Welcome - huddle leaders/ volunteers to welcome NEW kids

Address them by name and affirm how their presence is important and valuable!

Get other children to say hello to child! :)

Inform NEW kids that you would like to visit him/ her, take a group photo with NEW kids (**DO NOT POST in social media, for internal use ONLY**)

## **Huddle Activity 1 - Recap and Link (15 mins)**

*(ensure kids understand and able to apply what preacher preached in small group setting)*

Good morning everyone!! Today is a very special day! Why! Does anyone remember the big point today? God (point up) guides (one hand stretch forward and open) our next (stand) step! (step forward) - *unless preacher did something different, then please follow according to what preacher did!*

Yes! You know kids, living a life with God is very exciting, let's look at the story that we learnt from today!

*\*Picture 1\**

Now, who is this? (Joshua!)

Does anyone remember who is Joshua? (Leader of the Israelites after Moses had died.)

Yes, so Joshua, was leading the rest of the people *\*picture 1 and point to Joshua\**, taking care of them and making sure they were obeying God.

You know, things were very exciting because the Israelites were supposed to go to a new land to make it their home! At the time of our story, they were just in the Desert! So they had to stay in *\*picture 2 - point to tents\** what is this? (Tents!)

Do you think tents can be real homes? (No!)

You see even the church last time was like a tent *\*point to red tabernacle\**, it was called the ta-ber-na-cle (please say slowly for our smaller kiddos).

So God was telling them to go to take a new land, but there is a problem!! *\*picture 3\**.

See, Joshua was planning with his soldiers. The israelites were on one side *\*point to one side with tents\** and there was a river in the middle and the new land is on the other side!

Anyone remembers the name of the river? *\*picture 4\** (Jordan river!) Yea! And the new land is on the other side of the river! In the past, there were not much bridges, and this river has no bridge at all!

*\*picture 5\** Still, God asked Joshua to get the people to go near the riverside.

To make it even harder to go to the other side, there was a flood going on, *\*picture 6\** and so the water was flowing out of the river. You must remember that ALL of the people of Israel were there. So imagine if all the people in Singapore, including small children, babies, pet dogs, pet cats and all your big luggages with clothes, books, things... Sooo many people, animals and things....do you think they can swim to the other side of the river? (No!)

No! It will be impossible to just swim to the other side of the river. The river is moving and flowing, and flooding!! But God told Joshua, God will help them.

God told Joshua to get the people to follow His instructions. God first told Joshua, and then Joshua led the people to follow God's instructions. \*picture 7\* Joshua got the Levites, which are like the priests, or pastors of the Israelites... Joshua told them to carry the ark of the covenant lead the rest of the people \*picture 8\*. See all the people were following! \*picture 9, 10\*.

Just so you know, the ark of the covenant \*point to it on picture 10\* is a box where all the important things from God was kept in. And it cannot be touched by anyone. Only the Levites, the priests and pastors can touch it. Because it belongs to God and God wanted everyone to respect it.

God told the Levites to step into the river and they obeyed and stepped into the river.\*picture 11\* Then God did something amazing!! It was a miracle! What happened to the water? \*picture 12\* (The water moved down and to two sides to form a path!)

So what could the Israelites do? \*picture 13\* (They could walk across the Jordan river to the other side!), and the Levites stayed there, and the water stayed at the side and down so the people could walk through the path !! Isn't it amazing? (Yes!)

*[K2s only: Does it sound familiar? This seems to happen before at the sea! (When Moses parted the Red Sea!)]*

The whole time, God was with them, and guiding Joshua and the people's steps. The people don't need to be afraid because God was with them and will help them with each step! \*picture 14\* The Israelites could get to the other side!

To help the people remember, God asked the people to take 12 stones \*picture 15\* from the river bed (bottom of the river) and bring it to land. \*picture 16\*. Joshua put all the stones together.

After all the people were on the other side, the Levites were the last to get to cross to the other side. \*picture 17\* Only when the last Levite \*picture 18\* stepped out of the river, did the river flowed back to become a normal river!

In the end, Joshua, \*picture 19\* put the stones together and and when the Israelites see the stones, they remember what God did for them! They could even tell their children and grandchildren what God did for them!

Was God with the Israelites, and helping them? (Yes!) Was God with Joshua? (Yes!) In the same way, sometimes maybe God will ask you to do something very hard or scary to you! Like ask your classmate to come to church, or sleep alone with no nightlight. We don't have to be scared, because God will help us and guide our step!

So just now, I said today was a very special day! Why? Because today is the last time we will have the people who stay in the West with us! Some of the people in our church, are going to start another church in another part of Singapore, so that more people will know about Jesus! Is it a good thing to

have people come to know Jesus? (Yes!)

So it is actually very hard and a lot of work to start a new church, it's a bit like the Israelites \*picture 20\* going to a new land! But like how God was with the Israelites and Joshua, we know God is with all of us, including those going to the new church! Shall we pray together for our new church and friends going there? (Yes!)

### Pray - 1 min

Dear Jesus, like how you did with Joshua and the Israelites, we know You will always guide our next step. We pray that you will be with the West church as they start the new church and you will keep our West church strong and growing!

In Jesus' name, Amen! :D

### Huddle Activity 2 - 10 mins

*(craft time)*



1. Give each child a brown/orange paper
2. Ask the question: Did the Israelites get to the new land? (Yes!) - Give each child a "Crossed the Jordan" scene and ask them to paste at the top
3. But before they got to the new land, what did they need to cross? (The Jordan river!) - hand out two blue strips and get the kids to paste using double sided tape. Make sure they paste in such a way that they are able to open up the Jordan river in the middle!! Teach kids to roll the sides so it opens up!
4. Yes, that's right! Who was he one to guided and helped the Israelites to cross! Always remember that God guides our next steps!! - Pass each child the Big Point and allow them to paste! Pasting anywhere is fine! :)

### Pack Up - 3 mins

**AFTER SESSION - Huddle Leaders To ensure:**

1. Stationery is still available
  - a. Glue sticks/double sided tape
  - b. Colour pencils are sharpened
  - c. Sharpeners and scissors in working condition
  - d. Markers and pen have ink and still working
2. Pack all extra materials neatly to be returned
3. Gather all card cases and printouts to be returned
4. Keep all Huddle Materials and place things to be returned in respective box file that is labeled "To be Returned"