

# ALLEY SG – April 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>(Daring Faith Week 3)

**Theme:** Dare to OBEY

**Bible Story:** Joshua and the Israelites cross the Jordan River – *Joshua 3,4*

**Bottom Line:** In order for me to have Daring Faith, I need to obey what God asks me to do.

**Memory Verse:** “Be on your guard. Remain strong in the faith. Be brave.” 1 Corinthians 16:13  
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## Crossing the River Review Game

**What You Need:** straws, 2 pieces of wax paper with a starting and ending line drawn on each, two eye droppers per bin, 2 water bottles filled with blue water

**What You Do:** Divide the kids in two teams Place 2 pieces of wax paper side by side. There should be a starting and an ending line drawn on the wax paper. Give each team a bottle of blue water. Using the eyedropper let 2 students begin the race by dropping 2 drops of colored water onto their wax paper (one drop on top of the other, to form a little ball). Let the races begin! Using a straw, each racer must blow their drop of water across the finish line. If the drop separates, they must blow it back into one big drop of water and continue across the finish line. As one team member has crossed the finished line, they yell Go, and the next teammate starts. Continue until the whole team has crossed the river!

**What You Say:** “In today’s Bible story the Israelites had to cross a River. We know that the Israelites crossed the river on dry land to enter the Promised Land, but today we used water to do the racing. God was with the Israelites when they crossed the Jordan River on dry ground. We were racing today, but with God we don’t need to hurry doing anything except telling other people about how much God cares for us and that He has a plan for us! Or ANYTHING else that he asks us to do! Because remember, In order for me to have daring faith, I need to OBEY what God asks me to do.”

**Ask review questions after you play the game:**

- In today’s Bible story what did God ask Joshua and the Israelites to do? (Cross the river)
- What was the name of the river that was between Joshua and the land that God had promised? (The Jordan River)
- How did they get across the river? (God caused the river to stop flowing)
- Today we learned that we should Dare to \_\_\_\_\_? (Trust)
- Our main point for today is “In order to have Daring Faith, I need to \_\_\_\_\_ what God asks me to do? (obey)

## What God Can Do

**What You Need:** What God Can Do activity page (one per kid), pens

**What You Do:**

Hand each child a “What God Can Do” sheet and a writing utensil. Read below, the list of things that God did in the Bible. Talk about the things God did as you read them. After you have read the list, have the kids write or draw things they have seen God do on their “stone.” Have any kids that are willing to share their list read it for the group.

**What You Say:**

Many times when God did something amazing, the Israelites would use a stone to remember what God did. Sometimes they would build a building, or a wall, or an altar, or carve words in a rock to remember what God did. I will read this list of things that God did in the bible. Think of things God has done that YOU have seen. Maybe he healed you or someone who was sick. Maybe he helped you get an A on a really hard test. Maybe God helped you have the courage to do something that was really hard for you to do.

- God stopped the sun in the sky
- God created the world
- God parted the sea
- God created each person
- God flooded the earth
- God saved Daniel from the lions
- God saved 3 men from a fiery furnace

"Whenever God asks us to do something, we should remember that he is powerful enough to help us do it. God may ask you to do something hard, like telling your friends and family about Jesus, or standing up for God at school. God wants you to obey what he asks us to do, but he will always help us to what he asks us to do! Just like our main point says today, In order to have daring Faith, I need to obey what God asks me to do!"

### **Bombardment Memory Verse Game**

**What You Need:** a big bag of balled up paper, tape, memory verse rocks (2 sets per bin)

#### **What You Do:**

The kids will play a game of Bombardment! Have the children form two teams and give each team a set of memory verse rocks. Put a line of tape down the middle of the two teams and put the pile of "rocks" (balled up paper) on the line in the middle of the teams. When you say, "go" the kids will throw the paper onto the other side's team. When you call time (maybe 30 seconds?), the team with the fewest rocks on their side will get to uncover a rock with a word from the memory verse on it. The first team to uncover the whole verse wins.

### **Pray**

#### **What You Say:**

"God, thank you for being there to help me do the things you ask me to do. Please give me the courage and the strength to obey you. In Jesus' mighty name we pray, amen."

**Encourage the kids to fill out the page for WEEK 3 in their Daring Faith booklet at home this week. Remind them that they will earn a jewel when they bring it back. If they earn all 5 jewels, they will win a pass to go to a water park!**

#### **\*Cave Clues Extra time activity:** (one per kid)

If you have extra time to kill, give each student a Cave Clues sheet and have him or her find the answers to ways they can take what they learned today and put it into practice!