

## Crossing the Jordan River

based on Joshua 3:7-17

The Israelites were camped by the Jordan River. The officers went through the camp and told the people, "When you see the priests carrying the box with God's covenant, be ready to move out. But don't get near the box with God's covenant."

Joshua told the people, "Make yourselves holy. Tomorrow wonderful things will happen because of God."

Joshua was sure that God was with him, so he said to the Israelites, "Gather around me. Come close. This is what God said to me: Know that I, the living God, am with you. I will take care of any people in your way. Look there! The box with the covenant is going to cross the river in front of you. Watch! When the priests carrying the box with the covenant stand in the river, the water will stop flowing, and you will be able to cross the Jordan River."

And this is what happened. Finally, the Israelites were in the land God had given to them. They had trusted God and God had given them a new leader, Joshua.

Use the words in the box to solve the puzzle below.

ISRAELITES  
JORDAN RIVER  
PRIESTS  
CARRYING  
BOX  
GOD  
COVENANT

JOSHUA  
HOLY  
CROSS  
WATER  
TRUST  
GIVE  
LEADER

