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BIBLE STORYLINE

# The Promised Land

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## Slide: Welcome

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

## Slide: Series Intro

**Leader Tip:** Invite a few kids up to the front to play a quick game of Simon Says. The point will be to emphasize how important it is to really listen and obey.

Today we are going to get started with some questions. In the whole wide world, where do you really, really want to visit some day? (allow kids to answer). Why do you want to go to that place? (allow kids to answer).

Well in today's lesson we're going to learn about a place that God's people, the Israelites, really wanted to go. They had been trying to get there for a really long time. It was a place called the Promised Land. But, they had to be really good listeners if they wanted to get there. (If you played Simon Says, remind the kids that in order to win the game, you have to be a really good listener, too.)

We'll learn more about that in a few minutes, but first let's stand and sing a song!

## Song

*Happy Day*

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

## Slide: Big Idea

*All together:* Wherever we go, we'll be successful if we listen to God. **(Repeat)**

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- Who did God pick to lead his people into the Promised Land? (Joshua)

- What three things did God want Joshua to remember? (read the Bible every day, think about what it means, and obey it)
- True or False: No matter where we go we will be successful if we listen to God. (T)

The Israelites had been wandering around for 40 years trying to get to the Promised Land. And in those 40 years they had gone through a lot of really hard things but they kept going because they really wanted to get to the Promised Land. At times, it was probably really hard for them to want to obey God because it felt like God had forgotten about his promise to get them safely to this new land. But God had a purpose for this difficult journey. He wanted the people to rely on him and trust that he would provide and protect them along the way. And, once they arrived in this new beautiful land, he didn't want them to forget about all he had done for them. That's why he gave Joshua three important things to remember.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"Study this Book of Instruction continually (hands open like book). Meditate on it day and night (hands held together in front of you as if praying) so you will be sure to obey (march in place) everything written in it (pretend to write in air). Only then will you prosper (thumbs up) and succeed in all you do (stand triumphantly with hands on hips)." Joshua 1:8 *(Repeat)*

These verses tell us the three things that Joshua needed to tell the Israelites to remember, and what we need to remember as well! Can anyone tell me what the three things are from the verses? (allow kids to answer). Good! We need to read our Bibles, meditate on them (which just means to think about what the verses really mean), and obey what it says! That sounds pretty easy, right? If the Israelites wanted to be successful, they needed to read God's word and obey what it said. They needed to be good listeners!

This is true for us, too. We need to read the Bible, understand what it means and then do what it says. When we do that, we will live successful lives because we're following God's lead. Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*I Will Follow*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

Wherever we go, we'll be successful if we listen to God. *(Repeat)*

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and release the kids to small group.