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Unit Summary

Unit 4 is about the Promised Land!

In **Crossing the Jordan (Joshua 3-4)** kids will hear about how God provided a way for His people to cross a river into the Promised Land.

In **Joshua and the Gibeonites (Joshua 9-10)** kids will hear about how God responded to the prayers of His people when they went into battle.

In **Deborah and Barak (Judges 4-5)** kids will hear about when God brought about victory in an unlikely way.

In **Eli and Hannah (1 Samuel 1-2:11)** kids will hear about when God saw Hannah's need and provided for her.

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Encouragement for parents:

Sometimes it takes everything a parent has to keep above water.

Having "just enough" to make parenting decisions can quickly turn into "gasping for air" as life's obstacles become a flood pulling you down. Parents, what are you holding onto so you won't drown? Sending men ahead, God's people crossed through floods. These men held onto the ark representing God's presence AND they stood firm. Raising a world-changing, truth-telling, God-honoring child today takes more than staying above water. Hold onto God. Stand firm. He will do what He says He will do.

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Lesson 1:

Crossing the Jordan (Joshua 3-4)
God can overcome any obstacles.

Lesson 2:

Joshua and the Gibeonites (Joshua 9-10)
God responds to our prayers.

Lesson 3:

Deborah and Barak (Judges 4-5)
God can work through anyone.

Lesson 4:

Eli and Hannah (1 Samuel 1-2:11)
God sees us and cares for us.

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Memory Verses:

NIV

Romans 8:28

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.

Psalms 33:18

But the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear Him, on those whose hope is in His unfailing love.

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Crossing the Jordan
(Joshua 3-4)

- 1: Think through your day. **What was something you did today that made you feel brave? Scared? Confused? After thinking of all those situations, where did you go for help? How did asking for help make you feel?**
- 2: Pretend you are going to make an obstacle course for your family. **What would you use to make the different activities? Who in your family might have a hard time with your obstacle activities and why? Who might find the obstacle course easy and why?**
- 3: An obstacle is something that gets in your way. **Is it easy or hard for you to go to God for help when you face an obstacle during your day? Why do you think that is true? What might help you believe God will work for good, even when you face an obstacle?**

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Deborah and Barak
(Judges 4-5)

- 1: **Would you rather play sports or read a book? Would you rather go for a walk or ride a bike? Would you rather watch a movie or bake cookies? Would you rather tell a friend if you thought they were making a wrong choice, or stay quiet even though you know the decision is not what's best for them?**
- 2: Share a time when you had to do something that you were worried you wouldn't be able to do. **Did you actually finish what you needed to do or did you decide not to do it? If you didn't finish it, what stopped you? What did you learn about yourself during that time?**
- 3: **When we are asked to do hard things and we let our fears get in our way, are we thinking about God or about ourselves? Why is it so important to go to God for help during these hard times?**

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Joshua and the Gibeonites
(Joshua 9-10)

- 1: Pretend you are having problems with some people at school or work. **Who could you invite in to help you with this problem? Making up a problem is different than having a real problem. Is it easy or hard for you to talk about your real problems?**
- 2: Close your eyes and be very quiet for one minute, listening to the sounds around you. When the minute is up, work together to list all the sounds you heard. **How many people in the world do you think talk with God every minute? Do you think God hears each prayer?**
- 3: The Bible tells us God hears every prayer. **As a family, what are you talking about with God? Share a time when you felt God heard your prayers. Have you ever felt God didn't hear your prayer? What did you do? Do you think God knows best, why or why not?**

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Discipleship Conversation Starters:

Eli and Hannah
(1 Samuel 1-2:11)

- 1: **What's your biggest dream that you wish would come true? What are you doing to help your dream come true?**
- 2: Sometimes dreams turn out exactly the way we were dreaming they would, but often our dreams end up looking differently than we wanted. **Can you share a time when your dream ended up differently than you expected?**
- 3: Hannah had a dream and a plan, but God had a different plan in how her dream would become true. **If you believe God knows best and sees your needs, what might you do next time your dream turns out different from you want it to be?**

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