12 - 27: Sermon Listening Guide



A Memorial for a New Beginning

Joshua 4:1 - 7

New International Version

- 4 When the whole nation had finished crossing the Jordan, the LORD said to Joshua, ² "Choose twelve men from among the people, one from each tribe, ³ and tell them to take up twelve stones from the middle of the Jordan, from right where the priests are standing, and carry them over with you and put them down at the place where you stay tonight."
- ⁴So Joshua called together the twelve men he had appointed from the Israelites, one from each tribe, ⁵ and said to them, "Go over before the ark of the LORD your

God into the middle of the Jordan. Each of you is to take up a stone on his shoulder, according to the number of the tribes of the Israelites, 6 to serve as a sign among you. In the future, when your children ask you, 'What do these stones mean?' 7 tell them that the flow of the Jordan was cut off before the ark of the covenant of the LORD. When it crossed the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off. These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever."



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Joshua set up a large stone as a witness to the promise made by the people of Israel.

Connect the dots. 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19

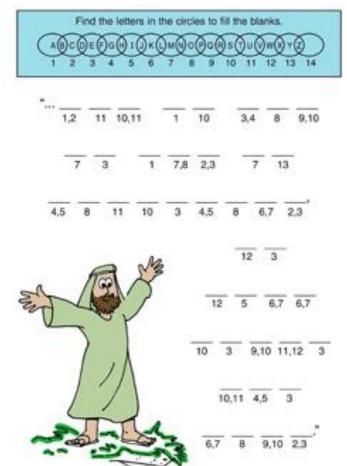


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APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

| 1. What in your life is coming to an end and where is God beginning something new? |
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| 2. Do you have any memorials that you have built that helps you remember where God has moved in your life? |
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| 3. Go out, collect some rocks, and build a memorial to remember what God has done in 2020 so that you can share God's story to the next generation. |
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Joshua said the people must make a choice between serving idols – and serving God. What else did he tell them?



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