



FAITH AT HOME

Aldersgate Church ~ St. Louis Park, MN

Week of October 16, 2022: Joshua 24:1-15

Memory Verse

Joshua 24:15: "...but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

A Family Prayer

Obedient, loyal, courageous, faithful, strong. That's how Joshua was described. People tell stories about Joshua; people sing songs today that express Joshua's greatness. Joshua spoke frankly to the people when they doubted and lost their way. He pointed them to their past and said 'look what the mighty God has done for you'. He asked them to trust and choose the one God in whom they could trust.

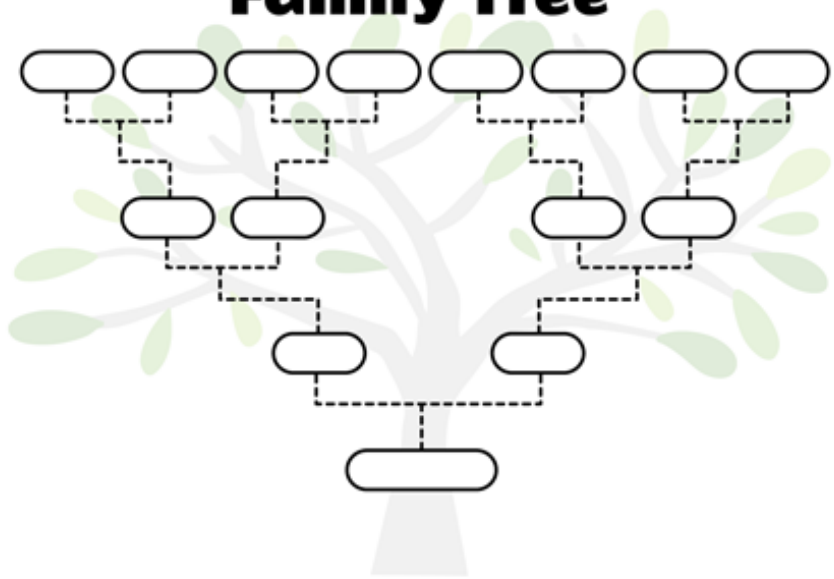
We have a story too. We have a past we can look to for reassurance when the going gets tough. In that story we find the same God Joshua knew. The God of Joshua; the God of his ancestors, and ours. God, you are the God in whom...

The Story: Joshua & The Family Tree

Joshua is telling the Israelites about their history and all the things they went through to get where they are. He is talking about how God has been with them through all the troubles. Joshua tells the people that they need to decide if they will be faithful to God and serve God. Joshua told them they should not be worshipping other gods. He said that he and his household would serve the true God.

Family Discussion: Share with your child your family history. Where are you from? Did your family come from another state or country? What languages do you speak or did your family speak? Do you know other families who have a different background than yours?

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...we can trust. You are the God in whom we should trust. Amen.

Activities:

Map of the World (ages 5-8)

Find a world map or globe. Ask your child to name some countries that they have heard about. Look up those countries on the map. Talk about how difficult it would be to have to leave the home that you know and move to another country.

Next, explain that the Israelites travelled over 600 miles to get to Canaan. Show them on the map how that distance is like walking from Minneapolis to Indianapolis. Are there places you as a family travel to regularly? Point out on the map how far those are in comparison to Israel's journey. (Also see the map of Israel's journey!)

Build a House (any age)

Build a house using Legos, or blocks, or even gingerbread. Use your imagination and find various things around your home.

Prayer: Dear God, We try to serve you. Help us to learn how to be good Christians. We want to do what Jesus has shown us. Amen.



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