

Skit for Whole Group

Crossing Jordan

Checklist

- ☐ time-out sign
- ☐ baby doll
- ☐ box painted gold
- ☐ blue tablecloth, sheet or blanket
- ☐ jumbo blocks
- ☐ plastic bag filled with water
- ☐ blue food coloring
- ☐ small toy fish

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Story:	Crossing Jordan
Focus:	God wants us to remember He is always with us and watching over us.
Object:	"Time Out" sign
Intro:	When do you get this? (for disobeying) Where do you get it? (at home, at school) What is the longest time out you have ever gotten? Could you imagine if you did something so bad, you had to go on time out for a year? What about forty years? Do you remember how the Israelites got put on time out for disobeying God? Today, we'll learn about what happened when their timeout was finally over.
Skit (All Ages)	
Volunteers:	2 priests, Joshua
Props:	blocks; box painted gold; blue tablecloth, blanket, or sheet; baby doll
children walk around room in circle	After forty long years wandering through the desert, the Israelites were finally ready to enter the promised land. They had had a long time out because of disobeying God.
	Joshua took over for Moses as the leader of the Israelites. He was ready to bring them into the Promised Land, but he was young and nervous. God told him not to worry, that He would take care of him.
hold baby doll	The people who were about to go into the Promised Land were only little babies when God had rescued them from Egypt. In fact, some of them hadn't even been born yet back when God gave the Ten Commandments, and performed all those miracles in the desert.
	God had to show His people that He was powerful and could be trusted to take care of them no matter what. He would perform another miracle.
children walk up to blue cloth	God could have taken His people across land, but to prove His power, He took them to the Jordan River. At this time of year, the river had a strong current and had flooded over. It was much too dangerous to swim across.
priests carry ark through river	Joshua told the priests to carry the Ark of the Covenant into the Jordan River.
move water, all kids walk through	As soon as they stepped in the water, God held the strong river back. The priests stood in the middle of the river while the people walked through.
priests pass, close water	When they got to the other side, the priests followed, and the water came back again.
each child stacks one of 12 blocks	The people took twelve stones, one for each of the tribes, and piled them together to make a memorial. This way, their children and grandchildren would remember the place where God led them through the river.
Peace fruit	Just as God promised Joshua and the Israelites that He would be with them, He makes the same promise to us. God doesn't want us to be fearful. He wants us to have peace in our hearts from knowing He watches over us and is with us always.

Preschool

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Coloring Page:

Encourage children to share about a special family memory that is important to them. Talk about taking time to remember important events in our lives.

Modeling Dough:

Encourage children to roll small pieces of dough into rocks and then pile them together.

Games:

Children can stack twelve big blocks to make memorial stones from the story.

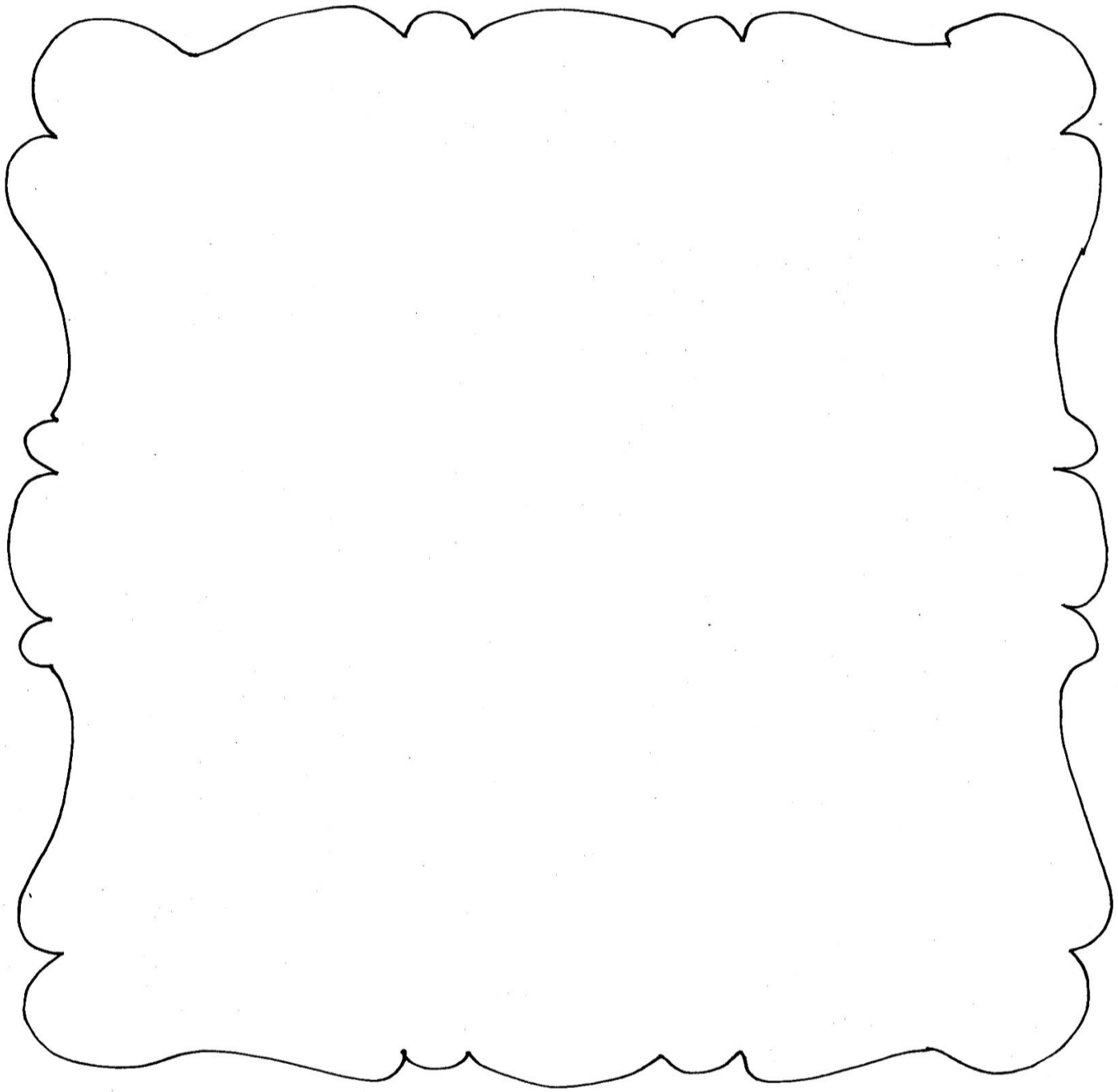
Fill a zip bag with water and blue food coloring. Add toy water animals. Let children push down on it to part the waters of the Red Sea.

Song:

Peace Like a River

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Name: _____



My Special Family Memory:

Peace Like a River

I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
I've got peace like a river,
In my soul!

I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
I've got love like an ocean,
In my soul!

I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
I've got joy like a fountain,
In my soul!

I've got peace, love, and joy like a river,
I've got peace, love, and joy like an ocean,
I've got peace, love, and joy like a fountain,
In my soul!

