

Unit 1 - Lessons 26, 28 - 32

Quiz Questions

1. How many spies were sent to the land of Canaan?
2. Why did two of them think it would be safe?
3. How did God punish the Israelites when they didn't believe the faithful spies?
4. Why wasn't Moses allowed into the land of Canaan?
5. Who succeeded Moses as the new leader of the Israelites?
6. What does Joshua's name mean?
7. Where did Rahab hide the spies?
8. What had the people in Jericho heard about the Israelites that made them afraid?
9. How did the spies escape from Jericho?
10. How was Rahab saved when the city of Jericho was destroyed?
11. Why were Joshua and the Israelites so confident of victory?
12. What did God do to help the Israelites cross the River Jordan?
13. How did the Israelites have to prepare themselves to cross the River Jordan?
14. What happened before the priests crossed the river?
15. Who were told to walk around the city of Jericho once a day for six days?
16. What did the priests carry with them around Jericho?
17. What were the Israelites told to do with the treasures of Jericho?
18. Who helped Joshua and the Israelites capture the city of Ai?
19. Why did the first attempt to capture Ai fail?
20. What was Achan's punishment?



Activity 1: Time To Order

Aim

To recall events from a story and put them in sequence.

Equipment

- Paper
- Pens
- Stopwatch

Instructions

This is a game for individual players or teams. The teacher should choose a story for each player/team from the following list:

- Twelve spies
- Forty years in the wilderness
- Joshua chosen as leader
- Moses' death
- Rahab
- Israel crosses River Jordan
- Jericho
- Ai

Each player/team must record as many events from the chosen story as possible in a set time e.g. 5 minutes. After the time has elapsed, the list is given to the player/team on the left, who has to put the events into the correct order. The winner is the first to finish.



Activity 2: Israeli News Reports

Aim

To remind the children of events in Israel's national history and help them to empathise with the people concerned.

Equipment needed

- Microphone (real or improvised)
- Set of Reporter's Questions cards, cut out
- Teachers' background notes

Instructions

The teacher introduces each set of reporter's questions with a brief overview of the lesson's content (see teacher's background notes). A reporter is going to question people involved regarding recent incidents concerning the Israelites. Tell the children they will be either the reporter or someone who is interviewed for each story. Get them to think about how they would have felt if they were there.

Each member of the class takes a turn to be the reporter, questioning the others in turn.

Alternatively, the children could act the part of members of the public, talking about what had happened.

Topics for interviews

Lesson 26: Twelve spies and forty years of wandering

The reporter is interviewing an Israelite after the return of the spies from the land. They are afraid and angry and want to return to Egypt (Numbers 14:1-4).

Lesson 28: Moses' death; Joshua the new leader

The Israelites are sad at the death of Moses but excited and ready to follow their new leader Joshua.

Lesson 29: Rahab and the spies

A reporter is sent to interview Rahab.

Lesson 30: How God's people crossed the river

Priests are interviewed regarding the crossing of Jordan.

Lesson 31: The fall of Jericho

Joshua is questioned regarding the instructions he has received and the taking of Jericho.

Lesson 32: The capture of Ai

A fighter in the Israelite army who had been sent by Joshua to Ai and who fought in the battle is being questioned at the end of the campaign.



Reporter's Questions lesson 26: Twelve spies

1. You say God told you to send men to search out the land of Canaan. What did they have to look for?
2. Did the men who searched bring anything back?
3. Sounds like it was a good land, so what were the problems?
4. You are all obviously frightened but did anyone think you could take the land?
5. God was very cross with you. What did He say to you and what happened to the men who brought a bad report?

Reporter's Questions: Moses' death and Joshua the New Leader

1. I am sorry to hear your leader has died. Can you tell me how old he was, who buried him and who now takes over from him?
2. You Israelites keep telling me that God appointed Joshua to take over from him and repeated words of encouragement to him. What were these words?
3. There are rumours that Joshua has already been giving instructions to the officers of the people. Can you confirm what they are being told to do and how long they have for preparation?
4. Do you know what will happen in three days?
5. Are you all behind your new leader? Where do you expect he will take you and what will happen to anyone who disobeys him?

Reporter's Questions: Rahab and the Spies

1. Would you please confirm your name and tell me how many men from the Israelites have visited you today?
2. Is it true that the king of Jericho sent to you for the men? What reply did you give him? Is that what actually happened?
3. What did you ask the men to do for you? How did they escape?
4. How would the Israelites know your house when they came against Jericho?
5. Where did your family have to be when the battle started?



Reporter's Questions: How God's People Crossed the River

1. I understand you were the first of the Israelites to arrive at the river Jordan and that you had been commanded to take something with you. What was it and how did you carry it?
2. Can you confirm that a miracle then happened and tell me exactly where you were and what the Israelites did?
3. We also hear certain men were chosen to collect something from the river bed. What was that all about?
4. What did your people do with the stones they had collected?
5. So you celebrated with one of your feasts. Which one was that? I understand your God no longer provides you with a certain food. What was it called and what do you eat now?

Reporter's Questions: The Fall of Jericho

1. Thank you Joshua for giving me this interview. I'd like to ask you first about how you received the instructions for taking Jericho?
2. I understand that you were told what to do for the first few days. What were those instructions and for how many days did they apply?
3. What was different about the seventh day?
4. Can you tell me what happened to the people of Jericho - did anyone escape alive and if so, how?
5. Can you confirm the whereabouts of the silver, gold, brass and iron which I believe you were told to save?

Reporter's Questions: The Capture of Ai

1. Reports say you only took 3,000 men against the city of Ai. You must have been confident you could win, so what happened?
2. Can you name the person responsible for this failure and tell me just what he had done and how you found him out. I presume he was punished?
3. You say God assured you of success when you went the second time. So exactly what took place.
4. When the battle was over what did you do with the people of Ai and all their cattle and goods?
5. There are strange reports about what your leader Joshua did at the end of all this. Can you fill in the details for me?