



HOPEWELL MB CHURCH
VIRTUAL INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON
OVERVIEW STUDY GUIDE

The following information is provided for participants who wish to study the lesson beforehand. The study materials are part of the **International Sunday School Lesson**, excerpted from the **Union Gospel Press Sunday School book**.

Classes will be held each Sunday Morning @ 8:30, prior to regular Sunday Morning Worship Service. Please join us in person for an in-depth discussion. All lesson discussion material will be taken from the Adult Bible class Sunday School book (please see **Youth Corner** for all other versions).

In order to gain a better understanding of the lesson, it is recommended that, prior to each lesson, participants read through the **Lesson Text, Related Scriptures, Daily Bible Reading** scriptures (each day), try to answer the **Discussion Questions**, and make a note of any additional questions you may have. Prayer and meditation are always essential in gaining a better understanding of God's Word and its relevance to your life and situation.

September 2023

UNIT I: Obedience and Success

All lessons this month will focus on God as our true source of success

WEEK 1-Be Strong and Courageous: This lesson highlights how Joshua lead the nation of Israel in victory over the Canaanites

WEEK 2- Rahab and the Spies: This lesson shows how God used Rahab to help the nation of Israel succeed

WEEK 3- The Fall of Jericho : This lesson is a great reminder of how God, as the great source of success, enabled Israel to defeat Jericho

WEEK 4- Ehud Frees Israel: This lesson shows how God delivered Israel from oppression

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DATE OF LESSON: September 3, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Be Strong and Courageous

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 1:1-6; 11:16-19, 21-23

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Numbers 27:15-23; Deuteronomy 11:22-25; 31:7-15, 22-23; 34:5-9;
Joshua 22:1-9

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Joshua took the whole land, according to all that the Lord said unto Moses”*
(Joshua 11:23)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What title used of Moses was later used also of Joshua?
2. What did the death of the previous leader do to God’s plan for His people?
3. What promise did God give Joshua prior to his entering Canaan?
4. How did God reassure Joshua that the victories would occur?
5. What was the final phase of warfare for Israel in conquering Canaan?
6. Why were there so many kings for Joshua to conquer?
7. About how long did it take for Israel to capture Canaan, and how do we know that?
8. What one city was not conquered, and why was it left alone?
9. Why was it so important to know that Joshua conquered the Anakim?
10. Since God fulfilled His promises, did Israel fully control the land?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Joshua’s Victory (Exodus 17:8-16)

T- Moses’ Servant (Exodus 24:12-13; 32:15-18; 33:9-11)

W- Joshua’s Faith (Numbers 14:6-10, 35-39)

Th- Moses’ Successor (Numbers 27:18-23)

F- Joshua Commanded (Deuteronomy 31:7-15, 22-23)

Sa- A New Leader (Deuteronomy 34:1-9)

Su- Divine Encouragement (Joshua 1:1-6; 11:16-19, 21-23)

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DATE OF LESSON: September 10, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Rahab and the Spies

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 2:3-9, 15-16, 22-24

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Exodus 15:13-18; Joshua 2:10-14; Hebrews 11:31; James 2:25

GOLDEN TEXT: *“Truly the Lord hath delivered into our hands all the land; for even all the inhabitants of the country do faint because of us ”* (Joshua 2:24)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What did Joshua do to determine what the initial challenge in Canaan would be?
2. Why is it not surprising that the king hurried to find the spies?
3. What did Rahab tell the king’s messengers, and how much of it was the truth?
4. What made it possible for Rahab to hide the spies?
5. What did Rahab tell the spies that she personally believed?
6. How did Rahab describe the attitudes present throughout Jericho?
7. How did Rahab help the spies get out of the city?
8. What did Rahab advise them to do?
9. When the spies returned, what did they first tell Joshua?
10. What conclusions about moving ahead did they share with Joshua?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Fear of Israel’s God (Exodus 15:13-18)

T- Victory Over Sihon (Numbers 21:21-30)

W- Victory Over Og (Numbers 21:31-35; Deuteronomy 3:1-7)

Th- God Will Lead (Deuteronomy 31:1-6)

F- Promise of Victory (Deuteronomy 11:22-25)

Sa- Jericho In Fear (Joshua 1:10-14, 17-21)

Su- An Unlikely Ally (Joshua 2:3-9, 15-16, 22-24)

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DATE OF LESSON: September 17, 2023

LESSON TITLE: The Fall of Jericho

LESSON TEXT: Joshua 6:2-4, 12-20a

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Genesis 15:16-21; Deuteronomy 20:16-18; Joshua 5:13-6:1; Hebrews 11:30

GOLDEN TEXT: *"It came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew with the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout, for the Lord hath given you the city"* (Joshua 6:16)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week's discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Where were Joshua's orders from, and of what did they assure him?
2. What was the Lord's unusual military approach to Jericho?
3. What would this battle strategy ultimately teach Israel?
4. What was the order of march the Israelites were to establish?
5. What was significant about the positioning of the priests and the ark in the march?
6. What was different about the marching orders for Israel on the seventh day?
7. What would signal the time to shout?
8. What did God say Israel was to do with the things and people of Jericho?
9. What would happen if God's orders were disobeyed?
10. How does the text describe the final outcome of Israel's action?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Land of Promise (Genesis 15:13-21)

T- Spiritual Preparation (Joshua 5:2-12)

W- Assurance From God (Joshua 5:13-6:1)

Th- Command For Destruction (Deuteronomy 20:16-18)

F- Israel's Obedience During the Siege (Joshua 6:6-11)

Sa- Oath Fulfilled (Joshua 6:22-25)

Su- A Miraculous Victory (Joshua 6:2-4, 12-20a)

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DATE OF LESSON: September 24, 2023

LESSON TITLE: Ehud Frees Israel

LESSON TEXT: Judges 3:15-25, 29-30

RELATED SCRIPTURES: Exodus 2:23-25; 3:7-9; 17:8-15; Deuteronomy 25:17-19

GOLDEN TEXT: *“When the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite”* (Judges 3:15)

TARGET AGE GROUP: This week’s discussion is taken from the **Adult Bible Class** book.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Which nation and king did God turn Israel over to when she sinned this time?
2. When Israel cried out to God, what man did He raise up to deliver the people from their enemies?
3. What physical trait did Ehud have that was prevalent in his native tribe?
4. What did Ehud make to assist him in his plot against Eglon?
5. What physical characteristics of Eglon is mentioned?
6. What did Ehud do after presenting the annual tribute to Eglon?
7. How did Ehud get everyone but the king out of the room?
8. How did Ehud escape?
9. Why did it take Eglon’s servants so long to discover that he was dead?
10. How did Ehud bring about a great victory over Moab for Israel?

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

(Readings are for the week leading up to the lesson)

M- Cry For Deliverance (Exodus 2:23-25)

T- The God Who Sees (Exodus 3:7-10)

W- Righteousness Rewarded (Psalm 18:20-30)

Th- Assurance That God Hears (Psalm 34:15-22)

F- Annihilation of Amalek (Deuteronomy 25:17-19)

Sa- Subjection to Moab (Judges 3:12-14)

Su- Ehud’s Triumph (Judges 3:15-25, 29-30)