

tents, etc. Where are they going? How long have they been on the way? They were like a great company of soldiers. They had a captain (or leader). What was his name? Do you remember where we saw Moses in our last Lesson? Did he ever come down again from Mt. Nebo? (Recall.) For thirty days the people wept for their great leader. Will God leave this crowd without a leader? No!

*Joshua the new Leader*—Our Lesson Story tells us about the new leader God gave to the children of Israel. Here is his name (erase LEADER, and print JOSHUA). He had been Moses' great companion and helper, and he was one of the two spies (recall) who brought a good report of the Promised Land.

Here is the Jordan river. God tells Joshua to lead the people across, and take the land He has promised them. They needed to be brave and trusting and obedient to God's laws. There were **DANGERS** ; but with **DIFFICULTIES** ; but with God's help they can be **CONQUERORS** over all.

*God's Promise*—Print Golden Text, and repeat. God promised that Joshua should be a conqueror all the days of his life (verse 5), and God also said He would be with Joshua, as He had been with Moses, to help and bless him.

*A Book to Be Loved*—God told Joshua of a

Book that the children of Israel must love and obey, if they wanted God to help them (Draw a parchment roll; show Bible). God told Joshua the people must

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		Courageous
		Obedient
		Keeping in the straight way
		Speaking of God's Word
		Thinking about God's Word
		Obeying God's Word

"Then thou shalt make thy way prosperous and then thou shalt have good success."

*Work to Be Done*—Then Joshua tells the people what they must do: get ready to cross the Jordan and enter the new home; prepare new victuals; get food ready—for now God is going to stop giving them manna: they are to live on the food grown in the new home.

*Our Leader*—God has given us a greater LEADER, Jesus. He has given us the same Book to love and obey. Let us follow our Leader, and love and obey and copy Him; and God will bless us. On the flags, we'll print—JESUS, and these strokes are the boys and girls (Print some names). Sing Hymn No. 534, Book of Praise.

*Something to Think About*—Jesus is my Leader.

#### FROM THE PLATFORM

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**THE SON OF GOD GOES FORTH TO WAR,  
A KINGLY CROWN TO GAIN,  
HIS BLOOD-RED BANNER STREAMS AFAR:  
WHO FOLLOWS IN HIS TRAIN?**

Write on the blackboard, the first four lines of Hymn 250, Book of Praise, and have the School sing them. Then question somewhat after this fashion: What great general does the Lesson tell about? (Dwell for a moment on the character and achievements of Joshua.) What army was he leading? And what foes were they to fight against? What land was Israel to conquer? Who had bidden them do this? Turn again to Joshua, the great leader, and ask: What promises did God make to him? How was he to act? Where was he to find his marching orders? Now, while the scholars are full of the spirit of the stirring scene in the Lesson, ask them what enemies we have to fight? And who is our Leader? Urge the need of faithfulness and courage. After a few earnest closing words ~~from you~~, all will be ready to sing, perhaps more soberly than before, and surely with new resolves, the rest of Hymn 250.