

Assembly (3rd and 4th Class)

Based on Term 1 Lesson 7 On Line

An eventful history

This assembly is based on the story of Joshua from days 3 and 4 of the lesson.

Songs: Be bold, be strong; Joshua fit the battle of Jericho, O Lord hear my prayer

You need: to have taught the lesson about Joshua,
To decide how to present the story
To have a picture or a display of the pebbles beside the story (Day 4)

Narrator 1	Meet Joshua. Joshua lived a very long time ago, but he was a very famous leader in the Bible.
Narrator 2	He was chosen by God to be the next leader of the Israelites after Moses. The Israelites had left Egypt many years before and were now travelling to the new land they had been promised.
Narrator 1	Joshua was chosen as leader because:
Narrator 2	He was good in battle He was good at following Moses' instructions He trusted in God He was really patient when he had to wait for things
Narrator 1	But most importantly he was called by God.
Narrator 2	There are lots of stories in the Bible about Joshua but the most famous is about how he led the army of Israelites and defeated a city called Jericho.
Story	Either read/ enact the story of Joshua and Jericho. It is written simply in On Line p. 50. However you may need to simplify the second last paragraph so it just states that when the soldiers marched around the city one last time the walls fell down and Jericho was defeated. (see the Teacher's clues p. 51).

Narrator 1	That was a big win for Joshua with God's help
Narrator 2	And a big loss for Jericho
Narrator 1	Joshua continued to lead the Israelites and they settled in Jericho and other parts of their new land.
Narrator 2	When Joshua was very old he called a meeting. He told the Israelites that God had looked after them and how he had cared for them.
Narrator 1	Joshua gave the people a choice: Follow God who had looked after them and would always look after them or follow other gods and risk being punished by God.
Narrator 2	They chose to follow God.
Narrator 1	Joshua told them to
All	Love the Lord, the God of Israel with all your heart.
Narrator 2	Everyone said
All	We will serve the Lord our God. We will obey him.
Narrator 1	That day Joshua found a large stone and put it under an oak tree as a reminder of the decision they made that day.
Narrator 2	In our classroom we each put a pebble beside the story of Joshua from the Bible to remind us that God cares for us too.
Prayers	Dear God (p. 52) Prayer of the Week (p. 47)