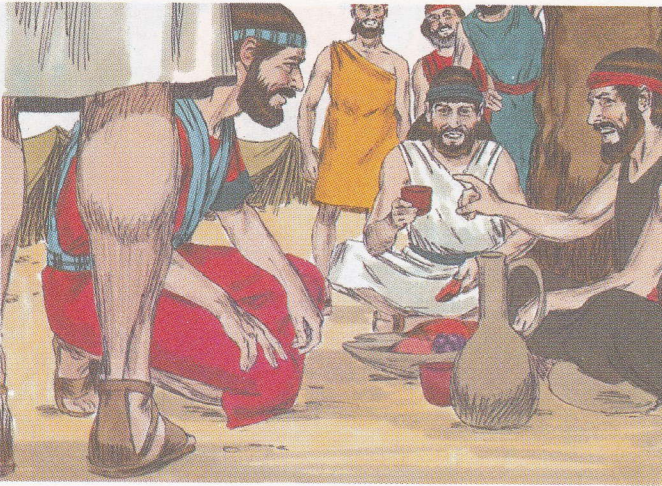
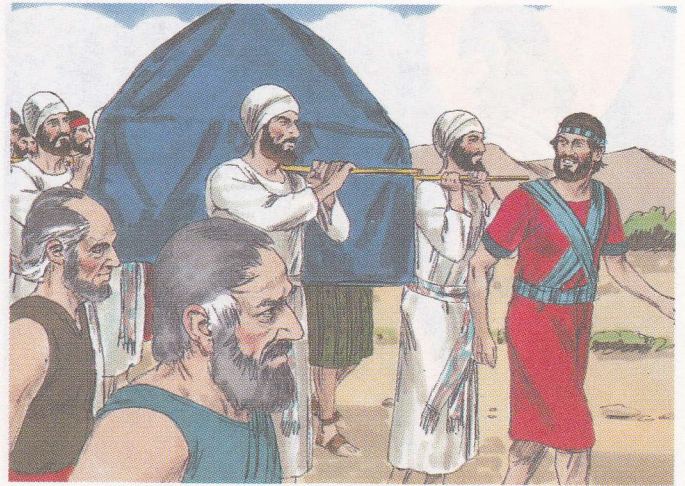


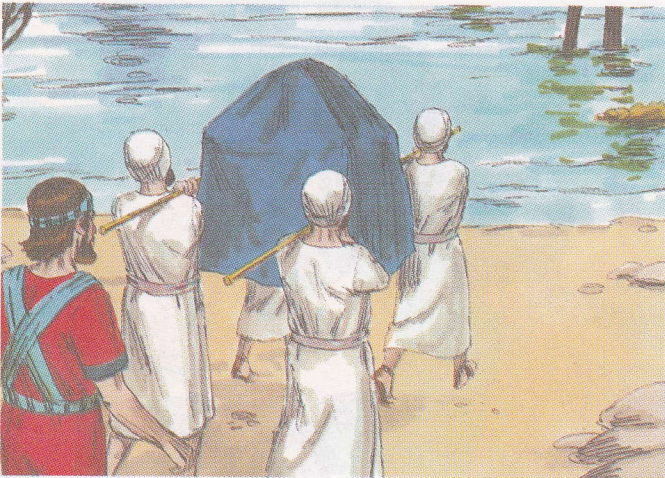
# The Israelites Enter Canaan



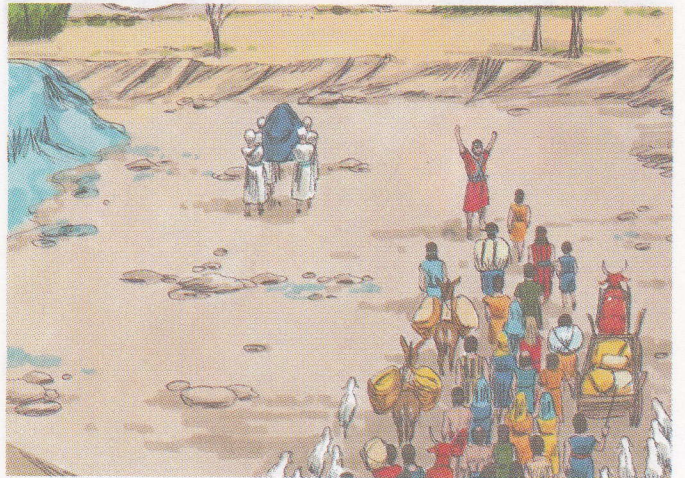
**1** The very next morning after the two spies returned, Joshua had the people of Israel move their camp to a place beside the Jordan River. There they waited to cross the river.



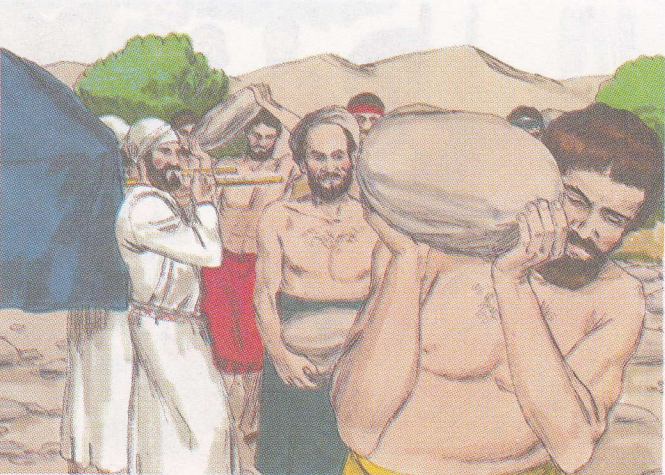
**2** The leaders went through the camp telling the people that when the priests with the Covenant Box moved, they were to follow at a distance of about half a mile. Then Joshua told the priests to start out.



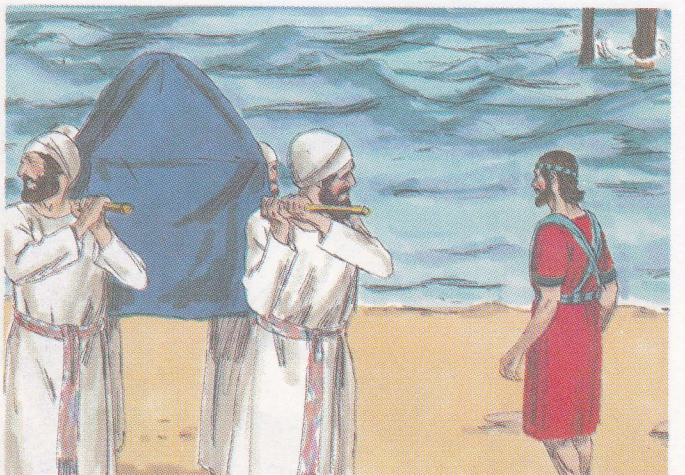
**3** As was usual at harvest time, the river was so full that it overflowed its banks. But when the priests carrying the Covenant Box stepped into the water, the river stopped flowing and the water piled up upstream!



**4** No water flowed down to the Dead Sea. So the priests with the Covenant Box stood in the middle of the dry riverbed, and the people of Israel walked across the Jordan on dry ground!



**5** Joshua chose twelve men and said to them, "Each of you take a stone from the middle of the riverbed and carry it to the place we are going to camp." They did so and put the stones down there.

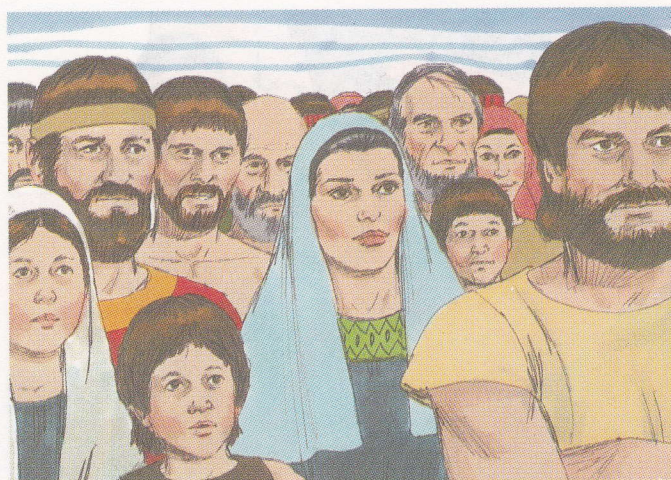


**6** After all the people were safe, Joshua told the priests with the Covenant Box to come out of the riverbed. As soon as they did, the waters began to flow and the river flooded its banks again!

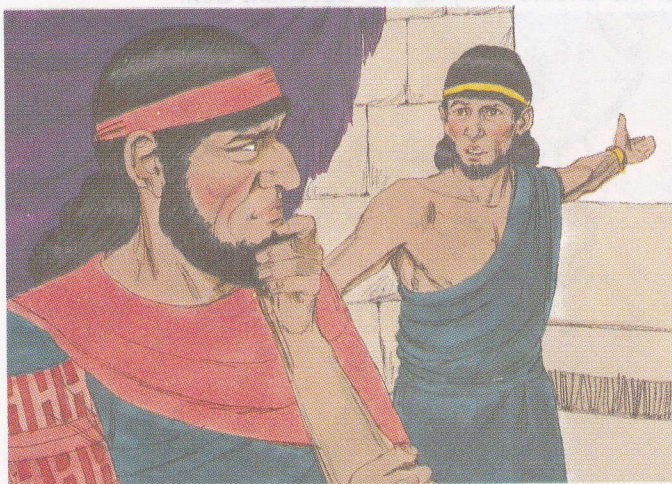




**7** They made camp at Gilgal, east of Jericho, and there Joshua set up the twelve stones taken from the Jordan. He said, "When your children ask you what these stones mean, tell them what happened here."



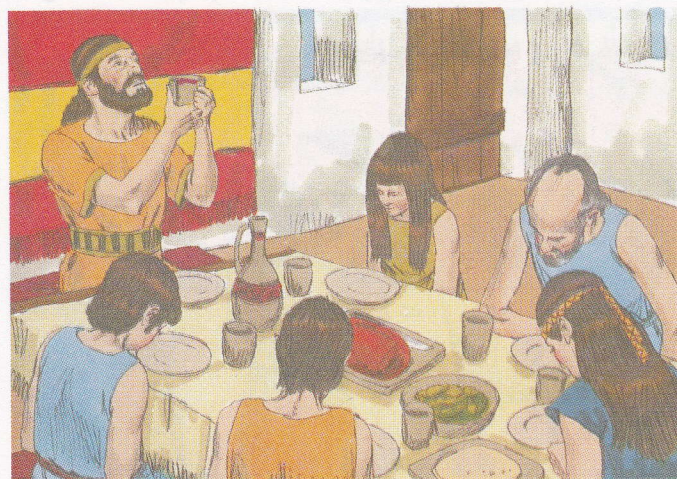
**8** "Tell them that the Lord your God dried up the Jordan for you, just as he dried up the Red Sea. Then everyone will know that the Lord is a mighty God, and you will honor the Lord forever."



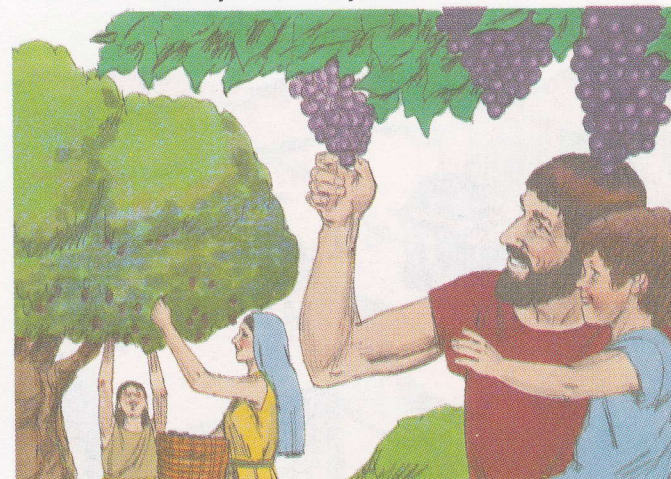
**9** News of how the Lord had dried up the Jordan so the people of Israel could cross it reached all the kings in Canaan, and they were afraid of the Israelites.



**10** What the Lord did through Joshua that day made the people of Israel consider Joshua a great man. They knew the Lord was with him. They held him in honor all his life, just as they had Moses.



**11** The Lord ordered that all the boys and men be circumcised there at Gilgal. No one had been circumcised during the last forty years. On the fourteenth day of the month, the Israelites celebrated the Passover.



**12** The next day they ate food grown in Canaan for the first time! The manna stopped falling, and the Israelites never had any more. From that time on they ate food grown in Canaan.