

## Story 60/61: Crossing into Canaan

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Read this entire story in the Bible in Joshua 1:1-18; 3:1-7, 4:1-24

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### Words to Know

**camped** – living in temporary shelters, like tents

**ahead of** – before; in front of

**flowing** – to move forward in a steady stream

**pile** – things stacked on top of each other

### Questions

1. Why did the Israelites wander in the desert for 40 years before entering Canaan?
2. Who became the new leader of the Israelites after Moses died?
3. What was on the other side of the Jordan River from where the Israelites were camped?
4. How did God plan for the people to get across the river into Canaan?
5. Why did God tell the priests to step into the Jordan River first?
6. When the people walked across the Jordan River on dry ground, why was that such a great miracle?
7. What did Joshua do to help the people remember this miracle?

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