



## LESSON 10: IN THE PROMISED LAND

### Objective (Learning Outcomes)

‘By the end of this lesson, students will be able to:

1. Recall the main events from the Israelites’ journey into the Promised Land.
2. Explain how God rewarded their faith and punished their disobedience.
3. Recognize the importance of trusting God’s promises.
4. Relate the Israelites’ journey to our own journey toward Heaven, the new Promised Land.
5. Develop the habit of obeying God and remaining faithful even in difficult situations.

### Starter

#### **Option A: “Desert Journey Challenge”**

Place a few “obstacles” (chairs, books, etc.) around the classroom.

Ask one child to walk blindfolded through the obstacles, guided only by a friend’s voice. Afterward, ask:

How did you feel walking without seeing?, Was it easy to trust your friend’s voice?

What if you didn’t listen to the instructions?

Connect: “Just like that, the Israelites had to trust God’s voice and follow His direction through their journey.”

#### **Option B: Story Hook Begin by saying:**

“Imagine walking in the desert for forty years with no home, no map, and no internet! That’s what happened to God’s chosen people – but God never left them.”

### Presentation of the Topic (15 minutes):

#### **Part 1: Journey in the Wilderness**

Israelites doubted God and disobeyed Him.- God punished them: they wandered forty years in the desert.- Yet God forgave them and guided them with love.

Moses’ leadership: He prayed, fasted, and interceded for the people.

(Show map or picture of Moses, desert, and Canaan.)

## Part 2: Death of Moses

Moses saw the Promised Land from the mountain but couldn't enter it. God allowed Joshua, his faithful assistant, to lead the people.

Read Deut. 31:7-8 — “Be strong and bold...”

*Discuss how God strengthens new leaders when one mission ends.*

## Part 3: Joshua Leads the People

The Israelites crossed the Jordan River miraculously.

They built a monument of twelve stones at Gilgal to remember God's miracle.

Jericho's fall: They obeyed God's instructions, and the city walls fell.

God fulfilled His promise — Canaan, a land flowing with milk and honey.

## Part 4: The Heavenly Promise

Just as Canaan was the Israelites' goal, Heaven is ours.

Heaven is our “new Promised Land.”

To reach it, we must live faithfully, obey God, and never lose hope.

## Habit Formation

Encourage students to form this habit:

> “When I face problems, I will not complain. I will trust that God will guide me to a good end.”

You can write it on the board: 🌸 “Trust God's plan even when the way seems hard.”

Students can repeat it together as a short daily prayer.

## Activities (10–15 minutes)

### **Option A: Role Play / Skit**

Divide the class into groups.

Let them act out:

- The crossing of the Jordan River, or
- The fall of Jericho, or
- Moses blessing Joshua.

Use dupattas or scarves as river water or walls!

### **Option B: Craft – “My Promised Land”**

Give each student a small sheet.

Ask them to draw their own “promised land” – what Heaven means to them (peace, joy, love, etc.).

Write a short prayer:

*“Lord, help me stay faithful so I may reach my heavenly home.”*

## Bible Verse

> “It is the Lord who goes before you; He will be with you; He will not fail you or forsake you.” (Deut. 31:8)

## Conclusion

Summarize: - God is faithful to His promises.

- When we obey and trust Him, He leads us safely to our goal – Heaven.

**End with a short prayer:**

*“Lord, help us to trust You as Joshua and the Israelites did, so that one day we may reach our heavenly home with You.”*