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| **BOLD, STRONG AND COURAGEOUS** | |
| **God Gives Us a Vision - MOVERS SHAKERS** | |
| **DATE** | **19TH JANUARY 2025** |
| **TOPIC/TEXT** | **God Gives Us a Vision – Joshua 1:1-6** |
| **LESSON OVERVIEW** | In this lesson we will learn that, Joshua was given a Vision- to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land, which he embraced by having a strong conviction that the same God who was with Moses his leader will also be with him. So, with courage, he took action and indeed he led God’s people into the Promised Land. |
| **TAKE AWAY** | Every plan that God has for us is good. For example, God wants you to excel in school, He wants you to be kind, generous, obedient to your parents and teachers, be nice to your siblings, and many other good things. And when we take the time to hear these plans just like Joshua heard from God, by faith we stir up boldness and courage to take action. You’ll need to be strong by standing on God’s promises written in the Bible. |
| **PREPARATION** | Read **Joshua 1:1-6** |
| **GAME** | **Grab the Cone** |
| **WORSHIP** | 1. I Choose You- Planet Shakers 2. Chasing You- Bethel Kids 3. God I Look To You   **Theme Song:** Be Strong and Courageous- Seeds Kids Worship |
| **BIG WORD TIME** | **Lesson Introduction**  Hello Children, I hope you had a wonderful week.  Turn to the person next to you and tell them one thing that you learnt from reading Joshua 1.  Last week we introduced the theme- **BOLD, STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**.  God called Joshua after Moses had died to lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. Joshua was taking over from Moses one of the greatest leaders that ever lived. He was so afraid that God commanded him to be strong and courageous and also promised to be with him just like He was with Moses.  Today, we would like to look at the fact that Joshua was given a Vision- to enter the Promised Land and that he needed to be bold, strong and courageous.  But first, let me ask you, what do you look forward to this year.  Thank you for sharing. As a church this year, here are somethings we can look forward to as well.   1. Children’s Camp 2. Heaven’s Gates and Hell’s Flames Drama 3. Online Service Recording 4. Children’s Production- Born For This 5. School Outreaches 6. Opening Watoto Church Nakwero 7. Watoto Church Mbarara moving to their land 8. Watoto Church Juba to buy land   The same way God gave Joshua a vision is the same way God is going to or He has already given you a vision for 2025 or things that He wants you to accomplish.  What is a **Vision?**  A vision is a picture of the preferred future. And it is important to write it down. What is our vision as a church?  *We are an English speaking, cell-based community church celebrating Christ, growing and multiplying as each one reaches one, touching those around us with the love of Jesus, bringing healing to the cities and the nations.*  For us to accomplish this vision this year we MUST be **BOLD, STRONG AND COURAGEOUS**.  It was taken from Joshua 1:9.  Which people in the Bible were, bold, strong and courageous?  Wow! Thank you all for sharing. Today we will focus on Joshua in the Bible.  Let’s Read **Joshua 1:1-6**  *“After the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses’ aide:****2****“Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites.****3****I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses.****4****Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west.****5****No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you.****6****Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.”*  Joshua was given a vision to lead God’s people to the Promised Land. It was such a huge responsibility that He needed to be “BOLD, STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.”. God did not show him how to be the leader of many people, He only assured Joshua that He would be with Him just like He was with Moses.  Let’s get into our crews, learn more**.** |
| **CREW TIME:**  ***Read Joshua 1:1-6***  **TAKE AWAY** | Welcome to our crew (say the name of the crew). Happy New Year!!!  What are some things you look forward to this year?  Wow! Those are all wonderful things. *(Teacher please share what you look forward to)* I look forward to being the best at everything I do.  Well, this year, I believe is going to be one of the best years of our lives.  Why? Because God’s presence will continue to be with us.  Earlier, we talked about a man named Joshua whom God chose and gave a VISION- to take the Israelites to the Promised Land.  **Let’s Discuss:**   1. Why was the Promised Land such a big deal?   Remember Father Abraham? Well, God promised Abraham that his children will live in a beautiful land flowing with milk and honey. We all know that God keeps His promises no matter what. By the time Joshua became the leader, many, many, many, many years had passed and it was time for the promise to be fulfilled. Remember from Abraham, there was Isaac, then Jacob, then Joseph and his brothers who became the 12 tribes of Israel, and they ended up in Egypt for 400 years and God had to rescue them because He promised Abraham that He would (Genesis 15:13). And God chose Moses who led them into the desert. When Moses died, God then chose Joshua to fulfill the promise God had made to Abraham. It was not going to be easy, that’s why with the vision to fulfill God’s promise, Joshua needed to be bold, strong and courageous.   1. What are some of the promises God has made to you in the Bible?   There are so many promises God has made to us through His Word, that’s why one of the things that God encouraged Joshua to do was to read and meditate on the Word of God. Let’s Read **Joshua 1:7-8**  *“Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go.****8****Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.”*  Let’s take a moment right now and write down the things that you picture to happen this year 2025.  Let me pray for you. **Altar Call** |
| **CONCLUSION:** | For you to achieve the vision God has for you this year, you need to be BOLD, STRONG AND COURAGEOUS. Every plan that God has for us is good. And when we take the time to hear these plans just like Joshua heard from God, by faith we stir up boldness and courage to take action. |
| **CHALLENGE** | **What does 2025 look like for you?** |
| **MEMORY VERSE** | **Joshua 1:9** *“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”* |