



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Ready-to-Teach Lesson: Be Strong And Very Courageous

Joshua 1:1-11 (English Standard Version)

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When Preparation Time Is Short

This lesson has been selected from the complete Teacher Lesson and is ready to use. Begin with the two warm-up questions, read or play Joshua 1:1-11, and continue through the activities in order. The writing task may be completed in class or assigned as homework.

1) Warm-Up Questions

1. When have you needed courage to begin a new responsibility?
2. What qualities make someone a good leader?

2) Vocabulary

Word/Phrase	Meaning	Teacher Prompt
forsake	To abandon or leave someone without help.	What did God promise Joshua in verse 5?
courageous	Ready to do what is right or necessary despite fear or difficulty.	Why did Joshua need to be courageous?
meditate	To think carefully and repeatedly about something.	What was Joshua told to meditate on day and night?
take possession	To enter, receive, and begin to occupy something that has been given.	What were the Israelites preparing to take possession of?

3) Bible Text Comprehension

1. Who spoke to Joshua after the death of Moses?
2. What did the LORD command Joshua and the people to do?
3. What did God promise Joshua in verse 5?
4. What was Joshua to do with the Book of the Law day and night?

4) Scripture Discussion

1. Why did courage require Joshua to trust God's promises?
2. How can God's promise, "I will not leave you or forsake you," encourage believers today?

5) Speaking Practice

1. Retell Joshua 1:1-11 in your own words.
2. Explain why Joshua needed both strength and courage.

Language Coaching Tip

If a student gives a short answer, invite a complete sentence: "Can you tell me more?" "Why do you think that?" or "Can you give an example?" Correct gently and model the sentence when needed.

6) Writing Task

Write a paragraph explaining why Joshua could be strong and courageous.

This may be completed during class or assigned as homework.

7) Wrap-Up

After Moses died, God called Joshua to lead Israel into the promised land. Joshua could be strong and courageous because God promised to remain with him. God also commanded Joshua to obey His law carefully and meditate on it day and night. Trusting God's presence and promises, Joshua prepared the people to move forward in obedience.

Remember: "When one faithful servant's work is finished, God calls another to rise with courage to carry forward His promises."

Final Question: How can trusting God's presence and obeying His Word help you face a responsibility with courage?