



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: God's Promises and Our Faith

Joshua 4:14-24 (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 4:14-24, and continue through the activities in order. The writing task may be completed in class or assigned as homework.

1) Warm-Up Questions

1. What object helps you remember an important person or event?
2. What can people learn from remembering what God has done?

2) Vocabulary

Word/Phrase	Meaning	Teacher Prompt
exalted	Raised to a position of honor, respect, or importance.	Whom did the LORD exalt in the sight of Israel?
testimony	A witness or reminder of God's truth and covenant.	What were the priests carrying?
set up	Placed or arranged something so it would stand as a sign.	What did Joshua set up at Gilgal?
mighty	Very powerful and able to accomplish great things.	What were all peoples to learn about the hand of the LORD?

3) Bible Text Comprehension

1. Whom did the LORD exalt in the sight of all Israel?
2. What happened when the priests' feet were lifted onto dry ground?
3. What did Joshua set up at Gilgal?
4. What two purposes for the miracle are given in verse 24?

4) Scripture Discussion

1. Why were twelve stones a helpful way to preserve the memory of God's work?
2. How can remembering God's faithfulness strengthen our faith and obedience today?

5) Speaking Practice

1. Retell Joshua 4:14-24 in your own words.
2. Explain the purpose of the twelve stones at Gilgal.

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 what the twelve stones meant.

This may be completed during class or assigned as homework.

7) Wrap-Up

Wrap-Up: The LORD completed Israel's crossing of the Jordan exactly as He had promised. When the priests came up onto dry ground, the river returned to its place. Joshua set up twelve stones at Gilgal so future generations would ask what they meant and learn how God had brought Israel across on dry ground. God wanted all peoples to know that His hand is mighty and His people to fear Him forever.

Remember: "Faith does more than remember what God has done; faith teaches the next generation to trust who He is."

Final Question: What can you do to help someone else remember God's faithfulness and trust His promises?