KK '24 DQT Devo: Day I "This Book Shall Not Depart" Lesson Passage:

Joshua I:1-9

Lesson Focus: Moses was gone, and Joshua was given a mission from God to lead Israel to the Promised Land and God told Joshua the key to his success was in God and His Word.

Lesson Point: We must understand that our success in life is found in digging deeper into the Word of God and His instructions for us.

Lesson Intro: Who is good at being able to read instructions to build something? Let's say a Lego figure? Anybody here they could do well at knowing the instructions on how to build a Lego figure. Pick two volunteers to test and see how well they can read instruction for a Lego figure. Show them each their set of Lego instructions for 30 seconds. After have them answer three simple questions, how many pieces are there for this figure? How many steps did the manual give you to build the figure? What is the figure you can build with that set of instructions? If they did not get all three questions right give them an additional 10 seconds to look and try to figure the right answers. Chances are they might not have gotten them all right even after the extra 10 seconds. Some instructions take time to look through, get familiar with, and to be able to do them. You will not be able to piece together the Lego correctly if you do not look through the instructions thoroughly. Did you know there are instruction to put together our life correctly too?

Start with by telling the story of Joshua 1:1-9

I. The Man of God. Joshua 1:1-2a

Who is the coolest person you have known?

What did/could they do that made them so cool to you? (hunting, fishing, sports etc.)

Moses had been the first leader of Israel as a nation. There were so many things that God allowed Moses to do as a leader that had not been done and some were never done again. The Lord had used Moses and Aaron to bring the 10 plagues on Egypt that displayed the power of God to Pharaoh (Exod. 7:19-20). Moses was the one who struck the waters of the Red Sea and it opened (Exod. 14:21). Moses struck a rock and water flowed in the desert (Exod. 17:5-6). Most impressively God spoke with Moses in a way only described for Moses (Exod. 33:11). God even let Moses see His glory as much as a human can see and not die (Exod. 33:18-23). But now Moses was gone, and God was letting Joshua know it was his time to be the leader of Israel. Joshua had assisted Moses for many years.

Do you think it was easy for Joshua to have to take the place of someone so great like Moses?

How would you feel if you had to take the place of someone who had done all the things Moses got to do?

II. The Mission from God. 1:2b-4, 6

Have you ever wondered what God wants or plans for your life?

Did you know God wants all of us to know what He wants us to do?

God gave Joshua the mission God was giving him as the leader of Israel. God was specific in what He was going to give Joshua and Israel as their new home. God was specific in what He wanted Joshua to do as a leader. God was going to give Joshua and all of Israel the land that He had promised. Every place their foot stepped on in the area He told them. He did not give Joshua the details of how God would deliver all this land to them except that God Himself would give it to them.

If we dig deeper into the Word of God, we can also know what God has for us (Eph. 5:15-17). He still assures that His plan is a sure thing for our life. Sometimes we get stuck on HOW He will do it, but we must trust Him. Even if we do not get all the details of how.

III. The Manual from God. Joshua 1:7-8

What do you think Joshua needed to accomplish or have success in his mission to go and conquer the promised land?

Could it be he needed good battle plans? Have good weapons? Train his army?

God told Joshua what the key to the success of his mission. Even though Joshua was about to go in to fight many battles the key was not battle strategy. God did not tell Joshua where to find good weapons or what kind of workout the soldiers needed to do.

God first instructed Joshua to be strong and courageous in this instruction. Joshua needed to give his best effort. Then, God told Joshua that the key to his success was to do all that Moses, the servant of God had told him. God had instructed Moses and Moses had instructed Joshua. Joshua was to do everything he had been commanded by Moses through what God said. It was so important that Joshua had to be careful not to turn to right or to left from it. His success was promised if he could continue straight in everything he had learned.

God went on and to say that Joshua should always be digging into the Word of God that was given by Moses, the book of the law. Joshua should always be reading and speaking about it. Joshua should always be thinking about it. This would take Joshua to be able to carefully do everything it said. If Joshua did this, then he would prosper (have the benefits) and succeed in whatever he did.

What if there was something that could teach you how to face anything that comes in life, would you use it?

IV. The Message from God. Joshua 1:5,9

What would you do if God assured you that He would be with you as long as you live?

What would you do if God told you He would be with you just like He was with the person who God used to do amazing things?

What would you do if God said He would not leave you or abandon you?

Would this encourage you to go and do what He has planned for you?

God gave Joshua everything he needed to go and succeed as the new leader of Israel. God gave Joshua the keys to his success on the mission God was sending him on. God even assured Joshua that no one was going to be able to stand to stop Joshua. God assured Joshua that He would be with Joshua just as He was with Moses. All the power God displayed with Moses was available to Joshua. God promised Joshua He would never leave (or let go) of Joshua or abandon him leaving him alone.

God commanded Joshua again to be strong and of good courage not afraid or discouraged. Joshua could be strong and courageous because God was going to go with him wherever Joshua went.

Even though Moses had been one of the greatest leaders, how should Joshua have felt after a message like this from God?

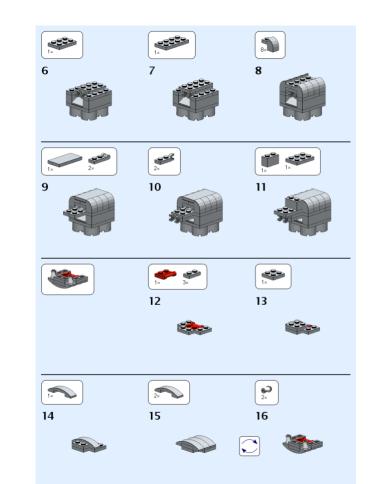
Conclusion: God chose Joshua as the new leader of Israel and sent him on the mission to conquer the promised land. The key to the success Joshua would have was found in Joshua following what commanded him through Moses and the Book of the Law. God assured Joshua He would be with him wherever he went.

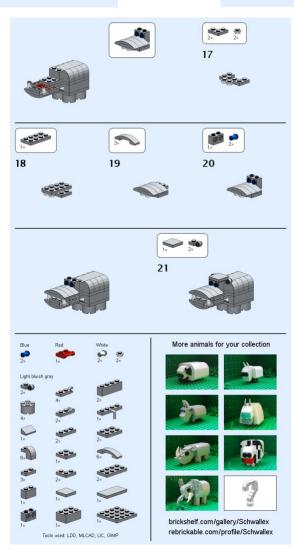
Application: God has a mission or plan for our lives as well. The good news is that God has given us His Word too so we can know what He says and do it. He has given us people like Moses to teach us His Word. Through His Word we can know what God has for us and what to do. The how is in the hands of God. He promises to go with us. He promises to not leave (let go) or abandon us. The question is, will we take His Word and dig deeper so that we can prosper and have success?

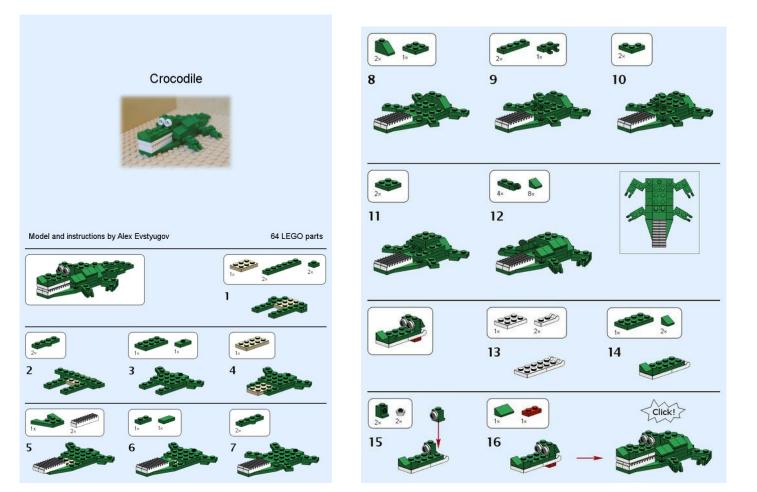


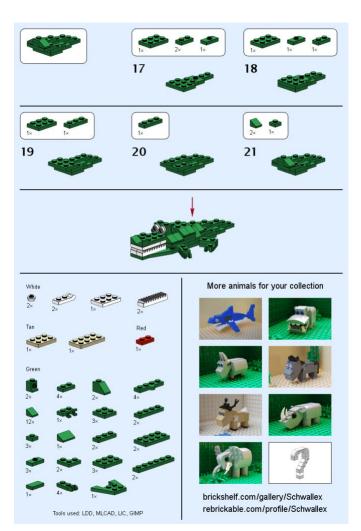


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