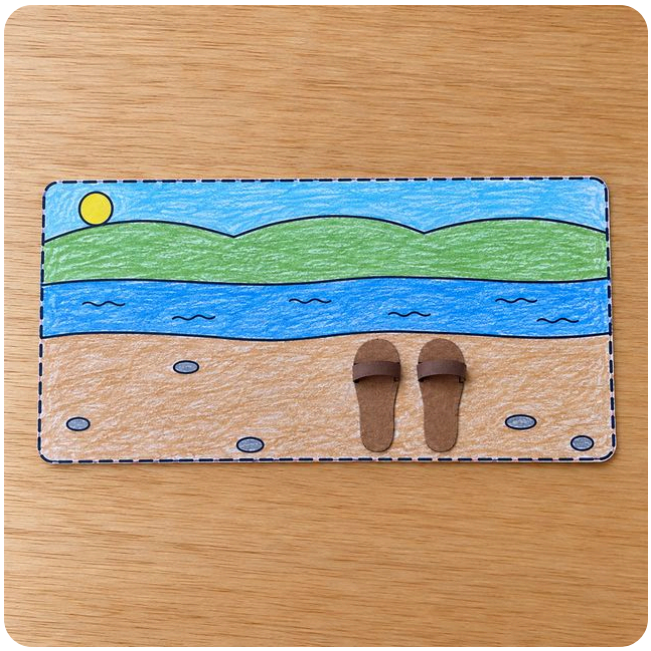
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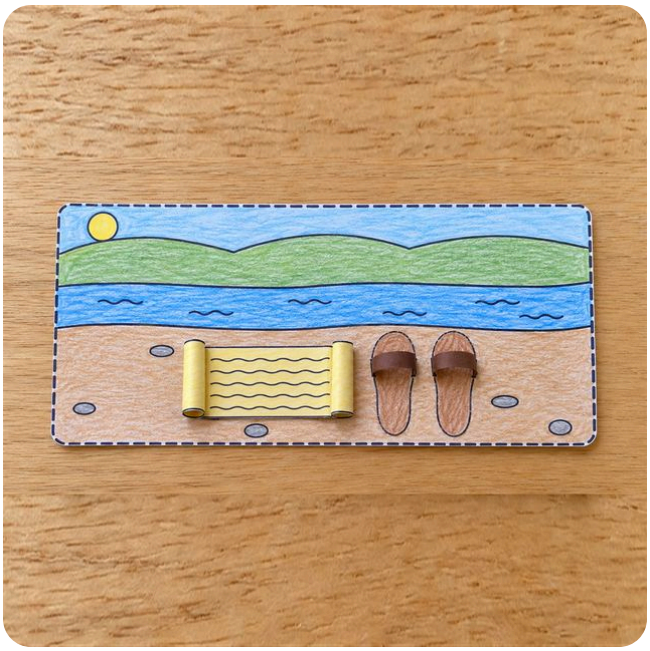
# Be Strong and Courageous Craft

Sandals by the river Jordan · Joshua 1:1–9 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

## What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



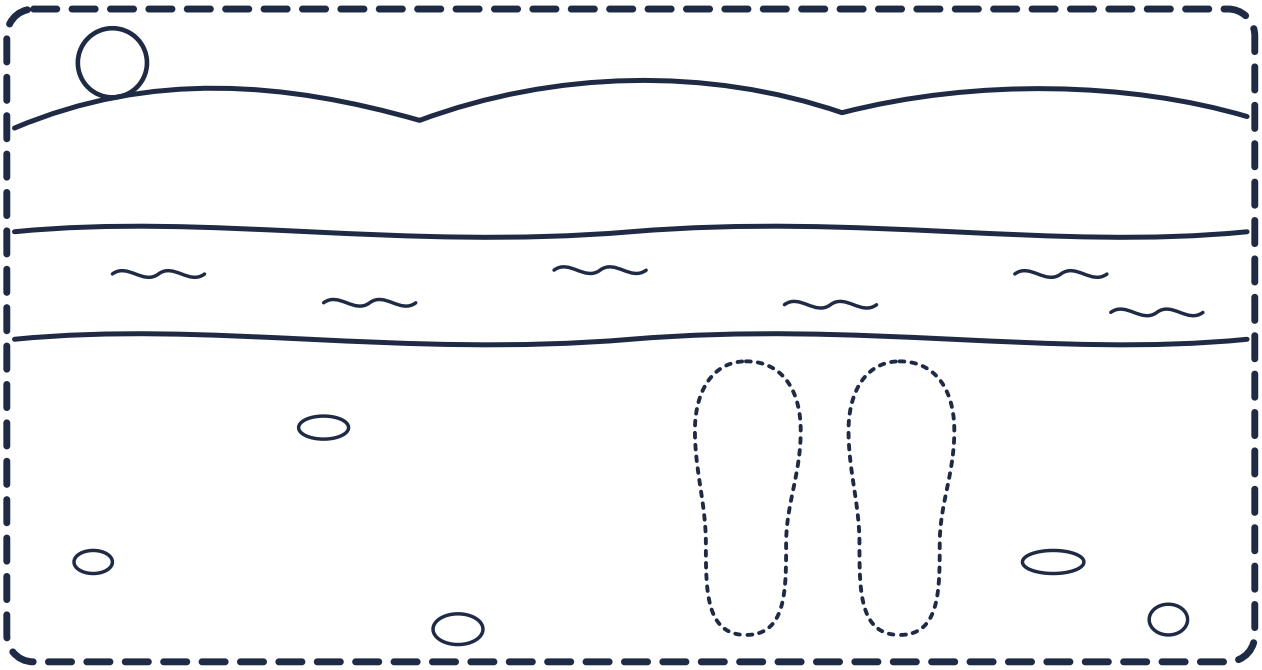
Harder

Both levels are a wide card: a light blue sky with a yellow sun, green hills and land across the river, the blue river Jordan, and a light brown near bank with gray stones. On the bank stand two brown paper sandals with dark brown straps, toes pointing toward the river, because God told Joshua, "arise, go over this Jordan" (Joshua 1:2) and "the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (1:9). Medium (left): the card with the sandals. Harder (right): the same card with a rolled paper scroll for the book of the law (1:8) on the bank beside the sandals.

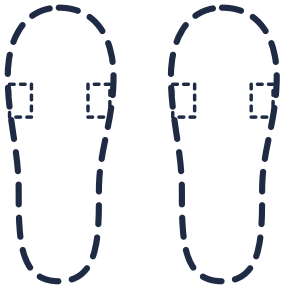

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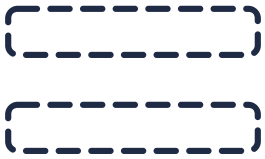
✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: sky light blue, sun yellow, land and hills green, river Jordan blue, near bank light brown, stones gray. Glue the sandals on the dotted sandal shapes on the near bank, toes toward the river.



sandal soles: brown
glue a strap on the dotted ends



straps: dark brown

**Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.**

Joshua 1:9 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the card

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the card, the two sandal soles, the two straps and the verse strip.

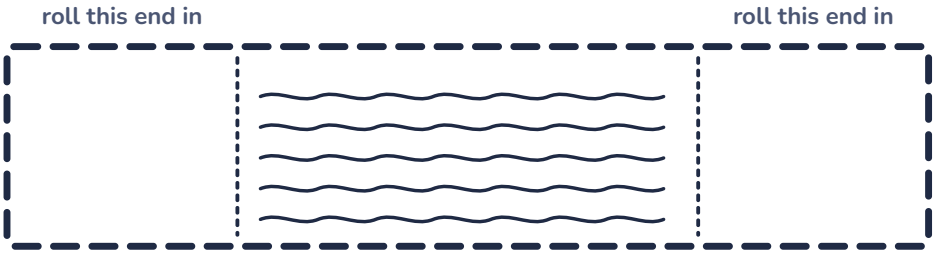


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Name: _____

✂ Harder level

# The book of the law scroll (harder level)




scroll: color it light yellow. Cut on the dashed line. Roll each end in to its dotted line. The wavy lines stand for the writing.

## How to add the scroll

1. Make the river card from page 2 first, with the two sandals on the near bank and the verse strip on the back of the card.
2. Color the scroll light yellow. Cut it out on the dashed line.
3. Lay a pencil on one end of the scroll and roll the paper tightly around it, in toward the middle, until you reach the dotted line. Slide the pencil out. Do the same at the other end. Now the wavy lines show between the two rolls.
4. Put glue on the back of the flat middle only. Press the scroll on the near bank, to the left of the sandals.
5. Tell it: God told Joshua, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night" (Joshua 1:8). **Meditate** means think about it. Then point to the sandals: "the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (1:9).

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## For the teacher

**See it finished:** a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/be-strong-and-courageous-craft
**Time:** 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
**You need:** page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), light blue, yellow, green, blue, light brown, gray, brown and dark brown crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a pencil for rolling.
**Before class:** for preschoolers, cut out the card, the soles, the straps and the verse strip, and glue the straps on the soles.

## Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces and make the sandals. Kids color the card and the sandals and glue the sandals by the river. Glue the verse strip on the back for them.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out and glue the pieces and make the sandals themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the river card like the medium level. Then roll the book of the law scroll from page 3 and glue it on the bank beside the sandals. This is the craft in the second photo.

## Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue, the sun yellow, the land and the hills green, the river Jordan blue, the near bank light brown and the stones gray.
2. **Color the pieces:** the two sandal soles brown and the two straps dark brown.
3. **Cut:** cut out the card, the two soles, the two straps and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Make the sandals:** on each sole, glue one end of a strap on one dotted box and the other end on the other dotted box, so the strap stands up in a loop across the sole.
5. **Glue:** glue the two sandals on the dotted sandal shapes on the near bank, with the toes pointing toward the river.
6. **Verse:** turn the card over. Glue the verse strip on the back and read it together.
7. **Tell it:** point to the river and say what God told Joshua, "arise, go over this Jordan" (Joshua 1:2). Then point to the sandals and say, "Be strong and of a good courage... for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest" (1:9).


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## Questions to ask while kids work

- Who led God's people before Joshua? *(Moses, the servant of the LORD, Joshua 1:1)*
- Whose son was Joshua? *(The son of Nun, 1:1)*
- Point to the river. What did God tell Joshua to do? *("arise, go over this Jordan," 1:2)*
- Point to the sandals. What did God promise about every place the sole of their foot would tread upon? *(He had given it to them, 1:3)*
- What did God promise Joshua? *("as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee," 1:5)*
- How many times did God tell Joshua to be strong? *(Three times, 1:6, 1:7, 1:9)*
- What should Joshua do with the book of the law? *(Keep it in his mouth and meditate therein day and night, 1:8)*
- Why could Joshua be brave? *("the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest," 1:9)*

## Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: arise** means get up; **forsake** means leave alone; **of a good courage** means brave; **meditate** means think about it; **dismayed** means scared and worried; **whithersoever thou goest** means everywhere you go.
- **What the Bible says:** Joshua 1 names the Jordan and the land, but it doesn't describe the river bank, the hills or the colors, and it doesn't describe Joshua's sandals. The sandals stand for "every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon" (1:3) and for "whithersoever thou goest" (1:9). In Joshua 1 the people had not crossed yet; they came to Jordan in 3:1 and passed over on dry ground in 3:17.
- **The scroll:** books in Bible times were written on rolls (Jeremiah 36:2 says "a roll of a book"), so the harder level makes the book of the law as a scroll. The wavy lines stand for writing; the craft prints no words on it.
- **No people printed:** the sandals remind kids that God was with Joshua wherever he went. Nobody is drawn on the card.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and make the sandals ahead of time. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Let every child walk two fingers over the river and say, "God is with me!"
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Be Strong and Courageous lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/be-strong-and-courageous.


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