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And Joshua set up at Gilgal the twelve stones they had taken out of the Jordan. He said to the Israelites, "In the future when your descendants ask their fathers, 'What do these stones mean?' tell them, 'Israel crossed the Jordan on dry ground.' For the LORD your God dried up the Jordan before you until you had crossed over. The LORD your God did to the Jordan just what he had done to the Red Sea when he dried it up before us until we had crossed over."



Joshua 4:20-23 (NIV)

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Discuss



- Joshua said the stones would help future children ask, "What do these stones mean?"
- What are some things our family could do to help future generations remember what God has done?
- Why is it easy for people to forget God's blessings after some time passes?
- The Israelites carried the stones from the middle of the river to their camp. Why do you think God chose something physical and visible as a reminder?
- If you were choosing one object to represent something important God has done in your life, what would you choose and why?

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Pray



- Thank God for those who have ministered to you and have left a Christian heritage for you to follow.
- Praise God for the important milestones in your life where God has worked in a special way.
- Pray for God to help you remember those occasions in the future when you could be tempted to be discouraged or gloomy.
- Ask God for a way to tangibly remember His help, not only for yourself but for those who follow along after you.
- Pray that people who are struggling with a difficult situation in their life that they will remember that God is in control and will accomplish His perfect will for them.

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