

CROSSING THE JORDAN

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WELCOME: Hey Families, today we are going to be chatting about making our own spiritual “Cairns” to remind us of God’s provision in our life. Take a minute to watch our video and then dive into our discussion and a fun family activity!

1.) **PRAY** – Start by praying together as a family. In your prayer, ask God to give you a repentant heart!

2.) **Watch** – Check out the video - <https://youtu.be/0pqX4e-yXT4>

3.) **READ** – Open your Bibles and read Joshua 3:14 – 4:9

4.) **Discuss** – As a family talk through these questions!

- Think about our Story
 - Why did God ask the Israelites to take stones from the river?
 - Do you think the Israelites would have actually forgotten that miracle?
 - Discuss why God wanted them to have a physical reminder to go with their memory.
- Talk about your own “Cairns”
 - What “Cairns” do you have laying around the house (trophy’s photos, souvenirs)?
 - Why are those special to you? Where do you put them?
- Think about your relationship with Jesus
 - What are the significant moments in your faith life?
 - Were you baptized as a baby?
 - When did you make the decision to personally trust in God?
 - When did you have a really hard time that God helped you get through?
 - What are some “miracles” that God has done in your life?
 - How has God blessed you over the years?
 - Is there a camp, or trip that really strengthened your faith?
 - Are there Bible verses that help you understand God better?
 - Are there worship songs that make you feel close to God?
 - Do you have friends who encourage you in your faith?
 - Do you have role models that help you focus on Jesus?
 - All of those things are “stones” in your spiritual “Cairn”. How can you memorialize them?

5.) **ACTIVITY TIME: Making a Cairn**

- Find a pile of rocks or stones that you can turn into your own spiritual Cairn.
- Take time to decorate them... you might paint them white, or use sharpies to color on them.
- Use the “significant moments” above to decorate each of your stones (ex. Baptism stone + Date, or write the reference of a favorite verse)
- Once you have decorated the stones you can do one of two things...
 - 1.) Stack them up in a place that you will see them often.
 - 2.) Place them one by one along the sidewalk or in a park that you go to often. Each time you see them they will be a reminder, and they might even encourage your neighbor!