

God is: **The COMFORTER!**

The fifth attribute of God that **IS THE COMFORTER!** What **TO COMFORT** means to bring **encouragement to others.**

of God bringing care and throughout the Bible! The

shows us how God comforts those who are fearful about being leaders and following Him.



we will be exploring is: **GOD** does it mean **TO COMFORT?** **care, reassurance, relief, and** There are SO MANY examples comfort to His people all following story about Joshua

Scripture Lesson: Joshua Becomes the New Leader!

Our scripture lesson is found in Joshua 1:1-18 in the NIV Bible and tells what happened when Joshua found out that he would replace Moses as the leader of the Israelites.

Memory Verse: “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be terrified; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go!” Joshua 1:9

Thinking about it: The Israelites, guided by God and Moses, reached the Promised Land. Canaan was so close, and yet, the people were afraid. So Moses chose spies to sneak into the land and report back what they saw. Joshua and Caleb were among those who entered undercover. They found a beautiful land with streams and fruits and lots of space for people and animals, but they also found people. **VERY LARGE PEOPLE!** In fact, they reported back that the land was filled with giants! By this time Moses was very old and close to death, so he appointed Joshua to be the next leader of the Israelites and bring them into Canaan, the land promised so many years ago to them by God. So Joshua stepped forward to take charge and encourage the people that even if they were afraid, they could have courage because God promised to remain with them wherever they went.

Isn't it interesting that even with all the experiences the Israelites had throughout the forty years in the desert with God, they still had fears and doubts about what lay ahead! Do you ever wonder whether God is with you during a difficult time? Guess what? He

ALWAYS stays with us, even when we doubt! God gives us examples of His comfort and encouragement through stories and scripture that we can hold onto when WE feel fearful or hopeless! And the greatest comfort God gives us is that He is with us WHEREVER we go! He will never leave us, even when we feel discouraged or alone. What a great COMFORTER God is!

Video: Joshua Leads—Saddleback Kids

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vqhPOd0JxBs>

Joshua Becomes Leader—God’s Story

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wUKWt46vubo>

Activity: Our activity for today involves writing down times and ways in which YOU act courageous. There is a free template for a printable page of this craft found on the following link:

<https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Product/Joshua-19-Be-Strong-and-Courageous-3385240>

You are also encouraged to add to your Attributes of God booklet that we are working on each week, recording the memory verse as well as ways in which God is present in your life.

Prayer: Dear God, Our Great Comforter!
Thank you so much for all the ways you bring comfort and calm to us! We sometimes forget that You are with us ALWAYS, even when we feel afraid. Help us to always remember that You are ever-present as an encourager to us, and that You alone are the provider of our comfort, You alone give us the strength to go on. In Jesus name, AMEN.



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