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| **THEME: BOLD, STRONG AND COURAGEOUS** |
| **DRAW THE LINE**These lessons are a call to families and individuals to decide whom they will serve**.** **Joshua** chose for himself and his family to serve God for the rest of their lives. As a family in which areas do you draw the line? Will your choices bring blessing or trouble? Children can help their families discover and live by a godly vision**. Joshua 24:14-15****Heroes (7-8) Years** |
| **DATE** | **20TH JULY 2025** |
| **TOPIC** | **Joshua 24:14-15;** **Ephesians 6:13–18****Draw the Line Review and Prayer** |
| **LESSON OVERVIEW** | Remember what it takes to draw the line from Joshua’s example of dedicating his family to serve God. Lead children in a special time of prayer to commit themselves and their families to God. |
| **TAKE AWAY** | * Children will know they can **talk to God** and **pray for their families**.
* Children will understand that **God gives them armor** to help them make good choices.
* Children will remember to **include children with special needs** in their love and prayers.
* Children will review how they’ve been learning to **Draw the Line**.
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| **PREPARATION** | Read **Joshua 24:14-15;** **Ephesians 6:13–18** |
| **GAME 1** | **Draw the Line Recap Relay**Have visual cards with last week’s lessons (e.g. the Hebrew Boys and standing for God, the Good Samaritan and being kind, etc.). Children run to pick a card and share what they remember from that lesson. It helps anchor the key messages.OR Place these visual cards in different balloons across the room and each time a child bursts a balloon and finds the card, they share what they remember. *(This is fun!!! Just Saying)* |
| **WORSHIP LEADER** | Today we remember everything that we have been learning about drawing the line. Joshua asked all the Israelites to choose whom they would serve.How about you? Have you drawn the line with your family?Let’s sing these songs together. |
| **PRAYER** | God, thank You for all You’ve taught me. I choose to stand for You and help my family serve You too. Please bless my home and help us love You more each day. Amen. |
| **BIG WORD** | Welcome everyone. I hope you had a good week.Last week we learnt that when it comes to God and what He expects of us as his children, **you draw the line by choosing to obey Him, even when it’s hard just like the 3 Hebrew boys.** It means standing up for what you believe and not compromising your values to fit in, or feel comfortable.Today we will review and pray.**We need Prayer as we draw the line for our families.** As children of God, we can protect our families with love, and prayer. God gives us armor to stand strong for those we care about.**Ephesians 6:13–18***“Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.****14****Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place,****15****and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace.****16****In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one.****17****Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.****18****And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord’s people.”** **Helmet of Salvation** – Protect your mind by reading your Bible everyday.
* **Breastplate of Righteousness** – Do what’s right even when no one is looking.
* **Belt of Truth** – Speak and believe the truth.
* **Shoes of Peace** – Bring calm and kindness in your home.
* **Shield of Faith** – Trust God even when things get hard.
* **Sword of the Spirit** – Use God’s Word to speak life and love.
* **Prayer** – Your strongest and always-ready defense!

📌 ***Emphasize:*** You can protect your family by praying for them, showing love, and doing what’s right.Let’s get into our crews to review and pray. |
| **CREW TIME** |
| **Object Lesson****Materials:** Masking Tape | **The Line of Faith**Place a tape line on the floor. Invite children to stand behind it and make this declaration *(let them repeat after you)*, **“I choose to serve the Lord with my family.”** This is a symbol to help you feel the importance of making a stand, like Joshua did. |
| **DISCUSSION** | 1. What does it mean to serve the Lord with your family?
2. What choices did *your* family make to serve God?
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| **Family Prayer Dedication Time** | What part of God’s armor helps you when your family has a problem? *(For example, when Mum is sick, I remember that I have the Sword of the Spirit; the Bible. It says, “By His stripes we are healed.” So, I will pray for her healing.)**Provide small paper “house” cutouts. Let children write or draw their family on the house. Then lead them in a prayer where each child lifts up their family to God.***Prayer Example:**“God, thank You for my family. Help us to love You, serve You, and follow You always. I choose to stand for You, like Joshua. Bless my home with Your peace and joy. In Jesus’ name, Amen.” |
| **GAME 2** | **Action + Quiz****Setup:*** Stations with "Strength Challenges" (e.g., simple physical tasks like balancing books on the head, lifting a rock, push-ups, sit-ups, skipping, jumping jacks, running in one place… )
* At each station, a review question related to Samson's story is asked.

**Sample Questions:*** What was the secret of Samson’s strength?
* What should Samson have done differently?
* How can you draw the line when it comes to temptation?

**Reflection Moment:** After each station, kids say aloud:“I will draw the line by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.” |
| **GAME 3** | **Relay + Memory Match****Materials:*** Scenario cards (e.g., “Your friend takes something from class,” “You feel jealous,” “You see someone being bullied”)
* Value cards (e.g., Honesty, Kindness, Courage, Faithfulness, Prayer, Respect)

**How to Play:*** Teams run to a set of mixed-up cards.
* One child reads a scenario, and the team must find the correct matching value.
* First team to finish matching correctly wins.

**Discussion Follow-Up:**1. Which value do you want to grow in more?
2. Where do you draw the line when you have to do what is right but it’s hard like choosing between doing homework and playing games?
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| **MEMORY VERSE** | **James 5:16 Proverbs 1:8 (NIV)***“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”* |
| **CONCLUSION** | I see God’s best for me, and I will draw the line to protect it through prayer. |
| **WEEKLY CHALLENGE** | Share your **“Defending Prayer Card”** with your family and pray together. |