

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 22, 2018



**BIBLE STORY:**

*Joshua 23-24*

**BIBLE VERSE:**

*Joshua 24:24*

**BABIES-PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:**

*Obey God and love Him. (BT)*

*Obey God and worship Him. (P)*

**YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:**

*We should love God more than anyone or anything else.*

**OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:**

*We should be completely devoted to God.*

**ADULT CORE PASSAGE:**

*Acts 28:17-28*

**FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:**

*Acts 28:31*

**FAMILY READING PLAN:**

**SUNDAY:** *Acts 28:17-22*

**MONDAY:** *Acts 28:23-24*

**TUESDAY:** *Acts 28:25-29*

**WEDNESDAY:** *Acts 28:30-31*

**THURSDAY:** *1 Corinthians 1:1-9*

**FRIDAY:** *1 Corinthians 1:10-17*

**SATURDAY:** *1 Corinthians 1:18-25*

## FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Joshua and Acts together as a family:



- **Love God more than anything.** After Israel took the promised land, Joshua gathered the people once again on the plains of Shechem. Shechem was the place God had called Abraham to move many years before and where God issued the promise to make Abraham into a great nation. Joshua 24 shows a great nation assembled on the very land God had promised. Joshua issued the command to the people to love God more than anything else. The people once again committed themselves to following God and God alone, instead of the gods of the people around them.
- **Paul's life exemplified the command to love God more than anything.** The apostle Paul can be lifted up as an example of one who truly loved God more than anything. Paul had finally been delivered to Rome where he would stand trial before Caesar. Paul began his mission desiring to speak to Caesar and now he had been given that opportunity. As he spent his nights and days under house arrest awaiting his trial, Paul continued to encourage the believers to be faithful to God no matter what situation they were in. Paul lived his life as an example to the believers in how they should act and respond to trouble around them.
- **The response.** You can see a similar response by the people of Israel in Joshua 24 and the people of Israel in Acts 28. Both groups committed themselves, though not completely, to living lives that were examples to others of a devoted life to God. Joshua, in his most quoted words, stated that he and his family would follow God no matter what everyone else decided to do. Likewise, Paul asserted that he had been faithful to follow God no matter the circumstances or situations he encountered. We can use the lives of Joshua and Paul to strengthen our commitment to follow God and to tell others about the gospel.