

MEMORIAL STONES EXERCISE

SHARING YOUR FAITH WITH THE NEXT GENERATION

After Moses' death, God chose Joshua to bring the Hebrew people into the Promised Land. The book of Joshua records the journey—including the parting of the river Jordan as they crossed with the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant. After this miracle, the Lord told Joshua to select one man from each tribe to choose a stone from the riverbed and carry it to the campsite. Joshua instructed them, *“When your children ask in time to come, ‘What do those stones mean to you?’ then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord. . . . So these stones shall be to the people of Israel a memorial forever”* (Joshua 4:6–7, ESV).

God's purpose with the stones is clear. We are commanded to remember His faithfulness and share His truth with the next generation. Reflecting on what He has done in our lives gives us opportunities to share the hope of Jesus Christ with others.

To make your own Rock of Remembrance, or memorial stone, think about how God has shown His faithfulness in your life. It could be a difficult time during which He strengthened you, a particular Scripture passage that has encouraged you again and again, or your personal testimony. Set your stone in a visible place at work or home. When others ask you about the rock, you can share your story.

Below are some questions to help you get started:

- When and how did you come to faith in Jesus Christ?
- How has the Lord worked in areas of your life like education, career, marriage, children, or loss?
- Recall a significant challenge, disappointment, or success in your life. How did you see the Lord work in and through that situation?
- What has God taught you through the successes and storms in your life?
- Think about the people who have had the greatest influence on you, including family members, friends, church leaders, and teachers. What has the Lord taught you through them?

“So that all the peoples of the earth may know that the hand of the Lord is mighty, that you may fear the Lord your God forever.” —Joshua 4:24, ESV