WORD of LIFE

Chapter 9

Lesson Enhancement Video: Temptation in the Desert

- Start with the teaching point of the video: In the video, Peter, the narrator, talked about Joshua. **Who** was Joshua, and what was he chosen to do? (He was an Old Testament prophet who led God's Chosen People into the Promised Land.)
 - What did Joshua have to cross in order to enter into the Promised Land? (The Jordan River.)
 - Whom did Joshua and the Chosen People have to conquer when they got to the other side?
 (Their enemies who were in the Promised Land.)
 - Who led the Chosen People to victory? (God.)
- Develop the teaching point of the video: What river did Jesus, like Joshua, enter? (The Jordan River.)
 - After entering the Jordan River, what did Jesus, like Joshua, do? (He battled His enemy and ours—Satan.)
 - What are some of the things that Satan tempted Jesus to do to prove that He was God? (Change stones into bread, jump off the Temple, and even worship him.)
 - Did Jesus give in to these temptations? (No.)
- Relate to the students' personal experience: Have you ever thought of your life as a battle? (Pause.)

 What sorts of things do you struggle with and battle against? (Answers may include temptation, sin, my sinful self, and the Devil.)
 - Are we fighting this battle alone? (No.)
 - Who fights with us and gives us the strength to fight? (God.)
 - What do Joshua and Jesus tell us about our own spiritual battles? (That if we trust and rely on God, we will be victorious. Jesus shows us that with His grace, we can resist temptation and win the battle over sin.)