



General questions

1. What problems can you identify in this story? Are solutions presented?
2. In what way might this story be relevant in your community?

Further exploration

1. Should the religious concept of the Jordan River's ritual purity be tied to environmental purity? Why or why not?
2. How is the issue of pollution tied into water sharing equity between regional powers?
3. Currently, most tourists aren't deterred by the pollution from making pilgrimage to the Jordan River. If the rest of the river became completely unsafe for human contact, and therefore no longer be available for baptism, do you think there would be a stronger effort to rejuvenate the river?