

# I'm In The Lord's Army



## Parents' Page

*Lesson 5*

## Losing, then Winning at Ai

### Your child should understand...

Obedience—Thinking about consequences of sin

### Your child should be able to...

1. Identify who always knows when someone sins.
2. Identify those who had to suffer because of Achan's sin.
3. Identify who controlled Achan's punishment and who carried it out.

### Your child should be memorizing...

Joshua 21:45

“The Lord kept all of the good promises He had made to the people of Israel. Every one of them came true.”

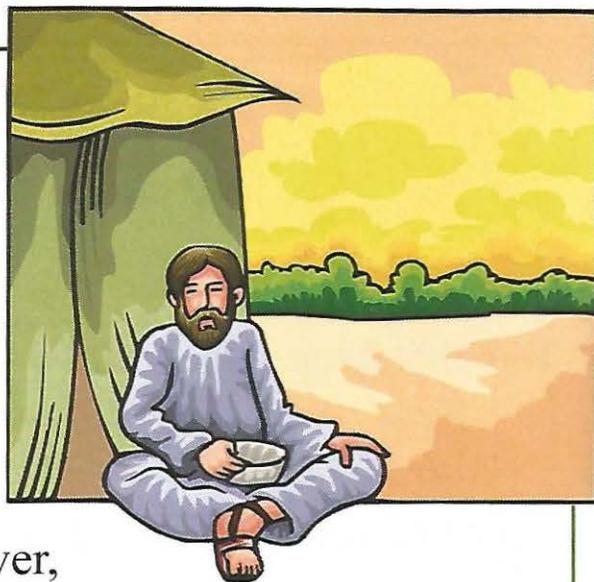
### Please read to your child:

Thursday	Joshua 7:1-5, 7-11, 13
Friday	Joshua 7:19-22, 25
Saturday	Joshua 8:1-3, 7-9
Monday	Joshua 8:15-19
Tuesday	Joshua 8:26-28, 30-31, 34-35

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Achan made a *bad* choice. He decided to take some things from Jericho for himself. God had told the Israelites to destroy everything and everyone in Jericho. They were to save Rahab and her family and some things made of silver, gold, bronze, and iron. Achan saw some very nice things in Jericho, and he wanted them. So he took them and hid them in his tent. No one knew Achan had them—except God.



**What did Achan do with the things he stole?**

**Who knew what Achan had done?   G   \_\_\_\_\_**

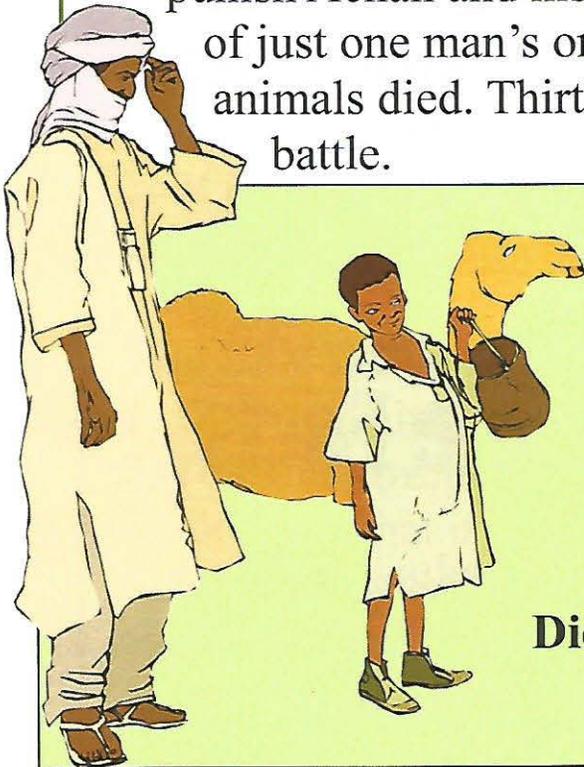
**Can we hide our sins from God? \_\_\_\_\_**

After Jericho, the Israelites were going to Ai. So Joshua sent some spies into Ai. The spies saw only a few men in Ai, so they decided to take only 3,000 soldiers up to the city. The spies told Joshua that it would be easy to win at Ai. But when the 3,000 soldiers attacked Ai, the men of Ai killed thirty-six of the Israelites. They made the rest of the Israelites run away—back to the Israelite camp! Joshua asked God why He had let them lose. God told Joshua that it was because someone in Israel had sinned.

Joshua didn't know who had sinned. Then God told him how to find out. In the morning all of the Israelites were to stand with their own tribes. Then God would tell Joshua who had sinned. God called out Achan. Joshua asked Achan to tell what he had done.

Achan confessed everything. He told Joshua that the things were in his tent. How would God punish Achan?

All of the people took stones and stoned Achan, his wife, all of his children, and all of his animals to death. Then they burned them with fire. God helped them find Achan's sin and told His people to punish Achan and his family. So many people suffered because of just one man's one sin! Achan's whole family died. His animals died. Thirty-six soldiers died. And Israel lost a battle.



**Circle *all* of the correct answers.**

**Who died because of Achan's sin?**

**Achan and his family                      36 soldiers**

**Achan's animals**

**Did God tell the people to punish Achan?**

**Yes**

**No**

Now, God told Joshua to go *back* up to Ai. God said that this time, He would give the city to them. They obeyed God and killed 12,000 people of the city of Ai that day.

Each of the Israelites had a choice to obey God or not to obey God. We have that choice, too. We can love God and obey Him, or we can disobey Him. Other people will suffer with us if we don't obey God. The Lord loves us. He wants us to make the choice to love and obey Him!

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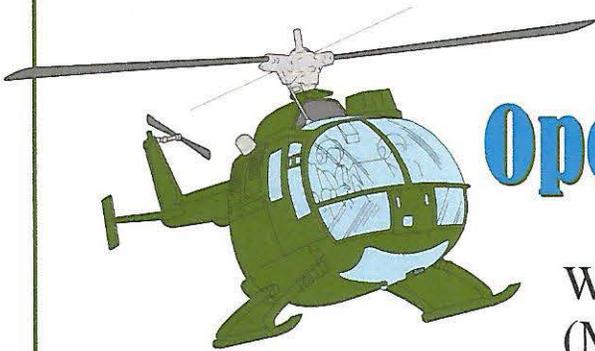
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### **Memory Verse:**

You have a brand **new memory verse!** Practice saying it over and over **every day this week** with your mother or daddy.

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## **Operation Bible Facts**

What is the book of **Exodus** about?  
(Moses leading Israel out of Egypt;  
receiving the Law)

Can you say the **Bible verse** that tells how the world began?  
(Genesis 1:1: “In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”)

On your **Bible map**, put your **thumb** on the **Sea of Galilee**.