

I'm In The Lord's Army



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Lesson 6

Fighting on the Lord's Side

Your child should understand...

Honesty—Keeping your word

Your child should be able to...

1. Describe what the Gibeonites did to fool the Israelites.
2. Tell what Joshua promised the Gibeonites.
3. Identify what it means to keep a promise.
4. Describe what God did for Joshua and the Israelites in their battle against the five kings.
5. Identify who fought for Israel.

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 9:3-9, 14-15
Friday	Joshua 9:16, 18-21
Saturday	Joshua 10:5-14
Monday	Joshua 10:16-19
Tuesday	Joshua 10:40-43

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Everyone in Canaan knew about the Israelite army. The Canaanites were afraid of them because God took care of them. Many of the kings talked to one another. They were trying to decide how to keep away from Joshua and his army. They didn't want the Israelites to kill them and take their cities.

One group of Canaanites, the Gibeonites, knew that they couldn't beat the Israelites, so they made a plan to fool them. They packed old bread and put on torn clothes to go visit Joshua. They really lived very *close* to the Israelites. But the old bread and the dirty, torn clothes made it look like they had been traveling for a very long time. When they met Joshua, they told him that they lived a long way off. Joshua believed them because of the way their clothes and food looked. The Gibeonites asked Joshua to let them live because they lived so far away and wouldn't hurt the Israelites. Joshua wouldn't want to make a promise like that to anyone who lived in Canaan. But he thought they lived a long way off, so he made the promise to let them live.

What did the Gibeonites wear to fool Joshua and the other Israelites?

What kind of food did the Gibeonites pack?

What did Joshua promise the Gibeonites?

Later, Joshua found out that they lived in Canaan after all! The Gibeonites had lied to fool Joshua, but he still had to keep his promise to let them live. After Joshua found out that he had been fooled, he made the Gibeonites be slaves to the Israelites.

True or False? Keeping your promise means you do what you say you will do.

Five kings in Canaan decided to attack Gibeon. The Gibeonites asked Joshua for help. God told Joshua to go fight the kings and their men. He said he would give them to Joshua. God killed many soldiers with hailstones! Joshua needed the daylight to last longer. It was harder to fight in the dark. So God made the sun stand still for hours to help Joshua and his army win the battle. When the five kings saw that their soldiers were all dying, they hid in a cave. Joshua's soldiers got the kings out of the cave, killed them, and buried them back in the same cave.



God was fighting for Israel! He was giving them the land of Canaan to be their own. God kept the promise He had made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Our God always keeps His promises!

**Who fought for Israel?
Circle one:**

Moses

Miriam

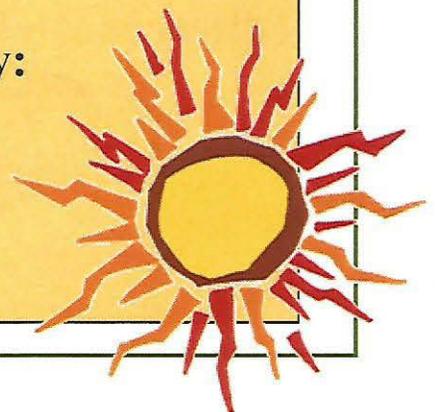
God

Circle the things God did to help Joshua's army:

sent some angels

made the sun stand still

sent hail to kill some soldiers



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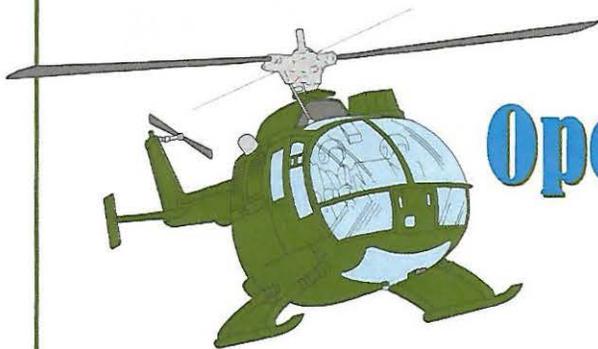
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Memory Verse:

Can you **say your memory verse 3 times without any help** for your mother or daddy? Give it a try!

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Operation Bible Facts

What is the book of **Leviticus** about?
(Being holy; priests and sacrifices)

John 3:16 tells us how God loves the world. **Say John 3:16 in your best inside voice.**

(“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”)

On your **Bible map**, lay the back of your hand on the **Mediterranean Sea**.