

I'm in the Lord's Army



Lesson 6

Fighting on the Lord's Side

Theme: Faith and honesty — Fighting with the Lord's help

Memory Verses

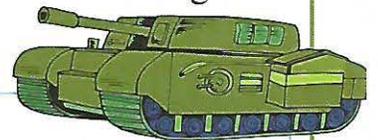
“So the Lord gave Israel all the land which He had sworn to give to their fathers, and they possessed it and lived in it. ... Not one of the good promises which the Lord had made to the house of Israel failed; all came to pass.”

Joshua 21:43, 45

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	Joshua 9:1-15
Friday	Joshua 9:16-27
Saturday	Joshua 10:1-15
Monday	Joshua 10:16-27
Tuesday	Joshua 10:28-43

Joshua and the nation of Israel had a huge job in taking Canaan, the land God gave them. Other people lived in the land, but they were wicked. God chose to drive out the wicked people and give the land to His people. But that does not mean Israel had nothing to do. God's people had a part in fighting their battles. From what Israel did, we can learn how to fight our battles.



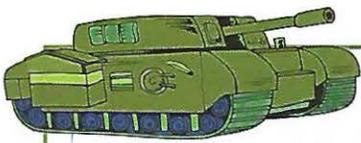
Joshua 9:1-15

Instead of fighting against Israel, what did the Gibeonites do to survive?

What mistake did Israel make in dealing with the Gibeonites?

Have Your Eyes Open

People called the Gibeonites tricked the Israelites. They made it look like they were from a place



Joshua 9:16-27

Why couldn't the Israelites fight against the Gibeonites?

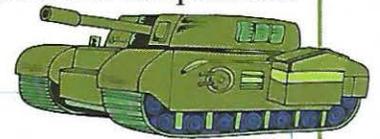
Joshua made the Gibeonites be what?

far away and just happened to be in the land of Israel. They wanted Israel to promise they would protect and not attack them. The Gibeonites' lie worked. Israel made an agreement with them without asking the Lord what to do. Joshua and his commanders made a serious mistake when they did not ask the Lord (Joshua 9:14).

The Gibeonites' trick worked, and they became Israel's neighbors. After making a promise to them, Israel couldn't make the Gibeonites leave the land. The

people of Israel didn't like the promise they made, but they made it and could not break it. The best Joshua could do was to make the Gibeonites slaves.

It is easy to be tricked, so we must have our eyes opened to dangers and temptations around us. We must look in the Bible to find out what God wants us to do.



Have a Plan

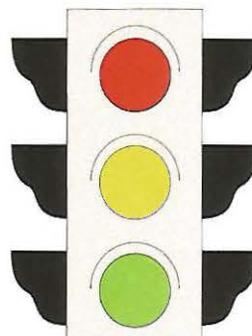
Another king in Canaan, the king of Jerusalem, heard about Israel's victories and was afraid. This king contacted other kings nearby, and they put their armies together to fight against Gibeon. The Gibeonites contacted Joshua and told him they were being threatened. Joshua took his army to fight for Gibeon because he had promised to protect them.

Joshua 10:1-15

Why did five kings join together to fight against Gibeon?

In what two ways did God help Israel in the battle against the kings?

I have a plan to be kind when I am tempted to be unkind.

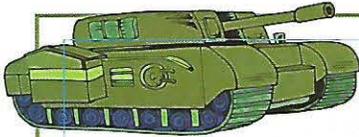


Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — never

Yellow — sometimes

Green — usually



Joshua 10:16-27

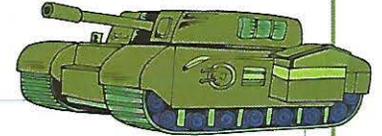
Even though God helped Joshua drive the wicked people out of the land, He expected Joshua to have a _____ to defeat his enemies.

Our plan must be to say _____ to Satan when he tries to defeat us.

The Lord told Joshua he would win, but Joshua and the army of Israel still had to fight the battle. Joshua made a plan to surprise the enemy. When Joshua attacked, the Lord sent large hailstones from heaven. In fact, more enemy soldiers were killed by hailstones than by military weapons. God was fighting for His people. In response to Joshua's prayer, the Lord made the sun stand still in the sky to give Israel enough time to

win the battle in the daylight.

When we fight our battles, we need a plan. We must plan to say "No" to Satan. We need to plan what to do before we are tempted. This will help us be strong and win against Satan.



Do What God Says

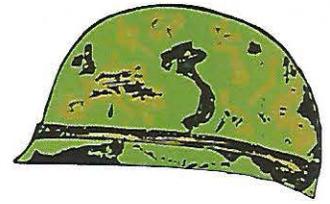
Israel had every reason to believe in God and trust Him. It was a big mistake when the leaders did not ask God what He wanted them to do before they made an agreement with Gibeon. Because the nation did not ask God, the Gibeonites remained in the land. When we don't read our Bibles and pray to God, we make a big mistake. We need God to help us make good decisions!

Joshua 10:28-43

How was Joshua able to capture all the kings and their lands?

The most important part of these victories was that the Lord fought for Israel. We must fight on the Lord's side, and He will fight for us!

Think About It . . .



Imagine you are with your friends and some of them are going to watch a movie that you know your parents would not want you to watch. Form a plan of what you should do. Write down the steps of the plan here.



Operation Bible Facts

Which book of the Old Testament is about God raising up judges to deliver Israel?

Fill in the blanks with the names of the 12 apostles:

Peter, _____, James, John, _____, Thomas,
Matthew, _____, _____,
_____, _____ and _____.

On a map inside the back cover, mark a \diamond on the major regions of Canaan: Negev, Hill Country, Coastal Plain, and Transjordan.