

DAY 1

SUNSHINE

PEACE

FOCUS

The Gibeonites wanted peace with Israel and not war!

MATERIALS

Bible

ACTIVITY

GIBEONITES

TALK: Joshua and the Israelites had defeated Jericho and Ai, and now the people in Canaan were scared! Some of the people wanted to fight, and some wanted peace!

ACTIVITY: Today let's read Joshua 9:1-15 (below) to your Tiny Arrow and ask them if the Gibeonites wanted peace or if they wanted to fight! They wanted peace!

Now when all the kings west of the Jordan heard about these things—the kings in the hill country, in the western foothills, and along the entire coast of the Mediterranean Sea as far as Lebanon (the kings of the Hittites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and Jebusites)—they came together to wage war against Joshua and Israel.

However, when the people of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done to Jericho and Ai, they resorted to a ruse: They went as a delegation whose donkeys were loaded with worn-out sacks and old wineskins, cracked and mended. They put worn and patched sandals on their feet and wore old clothes. All the bread of their food supply was dry and moldy. Then they went to Joshua in the camp at Gilgal and said to him and the Israelites, "We have come from a distant country; make a treaty with us."

The Israelites said to the Hivites, "But perhaps you live near us, so how can we make a treaty with you?"

"We are your servants," they said to Joshua.

But Joshua asked, "Who are you and where do you come from?"

They answered: "Your servants have come from a very distant country because of the fame of the Lord your God. For we have heard reports of him: all that he did in Egypt, and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan—Sihon king of Heshbon, and Og king of Bashan, who reigned in Ashtaroth. And our elders and all those living in our country said to us, 'Take provisions for your journey; go and meet them and say to them, "We are your servants; make a treaty with us."' This bread of ours was warm when we packed it at home on the day we left to come to you. But now see how dry and moldy it is. And these wineskins that we filled were new, but see how cracked they are. And our clothes and sandals are worn out by the very long journey."

The Israelites sampled their provisions but did not inquire of the Lord. Then Joshua made a treaty of peace with them to let them live, and the leaders of the assembly ratified it by oath.

DAY 2

SUNSHINE

5 KINGS

FOCUS

The Gibeonites wanted peace, but 5 other kings wanted war!

MATERIALS

5 Kings coloring page

ACTIVITY

WAR

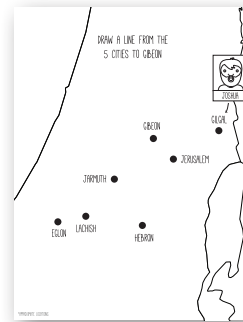
TALK: There were 5 kings who wanted to defeat Gibeon because they sided with Joshua and the Israelites!

ACTIVITY: Today let's read Joshua 10:5 and circle the five cities on the coloring page (Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, and Eglon) that we're going to attack Gibeon!

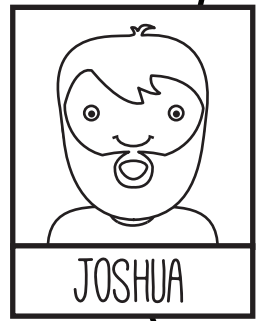
CORRESPONDING VERSE

SO THE FIVE KINGS OF THE AMORITES—THE KINGS OF JERUSALEM, HEBRON, JARMUTH, LACHISH, AND EGLON—JOINED FORCES AND ADVANCED WITH ALL THEIR ARMIES. THEY CAMPED BEFORE GIBEON AND MADE WAR AGAINST IT.

JOSHUA 10:5



DRAW A LINE FROM THE
5 CITIES TO GIBEON



GILGAL

GIBEON

JERUSALEM

JARMUTH

EGLON

LACHISH

HEBRON

DAY 3

SUNSHINE

HELP!

FOCUS

The 5 kings started to attack Gibeon and the Gibeonites asked Joshua for help!

MATERIALS

ACTIVITY

OFF TO WAR

TALK: The Gibeonites asked Joshua to come and help them fight the 5 kings, and Joshua said yes! Joshua and the Israelites marched all night to take the 5 kings by surprise!

ACTIVITY: Today let's read Joshua 10:6-9 and have your Tiny Arrow pretend to be Joshua and you one of the 5 kings! Then have them sneak up to you, while you are pretending to sleep, then when they reach you, have them say surprise and wake you up!

CORRESPONDING VERSE

THEN THE MEN OF GIBEON SENT WORD TO JOSHUA IN THE CAMP AT GILGAL: "DO NOT ABANDON YOUR SERVANTS. COME QUICKLY AND SAVE US! HELP US, BECAUSE ALL THE KINGS OF THE AMORITES FROM THE HILL COUNTRY HAVE JOINED FORCES AGAINST US."

SO JOSHUA AND HIS WHOLE ARMY, INCLUDING ALL THE MIGHTY MEN OF VALOR, CAME FROM GILGAL.

THE LORD SAID TO JOSHUA, "DO NOT BE AFRAID OF THEM, FOR I HAVE DELIVERED THEM INTO YOUR HAND. NOT ONE OF THEM SHALL STAND AGAINST YOU." AFTER MARCHING ALL NIGHT FROM GILGAL, JOSHUA CAUGHT THEM BY SURPRISE.

JOSHUA 10:6-9

DAY 4

SUNSHINE

SUN STOP!

FOCUS

While the Israelites were fighting, they needed more time! Joshua told the sun to stop, and it did! They were able to defeat their enemies in one day!

MATERIALS

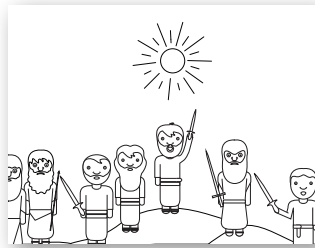
Sun Stands Still coloring page

ACTIVITY

VICTORY!

TALK: Joshua and the Israelites were fighting hard! They had fought for hours, but they needed more time! So Joshua told the sun to stop and it did! It stopped moving for a whole day! Giving the Israelites more time to defeat their enemies!

ACTIVITY: Today let's read Joshua 10:12-14 and color the coloring page!



CORRESPONDING VERSE

ON THE DAY THE LORD GAVE THE AMORITES OVER TO ISRAEL, JOSHUA SAID TO THE LORD IN THE PRESENCE OF ISRAEL: "SUN, STAND STILL OVER GIBEON, AND YOU, MOON, OVER THE VALLEY OF AJALON." SO THE SUN STOOD STILL, AND THE MOON STOPPED, TILL THE NATION AVENGED ITSELF ON ITS ENEMIES, AS IT IS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF JASHAR. THE SUN STOPPED IN THE MIDDLE OF THE SKY AND DELAYED GOING DOWN ABOUT A FULL DAY. THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A DAY LIKE IT BEFORE OR SINCE, A DAY WHEN THE LORD LISTENED TO A HUMAN BEING. SURELY THE LORD WAS FIGHTING FOR ISRAEL!

JOSHUA 10:12-14

