



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 67

God Gives the Victory

Joshua 7:1, 7:4–6, 7:20–22, 10:9–14

Match each statement to the correct battle by writing in the letter.



1. God threw hailstones at the enemy. _____
2. Only 3,000 Israelites fought. _____
3. Joshua set an ambush. _____
4. Joshua burned the city. _____
5. Caused by one man's sin. _____
6. Given after the Israelites punished Achan. _____
7. Began with five kings surrounding Gibeon. _____
8. God made the sun stand still for an extra day. _____
9. The Israelites lost the battle. _____
10. The enemy tried to flee. _____
11. The enemy was trapped. _____
12. Thirty-six Israelites were killed. _____

- A. Defeat at Ai
- B. Victory at Ai
- C. Victory over the Amorites



Name _____

Memory Verse

Answer the questions below the memory verse:

Have I not commanded you? Be *strong* and *courageous*. Do not be *frightened*, and do not be *dismayed*, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go.
Joshua 1:9

What *two* things did God command Joshua to be?

_____ and _____

What *two* things did God command Joshua *NOT* to be?

_____ and _____

What You Heard *In the Word*

- Achan's sin brought defeat to the Israelites at Ai until he was punished.
- God fought for Israel against five Amorite kings, even making the sun stand still until Joshua was victorious.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if your friend said that he didn't believe the sun could stand still for an extra day. The whole earth would be destroyed. **What could you say?**

We can trust the Bible. It's true that Joshua's long day is an amazing miracle, but God is an amazing God! As the Creator of the universe, God can control his creation. He could make a day longer without tides destroying the earth or gravity messing up. Joshua had great faith that God would help him and give him victory. We have faith that what the Bible says is true history. We may not be able to explain everything, but we can know that it happened exactly as God said it did.

HomeWord *For Parents*

One man, Achan of the tribe of Judah, disobeyed Joshua's command and took items from the spoil of Jericho, causing the Israelites to lose a battle against the city of Ai (Joshua 7:4-5). The people were terrified; they knew that without the Lord on their side they would soon be destroyed. But God wanted to root out the sin in the camp. Once the people punished Achan and his family for sinning, God turned from his anger and gave them victory over Ai.

News of Israel's victories reached the surrounding cities. Five Amorite kings surrounded Gibeon to attack them, forcing Israel to come to their aid. God again promised to deliver these enemies over to Joshua, and he threw them into a panic and then hurled hailstones down on them (Joshua 10:10-11). The Amorites fled. Not wanting any to escape when night fell, Joshua prayed and asked God to give him more daylight to pursue his enemies. God answered in a miraculous display of power over creation—the sun stood still and did not set for about another day (Joshua 10:12-14)! The coalition of kings was destroyed, and Israel took over their lands and cities in the southern area of Canaan. God fought for Israel and kept his promises of victory.

Despite widespread rumors that NASA computers found Joshua's "missing day," which is NOT true, that does not mean the miracle didn't occur. We have the inspired Word of God which tells us this day happened: "There has been no day like it before or since, when the LORD heeded the voice of a man, for the LORD fought for Israel" (Joshua 10:14). We serve a mighty God!

