

# Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

## FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Has God miraculously worked in the lives of your family members? Praise and thank Him!
- What do you do when you don't get along with someone else?
- Share prayer requests and pray, trusting God will hear and answer your prayers.

## Taking the Land

Joshua 10-11; 24

**STORY POINT: GOD MADE THE SUN STAND STILL  
AND GAVE HIS PEOPLE VICTORY.**

The Israelites came to a place ruled by five kings. The king of Jerusalem called to the other four kings in the land. He said to them, "Help me attack Gibeon because it has made peace with Joshua and the people of Israel." So the five kings joined forces and went up with all their armies to fight against Gibeon.

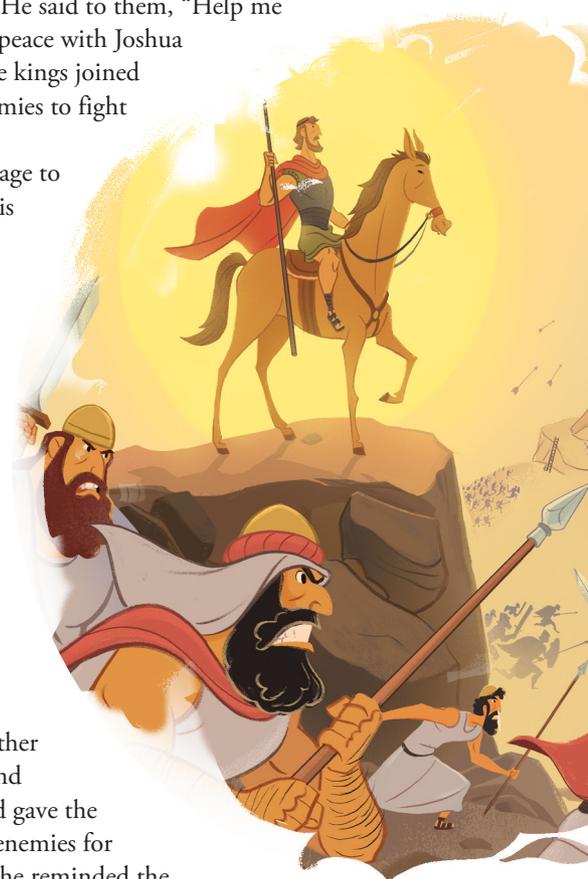
The men of Gibeon sent a message to Joshua: "Help us!" So Joshua and his whole army went to Gibeon.

The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of the kings, for I have handed them over to you."

As the Israelites fought, God confused the kings' armies and helped Israel defeat them. The kings' armies fled. The Lord sent hail from the sky to stop them. The battle was not over. Joshua needed more time to fight before the sun went down. So Joshua prayed to God. The sun stood still and the moon stopped until Israel and Gibeon defeated the kings.

The Israelites took over many other cities. God fought for His people and helped them conquer the land. God gave the Israelites peace and rest from their enemies for many years. When Joshua was old, he reminded the Israelites about all the great things God had done for them. The people said, "We will worship the LORD because He is our God."

*Christ Connection: Joshua's name means "The Lord is salvation." God fought for Joshua and the Israelites, saving them and giving them victory over their enemies. Sinners can look to God for victory over sin and death. God brought us salvation by sending His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and rise again.*



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# Battle Flag

In the space below, design a battle flag of your own.

# Elimination

Cross out words that fit these clues.

Number the remaining words in the correct order to form today's story point.

- any words that start with *E*
- any words that rhyme with battle
- any Bible book names



people  
Genesis  
Job  
even  
and  
the  
His  
victory  
elegant  
evening  
still  
gave  
stand  
made  
Psalm  
sun  
explorers  
rattle  
ending  
cattle  
edge  
tattle  
God

# Sun or Moon?

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Mark the word *sun* or *moon* depending on which you would expect to be visible in the sky during each event or activity.

The illustrations are arranged in three rows:

- Top Row:**
  - A person sleeping in a bed.
  - A girl kicking a soccer ball.
  - A boy sitting at a desk reading a book.
- Middle Row:**
  - A family of four eating a meal at a round table.
  - Two children looking through a telescope.
- Bottom Row:**
  - A woman sitting on a green armchair reading a tablet.
  - A knight on a horse holding a spear.

**BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Five kings joined forces to fight against Israel.
- The Israelites trusted God and were winning, but they needed more time to finish the fight.
- God made the sun stand still and gave His people victory.
- God kept His promise to give His people the land.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Deuteronomy 31:8

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:**

- How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.

**FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- How did Jesus give us victory?
- What did Jesus give us victory over?
- How do you feel when you think about the victory God gives through Jesus?

**FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Take your family on an outing to a place where you can see a good view of the sunset (or sunrise). Talk to your kids about how God controls all things in the universe. Discuss the comfort that comes from knowing we can trust God.



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