

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?



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.



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.