

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program C-1

The Sun Stands Still

Joshua 10:1-15

Joshua Series: Lesson #4

Bible Verse: The LORD said, “Do not be afraid.” (Joshua 10:8)
Seek the LORD and His strength. Psalm 105:4
Obey the LORD God. Deut. 27:10
The LORD will do wonders among you. Joshua 3:5

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: God will defeat our enemies for us.

Prop ideas: Hail (*Make round ice cubes by filling small round balloons with water and freeze. To prevent a flat bottom, suspend the balloon by using a clothespin to clip the knot to something in your freezer.*)
Pictures/models/books of the solar system

SAMPLE STORY

Joshua and the nation of Israel had made a treaty with the Gibeonites. They agreed to be friends and would not attack them, but instead they would fight for them against other enemies. Even though the Gibeonites had tricked Joshua into this treaty by deceiving him, Joshua would honor the treaty. A promise should not be broken.

Five kings in the area decided to attack the Gibeonites, because they had made peace with Israel. The Gibeonites sent messengers to Joshua asking for help. “Do not abandon us. Come quickly and save us.” Joshua took his entire army and marched to help them. *The LORD said to Joshua, “Do not be afraid of them. I have given them into your hand. Not one of them will be able to withstand you.” Joshua 10:8*

After marching all night, the Israelites took the enemy by surprise. God threw the enemy into confusion, so that they were not able to fight very well. He also hurled large hailstones on them from the sky. More men died from the hailstones than from the swords of the Israelites. But there were still many, many more enemies. Would there be enough time to finish?

Joshua prayed to God and asked Him for something unusual. Joshua asked that the sun would stand still and not move. He asked for the moon to stop as well. He asked for **time** to stop! God answered his prayer and stopped the sun and moon. God delayed the sunset for about twelve hours. The sun and moon did not move until Israel had defeated the five kings. There has

never been a day like this one before or since. There has never been a day so long. This was “*a day when the LORD listened to a man. Surely the LORD was fighting for Israel!*” *Joshua 10:14*

God promised Joshua victory over the enemies. He told him to not be afraid. Because Joshua had faith in God, and believed God’s promises, he asked God for something special. Because of God’s power and Joshua’s faith the enemy kings were defeated.

FYI

Second Session Classes will be:

Making Sun Coffee Filters
Playing w/ Globe Beach-Ball
Singing and Praising

TEACHER EXTRA: SHIVERY HAILSTONES

Bring these items for a tasty treat!

Be sure to add your own Allergy Alert sign before the first session so that parents can inform you of any allergies.

Materials: Vanilla Ice Cream
Flaked Coconut
Ice Cream Scoop
Bowls
Spoons

Do: Measure several spoonfuls of coconut into a bowl.
Scoop one ball of ice cream into the bowl.
Let children roll it around in the bowl until it is well coated.
Enjoy the *hailstones*.
Don’t forget to say grace before eating.

Talk About: God made a real hailstorm fall on the enemies of Joshua. Hail can be small, like peas or large like baseballs. Which do you think hurts more? What do you think God sent to fall on the enemy kings and their armies?

COLORING PAGE

God Makes the Sun Stand Still

Materials: Coloring Page
Bible Verse Stickers
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Give each child a page to color. Help write their names on the pages. Add a Bible verse sticker when finished.

Talk About: God heard Joshua’s prayer and made the sun stand still. The sun was in the sky for more than 24 hours! That is a long day.

GROUP GAMES

Red Light/Green Light, Freeze Dance

Materials: None

Do: Play the following games.

Talk About: God made the sun stop. It stopped moving in the sky. God did this because Joshua asked Him. God helped Joshua defeat the enemies.

Red Light/Green Light

1. Teacher begins as the traffic light. Have the children line up on one side of the room.
2. When you turn your back, say green light. Children can then move towards you.
3. Turn back around as you say red light. Anyone caught moving must go back to the beginning.
4. You can allow the one who reaches you to be the next *traffic light*, or just keep going until everyone reaches you. If you allow the children to be the light, **monitor** the *traffic light* for fairness. Allow everyone to have a turn even if they never reached the end.

Freeze Dance

Play music, have the children dance or move around.

They must freeze when the music stops.

No one is ever out. Just laugh and have a good time. Compliment those who do stop and encourage those who have a hard time stopping their momentum.

Slow Motion Charades

Act out simple tasks in slow motion. (Read a book, pour water and drink, brush teeth, etc.) Let children guess what you are doing. Let them join you in the task or act out their own for others to guess.

BIBLE VERSE SUNS

Materials: Blue construction paper
Suns Bible Verse Pages (On yellow paper)
Scissors (In room)
Glue (In room)

Do: Give each child a piece of construction paper and a Suns Bible Verse page. Let them cut out the suns. (Cut a circle around each sun, do not try to cut out the individual rays).
Glue the suns in order of the numbers to spell out the Bible Verse.

Talk About: God told Joshua not to be afraid because He would help him defeat the enemies. God tells us to not be afraid either.