

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

Program C-2

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

First Session Classes will be:

Coloring “God Makes the Sun Stand Still” Page

Play Group Games Red Light/Green Light, Freeze Dance, Slow Motion Charades

Cut/glue Bible Verse Suns

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?

SUN COFFEE FILTERS

Materials: Round Coffee Filters
Spray Bottles
Water based markers (In room)

Do: Give each child a coffee filter.
Let children use **orange, red and yellow** markers to draw on the coffee filters.

Fill the spray bottle with water.
Spray the coffee filter to make the colors run together and make a pretty design.
Write name on a piece of tape and adhere to the back.

Talk About: God created the sun, moon and earth. He created the whole universe. God has power over everything in the universe.

PLAY GLOBE BEACH-BALL

*****DEFLATE AND RETURN TO BAG AT THE END OF THE HOUR. DO NOT LEAVE IN THE ROOM*****

Materials: Blow up globe beach-ball

Do: Play various games with the ball:
Toss to each other in a circle
Take turns counting how many times you can hit it and keep in the air.
Sit in a circle and roll to friends as you call their name.
Play hot potato.
Have relay races or obstacle course moving the ball while crawling on the ground and pushing with nose.

Recite the bible verse one word at a time as the ball is thrown from person to person.
The LORD said, "Do not be afraid." (Joshua 10:8)

Add past verses:

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

Talk About: God created our world. He created the sun, moon and stars. God can control all things in the universe, just like He kept the sun from setting in our Bible story. God made the day last about 12 extra hours!

SING AND PRAISE

Materials: None

Do: Gather children for a time of singing and praising God.

Talk About: Joshua and all of Israel were thankful for God's presence and His miracles. They surely praised God after seeing His mighty works. We should not forget to sing praises to God, too.

GOD IS SO GOOD

God is so good (3X)
He's so good to me

He loves me so (3X)
He's so good to me

He answers prayer (3X)
He's so good to me

THIS LITTLE LIGHT OF MINE

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine! (3X)
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine!

2. Hide it under a bushel; no! I'm gonna let it shine!
3. Don't let Satan blow it out; I'm gonna let it shine!
4. Let it shine till Jesus comes; I'm gonna let it shine!

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world, in His hands
He's got the whole world, in His hands
He's got the whole world, in His hands
He's got the whole world, in His hands

He's got the sun, moon & stars, in His hands
He's got the sun, moon & stars, in His hands
He's got the sun, moon & stars, in His hands
He's got the whole world, in His hands

He's got you and me children, in His hands
He's got you and me children, in His hands
He's got you and me children, in His hands
He's got the whole world, in His hands

My God is So Big

My God is big, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do! (2x)
He made the trees, He made the seas;
He made the elephants, too!
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do!

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do! (2x)
The mountains are His, the rivers are His;
The stars are His handiwork, too,
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!
There's nothing my God cannot do! (2x)
FOR YOU! (*Shout*)

YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE

You are my sunshine, my only sunshine
You make me happy, when skies are gray
You'll never know LORD, how much I love you
Please don't take my sunshine away