

# Gibeon Tricked Israel

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Hi Tweens,

## Opening Prayer

*“Dear God, I look to no one else for wisdom. I humbly ask for Your help in making one of the most important decisions in my life because I don’t know how to make it without You. Please, give me direction and wisdom so I can make the right decision and bring glory to Your name. Amen.”*

*We hope you had a change to celebrate the*



The story in this week’s lesson

“**Gibeon Tricked Israel**” is from the book of Joshua. The book of Joshua is a reminder of God’s divine provision for His people. God, as a part of His covenant relationship with the Israelites, chose Joshua to lead the people to enter the promised land and a time of rest. Through Jesus, God has established a new covenant of grace and forgiveness of sin through faith. Jesus will one day lead His people into their inheritance, an eternity with God, and an everlasting rest. **Enjoy this week’s story!**

**Bible Passage: Joshua 9**

**Memory Verse: Isaiah 12:2 NIV**

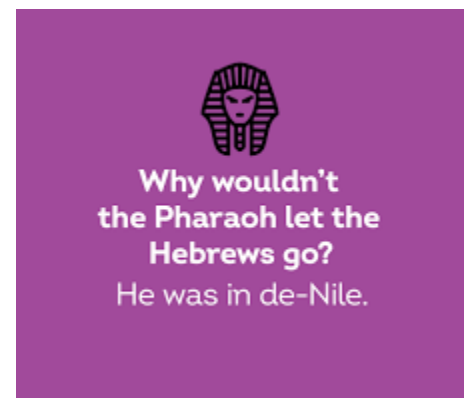
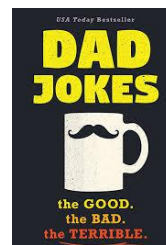
*Surely God is my salvation;  
I will trust and not be afraid.  
The Lord, the Lord himself, is my strength and  
my defense[a];  
he has become my salvation.”.*

**Bible Verse: James 1:5 NIV**

*If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.*

**Text Truth: God is omniscient; we should seek His wisdom.**

**Bible Skills Spotlight:** Pronounce most of the names of Bible people, places, and things mentioned in the Bible.



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- “Have you heard the story of when the people of Gibeon tricked Israel?” “I know this is a story that you might not have heard before, but it’s a great story to remind us that God is omniscient, or all-knowing.”
- “The Israelites had entered the promised land. God told Joshua which lands to conquer, and he obeyed. After Joshua defeated the cities of Jericho and Ai, the kings from the neighboring lands formed an alliance to fight against them. Let’s learn more in our Bible story today.”

## ENJOY THIS WEEK’S STORY!

*When the Israelites entered the promised land, they began to conquer the land as God told them to. After the Israelites defeated the city of Jericho and Ai, all the other kings in the area formed an alliance to fight against Israel.*

*When the people of Gibeon heard about the defeat of Jericho and Ai, they decided to deceive Israel. A group of people from Gibeon gathered supplies and put them in worn-out bags onto their donkeys. They took old wineskins that were cracked and repaired. They put on old, patched sandals and worn-out clothes. They took dry and crumbly bread as their food. Then, they went to Joshua and lied, “We have come from far away. Please make a promise to have peace with us. We have heard about the many astonishing things your God*



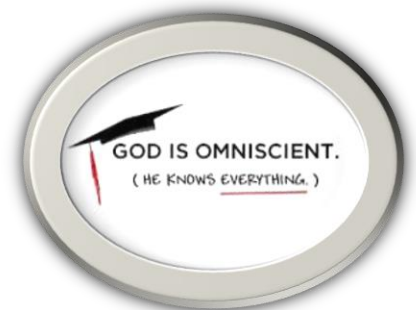
*has done in Egypt and in Canaan. The leaders and people of our land told us to journey to meet you and ask you to promise to have peace with us.”*

*The people continued to lie to Joshua, “When we left on our journey, this bread was warm and fresh, but now it is dry and crumbly. Our wineskins were new when we filled them, but now they are cracked. Our clothes and sandals are worn-out from the extremely long journey to meet you.” The leaders of Israel did not ask God for wisdom. They decided on their own to make an agreement to have peace with the Gibeonites.*

*Three days later, the Israelites discovered the truth about the Gibeonites. The people of Gibeon lived in the promised land. They were not from far away. The Israelites were upset with their leaders for making the agreement with Gibeon. Now, the Israelites were disobeying God’s command to conquer all the other nations in the promised land. The leaders decided to make the Gibeonites servants for the Israelites. Joshua called the Gibeonites and asked, “Why did you deceive us? Now you must be our servants by cutting wood and carrying water for the tabernacle.”*

*The Gibeonites replied, “We knew that the LORD your God commanded Moses to conquer the land. We were afraid for our lives, so we deceived you.”*

*God is omniscient (all-knowing) and wants us to seek His wisdom. Israel did not do that. They made a promise with the people of Gibeon without asking God for guidance. Their actions would have consequences and create trouble for the Israelites.*



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## OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO THE BOOK OF JOSHUA, CHAPTER 9

- “One of the first times we hear about Joshua is in the book of Exodus. He was one of the 12 spies that Moses sent into the land of Canaan, and he led the Israelites after Moses’ death. Joshua listened to and obeyed God when he was conquering the land God told him to.”
- “Can you remember the names of the different places that were named in this passage?” (*Jericho, Ai, Gibeon, Lebanon, Canaan*)
- “The Gibeonites had heard of Joshua and his strong army defeating the cities of Jericho and Ai, and they wanted to protect themselves. They came up with a plan to trick Joshua into believing that they traveled very far from a distant land. But they were actually neighbors and didn’t want to be the next city the Israelites conquered.”

### READ JOSHUA 9:22-25

- “The Israelites did not talk with God before agreeing to the treaty, and they fell for the Gibeonites’ trick. This story teaches us an important truth: we should pray to God and seek His will before we make decisions.”
- Memorized this Text Truth: **God is omniscient; we should seek His wisdom.**

If you have any prayer requests, please send them to [cameronfamily10@gmail.com](mailto:cameronfamily10@gmail.com). Remember to LAUGH, have a blessed week, watch, or come to church Sunday morning, call a friend, do well in school, and remember

**GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE.**

## The Tween Teachers



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## BIBLE STORY REVIEW

Circle the correct word(s) to complete the sentence about today's Bible story. Use your Bible to look at **JOSHUA 9** for help or to check your answers.

The people of Gibeon told **THE TRUTH**  **LIES** to Joshua and the Israelites.

The leaders of Israel **DID**  **DID NOT** ask God for wisdom.

Gibeon wanted Israel to make a promise of **PIZZA**  **PEACE**.

Three **DAYS**  **WEEKS** later, the Israelites discovered the truth about the Gibeonites.

Israel's leaders decided on their own to make an agreement to have peace with the **GIBEONITES**  **AMORITES**.

God is omniscient (all-knowing) and **WANTS**  **DOESN'T WANT** us to seek His wisdom.

The Israelites were **HAPPY**  **UPSET** with their leaders for making the agreement with Gibeon.

Israel's actions would have consequences and create **TROUBLE**  **GOOD** for the Israelites.