



Unit 8 | Session 2

# GOD GAVE THE PEOPLE THE LAND

## Joshua 7-11

God was with His people when they entered the promised land. The Israelites made peace with the people of Gibeon.

One day, a king called to four other kings. They had heard about God's people and they were afraid. The first king said, "Gibeon made peace with the Israelites. Help me attack Gibeon." The five kings joined forces to fight against Gibeon.

The men of Gibeon sent a message to Joshua: "Help us! Save us!"

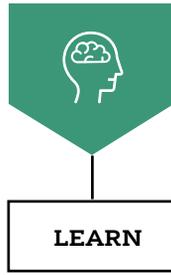
The Lord said to Joshua, "Do not be afraid of the kings, for I have handed them over to you. Joshua and his army marched all night and surprised the five kings' armies. God confused the kings' armies and helped Israel defeat their enemies.

The battle wasn't over yet. Joshua needed more time to fight before the sun went down. So Joshua prayed to God, "Sun, stand still over Gibeon, and moon, over the valley." The sun stood still and the moon stopped for almost a full day. Israel and Gibeon defeated the five kings.

As the Israelites traveled in the promised

land, God fought for His people and helped them conquer the land. Then for many years, God gave the Israelites peace and rest from their enemies.

*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.



## THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

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The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» What is a miracle? Unscramble the words to find the big picture answer.

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» What does this story teach us about God?

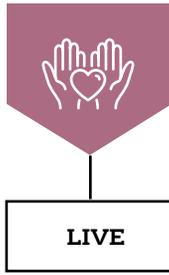
» What are some of the ways God fought against the five kings?

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### CHRIST CONNECTION

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## THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

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» Find Psalm 77:14 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, asking for confidence in God through any difficult situations you might be facing in your life right now.

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### READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Joshua 10:14

Psalm 18:39

Joshua 10:8

Psalm 144:1

Joshua 9:15; 10:6

1 Samuel 17:47