



The Son Stood Still

Joshua 10:1-15

Items Needed

- ✓ Bible with marked scripture
- ✓ Markers/Pencils/Crayons
- ✓ 20 paper wads
- ✓ Cardboard cut out or print out of Sun
- ✓ Copies of coloring sheet
- ✓ Copies of take home overview



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Objective of Lesson

Every time you see the "Sun" used in a story or illustration in the Bible, it is a physical illustration of Jesus Christ - THE Son of God. This story shows how full of mercy and compassion the Son of God is toward His people. When He hears our cries, He stands still and saves us from our greatest enemy - Sin.

Scripture Reference

Joshua 10:1-15 1 Now it came to pass, when Adonizedec king of Jerusalem had heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; as he had done to Jericho and her king, so he had done to Ai and her king; and how the inhabitants of Gibeon had made peace with Israel, and were among them: 2 That they feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, as one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty. 3 Wherefore Adonizedec king of Jerusalem, sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debir king of Eglon, saying, 4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gibeon: for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel. 5 Therefore the five kings of the Amorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Jarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of Eglon, gathered themselves together, and went up, they and all their hosts, and encamped before Gibeon, and made war against it. 6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of

the Amorites that dwell in the mountains are gathered together against us. 7So Joshua ascended from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valour. 8And the LORD said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have delivered them into thine hand; there shall not a man of them stand before thee. 9Joshua therefore came unto them suddenly, and went up from Gilgal all night. 10And the LORD discomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon, and chased them along the way that goeth up to Bethhoron, and smote them to Azekah, and unto Makkedah. 11And it came to pass, as they fled from before Israel, and were in the going down to Bethhoron, that the LORD cast down great stones from heaven upon them unto Azekah, and they died: they were more which died with hailstones than they whom the children of Israel slew with the sword. 12Then spake Joshua to the LORD in the day when the LORD delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel, and he said in the sight of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gibeon; and thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. 13And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Jasher? So the sun stood still in the midst of heaven, and hasted not to go down about a whole day. 14And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the LORD hearkened unto the voice of a man: for the LORD fought for Israel. 15And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

Lesson Instructions

1. Does God have ears? Does He hear when His people are in trouble and need His help? Today we are going to learn the answer to that question. Can God hear the cries of His people?
2. Today we are going to act out a story. Have the instructor hold the "Sun." The children are going to split into two groups. One group is going to be the Hebrew people. Those are the chosen people of God. The others are going to represent the enemies of the Hebrews. If you have enough children they can also represent Joshua and another Gibeon. If you only have one child you and

the child can act out the different parts together as you go through the story.

3. In this story in the Bible, God told Joshua (point to Joshua), the leader of God's chosen people, that He had given them a certain land as a gift. (Point the area of the room that represents that land.) But...there were groups of foreign people on this land and they were the enemies of God's people. What were God's people supposed to do? God said they must fight and kill them. In order for the Hebrews to have that land they must go in and take the land and kill their enemies - (have the group of children representing the enemies stand on that area that represents the land gifted by God).
4. The enemies of God's people heard about this and they got scared. (Have the group act scared) One of the enemies, a group named Gibeon, went to Joshua and tricked him and told him they wanted to be their friend. They said that they were really from a far away town, because they knew Joshua was going to destroy anybody on that land. (Have "Gibeon" go to "Joshua" and say "I am not really from that land, I am from a nearby town. Please don't kill me. I want to be your friend"). Let's remember what God said. God said "EVERYBODY on that land must die; they are not your friends." Joshua didn't believe God and he made a peace treaty with those people of Gibeon. (Have the "Gibeon" shake hands with "Joshua".) Later, Joshua discovered that the Gibeon people lived near them! They had deceived Joshua.
5. Joshua realized that he had made a big mistake by trying to do things on his own and not believing God. (Have "Joshua" say "I have made a mistake and I did not believe God. Now I have to honor the treaty"). Now he had to honor the peace treaty with the people of Gibeon. (Have the person (Gibeon) that made the treaty come stand with the Israelites). Joshua had given them his word. He could not go back on his promise even though he had been tricked.
6. When the other people of the land heard about this they became angry and all the other groups decided to fight the people of the town of Gibeon because they made peace with Joshua. (Have the enemy group yell, "We are

going to get them for making a treaty with Joshua! Let's fight!")

7. Joshua kept his agreement and helped the people fight off their enemies. He took his best fighting men and marched all night to fight the enemies. (Have the Hebrew group march into enemy territory with Gibeon). As they were marching, God told Joshua that he did not need to be afraid. He told Joshua that they would win.
8. When they arrived in the town of Gibeon, they surprised the enemies. (Have the enemy group look surprised). God made the people become confused (have the enemy group run around in a circle and act confused) and Joshua was able to defeat them. Many ran along the road to escape Joshua's men. As they ran, Joshua's men pursued them. As they ran, God rained down huge hailstones from the sky. (Have the group throw paper wads as they are fleeing from the land). The hailstones were so large that it killed the enemies along the road. (If they get hit with a paperwad they have to fall on the ground).
9. Something even more amazing happened. While Joshua's men were fighting, Joshua prayed to God. He asked God to make the sun stand still until they had won the victory so the Hebrew people might see the victory God had delivered to them. God heard His people's cry and God made the sun stop in the middle of the day and delayed it going down a whole day. (Hold up the sun in the middle of the room). God listened to Joshua and granted his prayer request. Point out the Sun stayed in the sky and it did not become dark till ALL the enemies of God's people were defeated.
10. How can that be? How can God hear the cries of a people who disobeyed Him and made a deal with His (God's) enemies? Did you know we have done the same thing? We made a deal with God's enemies. Sin is the enemy we made a deal with. When Adam sinned in the garden, we made a treaty with an enemy, and it will take God's Son (SUN) to hear our cry, "Stand still and save us from that enemy." Our enemy is Sin. We have made a deal with God's enemies (us and Sin) that we can't get out of it.

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11. OH, but there is *GOOD NEWS!* Another peace treaty was stuck and *THAT* agreement *God* will not break. It was made for us by Christ Jesus the Son of *God*. He agreed to pay our debt of sin and defeat all our enemies for us. Because of *THAT* agreement *God* hears the cry of His people. That is why *God* can hear us. The Son/Sun stands still. Christ stood still and did not waver from his task of saving his people. The Son of *God* and shines His light around us so we might see the salvation *God* has given us, that He has delivered us from our enemies and we have been forgiven of *God*. Jesus Christ died on a cross to pay the punishment for all our wrongs, and *God* has forgiven His people of their sin. He has delivered them from the enemies they struck a deal with.

Lesson Activities

- Act out the story - Hail is paper wads. Sun is a poster board sun you cut out or a print out of a sun from a printer. It does not have to be large.
- Coloring sheet



Take Home Lesson Overview

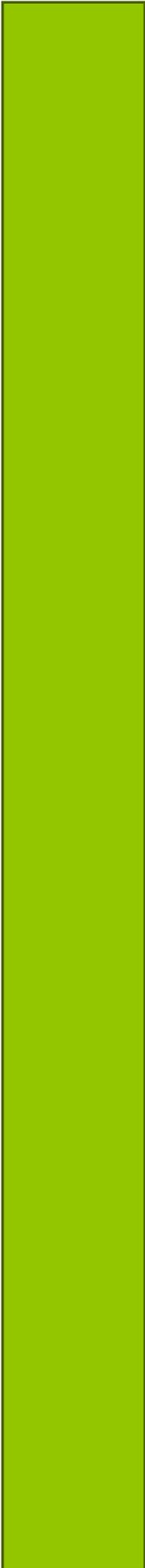
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After the death of Moses, Joshua led the Hebrews in their battles for the Promised Land.