

Unit 8 • Session 3 Taking the Land

BIBLE PASSAGE: Joshua 10–11; 24

STORY POINT: God made the sun stand still and gave His people victory.

KEY PASSAGE: Deuteronomy 31:8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him

ACTIVITY: Freeze dance

Sing a song or play music. Instruct the kids that they can dance and move to the music while it plays, but they must freeze in place when the music stops. Every so often, pause the music. Kids who keep dancing will sit down but may continue dancing in their seats when the music plays. The last kid dancing while standing up wins.

SAY • When I paused the music, you had to stop dancing. Today we will hear a story about a battle God’s people were fighting. When the sun was about to go down, they needed more time to finish the battle. We will learn that God stopped the sun from going down so they could win the battle.

BIBLE STORY DISCUSSION:

1. Who did the five kings attack first? (*the people of Gibeon, allies of the Israelites; Josh. 10:5*)
2. How did God help the Israelites win? (*He confused the five kings’ armies, threw hailstones at them, and stopped the sun from setting to give the Israelites more time to win; Josh. 10:9-14*)
3. What did Joshua say to the people before he died years later? (*He reminded them of all the wonderful things God had done for them and warned them to be faithful to God, Josh. 24:11-14*)
4. How do you think the Israelites felt as they witnessed the daylight hours extended so long? *Guide kids to discuss the amazing feeling they likely had as they saw God so clearly answer Joshua’s prayer. Talk about other ways God miraculously provides for us.*
5. Before Joshua died, he reminded the people about their covenant with God, just as Moses did before he died. Why do you think he did that? *Discuss the idea that it’s easy to say we trust God when we see amazing things, but over time we tend to forget. It is good for us to be reminded often of God’s goodness and faithfulness.*
6. What can we do to help us remember God’s goodness and faithfulness to us? *Discuss with the kids different ways believers remember God’s goodness, such as taking the Lord’s supper, keeping a prayer journal, and studying the Bible to remember His plans and words.*

SAY • **God made the sun stand still and gave His people victory.** He is always faithful to keep His promises. He promised a Rescuer, and He gave us victory over sin and death through that Rescuer—Jesus.

QUESTIONS FROM KIDS VIDEO:

Prompt kids to think about what situations make them feel stressed, afraid, or uncertain. Guide them to discuss why faith in God can give us peace.