

**SEPTEMBER 7**  
**8:30am & 11:15am**  
*Three and Four Year Olds*  
**TAKING THE LAND**  
(JOSHUA 10-11)

**CHRIST CONNECTION:** God helped His people, and He helped us by sending Jesus. Jesus fought for us and gave us victory over sin and death.

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** Why can we trust God? We can trust God because He does what He says He will do.

**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty. Psalm 24:8

**STORY POINT:** God fought for His people.

## LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

### 1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

#### BRING A FRIEND

Encourage preschoolers to find a friend to bring to group time. Assist as needed so that everyone has a friend to bring with them to the group time area.

**SAY** *Friends are important. Joshua and the Israelites made friends with the people who lived in Gibeon. They protected their friends in Gibeon and helped them fight a big battle.*

### 2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

\*Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.\*

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

*If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.*

### 3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Answers will vary.)*
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made the Israelites happy or sad? *(Answers will vary.)*
3. Who fought for His people? ***(God fought for His people.)***
4. What is something that happened in the story only God could do? *(God sent a hailstorm and made the sun and moon stand still.)*
5. What are some amazing things God has done for you? *(Answers will vary.)*
6. ***Why can we trust God? We can trust God because He does what He says He will do.***
7. ***SAY God fought for His people*** *by sending some miraculous weather! He sent a hailstorm to stop their enemies from running away, and He made the sun and moon stand still so the battle could continue. God also fought for us against sin and its consequences. He sent Jesus to die in our place for our sin and rise again.*

### 4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

**SAY** Let's review our big picture question and answer. **Why can we trust God? We can trust God because He does what He says He will do.** God promised His people they would have the Promised Land, and He performed miracles so they could win battles and have the land He promised them.

## 5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Phrase Marker at Psalm 24:8. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Yawn and stretch like you are getting ready for bed as you say the key passage phrase together several times.

**SAY** We yawn and stretch at night when we are getting ready to go to sleep and when we wake up. God made the sun and moon stay still in the sky for almost a whole day. It did not get dark. Only God can do this. God is the King of glory. He is strong and mighty. .

## 6. PRAY

Pray, thanking God for helping His people and for helping us today.

## ACTIVITIES

(PLEASE DO BOTH OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

### MAKE GROUPS OF FIVE

Invite preschoolers to gather classroom materials and help you make groups of five. Suggest preschoolers gather five blocks, five crayons, five markers, five glue sticks, or five Bibles. Count the items as you group them together.

**SAY** You are good at counting to five. We gathered several items into groups of five. There were five kings in the land who wanted to hurt the people of Gibeon. Joshua and God's people were friends with the people of Gibeon. Joshua and his army protected their friends. God told Joshua, "Do not be afraid. I will help you win." God sent hail and made the sun and moon stay still in the sky so that Joshua and the army could fight and win the battle against the five kings. **God fought for His people.**

### AVOID BEING CAUGHT

Instruct preschoolers that while the lights are dimmed, they may move slowly around the room. When the lights turn on, they must freeze in place. Any preschooler caught moving when the lights turn on must sit until the next round of play begins.

**SAY** During the battle, **God fought for His people** by making the sun stand still in the sky. This is impossible, but with God, all things are possible! God made it possible for us to be rescued from our sin when He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross and rise again.

### COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

As children color, **SAY** God helped His people, and He helped us by sending Jesus. Jesus fought for us and gave us victory over sin and death.

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## DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

**September 7**  
**8:30am & 11:15am**  
*Two Year Olds*

## **ACHAN'S SIN AND THE DEFEAT OF AI** (JOSHUA 7-8)

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**KEY PASSAGE PHRASE:** Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty. Psalm 24:8

**STORY POINT:** Joshua trusted God.

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#### **REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY**

Ask preschoolers to help you remember ways God helped Joshua and the Israelites in the Bible story. Possible answers: sending hail to stop the other army, and making the sun and moon stand still in the sky. Ask preschoolers how God helps us today. Encourage preschoolers to join you in making up motions to represent the ways God helped Joshua in the past and the ways he helps us today.

**SAY** *God sent hail from the sky and made the sun and moon stand still so that Joshua could win the battle. **God fought for His people**, and He helped us by sending Jesus. Jesus fights for us and gives us victory over sin and death.*

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**Good Morning {{to.first\_name}},**

First: please note an arrival time change. those of you serving at 11:15am do not need to check-in at the coordinator desk until 11:00am.

Here is the [Morning Lesson Plan](#) for three & four year olds (pages 1-2) and two year olds (pages 2-4) for Sunday, August 24.

Please note, there are now two bins of curriculum in your classroom. Yours is the smaller blue bin that you've always used, NOT the basket labeled 10:00am Discipleship Hour. Your lesson is somewhat stripped down from what you may usually see because it will also be taught in the discipleship hour. Be sure to do the video lesson at 8:30 and 11:15 because it will not be shown at 10:00am.

If you need help understanding how to use the Lesson Plan visit:

[How to Use the Curriculum with Three & Four Year Olds](#)

[How to Use the Curriculum with Two Year Olds](#)

You can find a devotional about this week's lesson under [Discipleship and Curriculum](#) This devotional is a helpful tool for you as a volunteer to learn more about the text/story and prepare your heart and mind to teach our kids.

Let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for serving in IDC Kids Preschool!

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