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1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 8 • Session 2

GOD GAVE THE PEOPLE THE LAND

Joshua 7-11

WHAT IS A MIRACLE? A MIRACLE IS SOMETHING GOD DOES THAT USUALLY CANNOT BE DONE SO THAT WE CAN KNOW HE IS ALL-POWERFUL

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.