

WEEK 8

BIBLE LESSON



Need to Know: *Stand Firm and Pray*

Bible Story: *The Sun Stands Still (Joshua 10:1-14)*

Supplies Needed: Printed Bible Story Cards (attached)

1. **SAY:** *There's a story about a man in the Bible who stood firm and prayed. I'm going to lay out all of our Bible story pictures in front of you, and then you're going to close your eyes while I take one away. We'll see if you can guess which picture I removed!*
2. LAY all **Bible Story Cards** picture side up in the center of your group. Then TELL kids to close their eyes. REMOVE the Bible Story Card with the number one on it, and HOLD it so kids can't see the picture. Then HAVE kids open their eyes and guess which picture is missing. Once they've guessed, SHOW them the picture and READ it to the group.
3. REPEAT step two with the remaining Bible Story Cards in number order. Afterwards, ASK:
 - *What did Joshua do when he realized he needed help? (Prayed) Yes! When we put on all of God's armor we can stand firm and pray about anything, because God is ready to help us!*



The Sun Stands Still

Joshua 10:1-14

After the Israelites went to the land that God had promised them, they had to fight the evil armies of people who were living there.

Joshua was the man in charge of leading God's people. He was a great leader and had already defeated armies in other cities! Joshua had also made a pact with an important city called Gibeon (Pronounced: Gih-be-un). He promised that if they were ever under attack, his army would come and help them.



The king of another city wanted to take over Gibeon, but he was afraid of Joshua and all that God had done through him. So that king went to four other cities, and they formed one large army to try and attack Gibeon.



Card 3

When they attacked, the people of Gibeon rushed a message to Joshua, begging him to come and rescue them from the large army heading their way. Joshua gathered all of his best fighting men and marched all night to surprise their enemies. God threw the enemy army into a panic so Joshua and the troops could defeat them!



Joshua was ready to finish the battle against his enemies, but he needed more daylight. Joshua knew that the most powerful thing he could do was pray. So, Joshua prayed a really big prayer! He asked God to make the sun stand still and the moon stop moving.



And God did it! God made the sun stand still and the moon stop until the Israelites had completely won the battle over their enemies!

There has never been a day like this before or since!

God was fighting for His people, and God is fighting for us, too! When we pray, God will hear us. We should pray all kinds of prayers, because God wants us to pray and ask for His help whenever we need it. God also wants us to pray for others when they need His help. When we are facing trouble from the enemy, we can put on the armor of God, stand firm, and pray!