

# JOSHUA GETS TRICKED

SESSION 6



Text Truth: **Ask God what you should do.**

Bible Verse: **We wait for the LORD; he is our help and shield.**

**Psalms 33:20**

Bible Verse Paraphrase: **Wait for God. He is our help and shield.**

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## JOSHUA 9

Joshua and all of God's people were in Canaan, the land God had promised would be the people's home.

God told Joshua to conquer cities and towns so that no one except God's people would live in the land.

Joshua and his armies of soldiers listened to God's plans for them to clean out the cities and towns. Anytime the Israelites followed God's instructions, they were successful!

News about the Israelites' victories caused people in neighboring cities to fear God's people.

People in the city of Gibeon wanted to join God's people so they would not be harmed. So, the Gibeonites decided to trick Joshua and the Israelites.

The Gibeonites went to Joshua and pretended they had come from a land far away from Canaan. "Make a treaty with us. We are your servants," the Gibeonites said to Joshua. It was a trick because the Gibeonites really did live in Canaan.

Joshua listened to the Gibeonites' made-up story and he believed the men. Joshua said the Gibeonites could join God's people and live in their communities.

But three days later, Joshua and the Israelites learned the truth! The Gibeonites were God's enemies! They had tricked Joshua!

Because Joshua had promised the Gibeonites they could stay in Canaan, he could not destroy them. So Joshua said the Gibeonite people could stay, but they would have to work for God's people.

For Kids  
and  
Parents



# Ask God, Then Wait

Joshua should have asked God to help him know what to do.  
Joshua should have waited for God's answer.

Check the pictures that show times  
when you might have to wait.



When we have a problem or choice,  
who should we talk to first? GOD!

Wait for God.  
He is our help  
and shield.

Psalms 33:20