

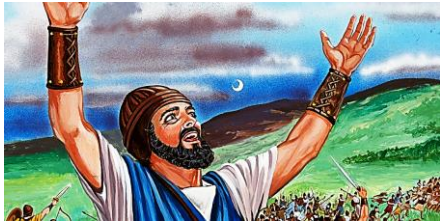
FOR FAMILIES TO LEARN AND GROW TOGETHER IN JESUS

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DIG IN @ HOME

Week of July 26, 2020



God Makes the Sun Stand Still Joshua 10:1-15

THE LESSON

While the Israelites (God's people) were conquering the Promised Land, Joshua, the Israelite leader after Moses, agreed to make a treaty (an agreement) with the Gibeonites. Israel and Gibeon would help and support each other if needed.

Gibeon was a large city with many good resources and great warriors. The five kings of cities near Gibeon, however, did not like that Gibeon and Israel were friends. The five kings were afraid Gibeon would become too powerful, so they made war against Gibeon.

When the fighting between Gibeon and the five kings became too much for the Gibeonites to handle, they reached out to Israel for help. Joshua then leads the Israelite army to help. The Israelites also have God on their side. God helps the Israelites. He sends hail to make the five enemy armies panic, and even causes the sun to stand still, so the Israelites and Gibeonites have enough daylight to defeat their enemies. God defended his people. God is our defender, too. Read the story in [Joshua 10:1-15](#). (Good News Translation).

THE POINT

God is our defender, so we defend others.



[God's Story-Joshua](#)



[Sun Stands Still](#)



[Joshua 10-Sun Stand Still](#)

Through the Week

Defend each other with prayer throughout the week!

- Find a round object, such as a coin, for each person in your family.
- Each person will pick up a coin and share about a current battle he or she is facing. For example, a battle could be a stressful test, worries about a friendship, or stress at work.
- Pray for each other right away.
- Carry the round objects all week to remind you of the sun and how God defended the Israelites by causing the sun to stand still.
- Whenever you feel the “sun” in your pocket, stop and pray for the battles your family members are facing.
- Be sure to support each other in your battles so you know your family is always on your side.



[My Help Comes from the Lord](#)



[I Will Never Fail You](#)

[My God Is Powerful](#)

Let Us Pray to the Lord

Dear Heavenly Father: As you defended your people, the Israelites, defend us, your people today. Keep us safe from all dangers, crises, and troubles. During this difficult time in our country and world, defend all Christian people everywhere, and use Christians to make the world a better place. Help those of us who know and love you to be willing defenders of Jesus and your Word. Use us, Father, to bring the healing and hope of the Good News to those around us who are sad and hurting. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

WATCH AND DISCUSS...

THE BULLY!



[The Bully](#)

1. Today we're learning that God is our Defender, so we defend others. The video shows a bully. Describe what a bully does and how she/he behaves.
2. Have you ever been bullied by someone? Share.
3. Why might some kids bully others?
4. After seeing what little Sophia and the kids in this video did, what are some tips you can use to deal with a bully?
5. At first, little Sophia let the bully win. But when she saw that the bully was keeping a lot of kids from enjoying the playground, she decided to be a defender. How did Sophia confront the bully; what did she do and say?
6. Do you think it was good that the other kids went with Sophia to confront the bully? Explain.
7. Even though Sophia was a lot smaller than the bully, that was okay, because she didn't need to fight. Sophia went with a group of kids to talk to the bully. She told the bully that what she was doing was wrong. How did the bully react to Sophia's words?
8. What loving thing did Sophia encourage the other kids to do with the girl who was bullying everyone?
9. How was Sophia a defender of...
 - a. the other kids?
 - b. the bully?
10. God is our defender, so we defend others using kindness and compassion. In what ways did Sophia do what our lesson this week encourages?
11. Who will always be there with you, if you need to be a defender in a tough situation?