

LESSON 11



THE GIBEONITES TRICK THE ISRAELITES

OBJECTIVES

1. To learn to tell the difference between right and wrong in our everyday lives.
2. To learn to pray with boldness and faith.

MEMORY VERSE

“Test all things; hold fast what is good.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:21)

PRAYER

1. Thank God for gathering us here so that we can worship Him and learn more about His word.
2. We ask God to give us wisdom so that we may know how to make good decisions.
3. We also ask God to give us wisdom so that in our everyday lives, we can recognize something as wrong, even when it seems right.
4. We ask God to give us more faith so that we can pray with boldness in accordance with His promises.



Overview

1. **The Gibeonites Form a Treaty with the Israelites**
2. **The Sun Stands Still**
3. **Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs**—Reinforcing our doctrines
4. **Life Application**
 - a. A Testimony
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Background Knowledge for Teachers

Gibeon was not far from the Israelites' camp site at Gilgal. It was approximately a 17-mile journey that involved crossing mountainous terrain. Typically, one would be able to travel this distance in three days (Josh 9:17). In Joshua 10:2, Gibeon was described as a great city, with many mighty men.



Reaching Out to Your Students

Your students are at an age when they are starting to engage in more complex thinking and to make inferences. It is important to encourage them to seek after God in attaining wisdom and understanding. The Bible tells us that “the fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom” (Prov 9:10; Ps 111:10) and that is a principle that you should try to instill in them. If they can build a close relationship with the Lord Jesus, and continually have God to guide their daily lives, they can be “wise as serpents and harmless as doves” (Mt 10:16).



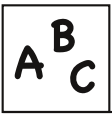
Opener

5 Minutes

Write on the board, “When I Was Tricked by Someone.” Ask the class to think about a time when someone tricked them. Have a discussion with the students about these questions:

1. What allowed them to become tricked?
2. What made the trick convincing?
3. How did they find out later on that it was a trick?

After the students have had a chance to discuss their experiences, feel free to share your own experiences of being tricked. In your brief sharing, include answers to the three questions listed above.



Vocabulary

wineskin: a vessel made of animal hide and used to hold liquids

ambassador: a person sent by a country as its official representative to a foreign country



Bible Discovery & Spiritual Teaching

30-35 Minutes

In the previous lesson, we learned about the conquering of Jericho and Ai. We learned that victory is only possible when we follow God’s instructions, even if they appear unusual or make little sense to us. The Israelites overwhelmingly defeated Jericho in this manner. But later on, they failed to overtake the city of Ai on their first try. One of the main reasons was the presence of a hidden sin among the people of Israel, which greatly angered God. Achan broke God’s covenant by keeping a portion of the plunder from Jericho. Because of it, he and his household were punished by death. Only after this sin was removed did God help the Israelites defeat the people at Ai. Today, we will learn about what happened after the people of Israel defeated Ai.

The Gibeonites Form a Treaty with the Israelites

After Jericho and Ai were defeated, many Canaanite nations heard about the news and allied themselves together to fight against the people of Israel. In contrast, another nation called the Gibeonites believed that it would be a lost cause to fight against Israel. Therefore, the Gibeonites decided to approach Israel and pretend to be ambassadors from a faraway nation seeking to form a peace treaty with Israel. How did they accomplish this? They tried to convince Joshua that they did not live in Canaan, because the Lord had told Israel to destroy all the Canaanites. As long as they could convince Joshua that they were from a faraway land, they had a chance of making a peace treaty to prevent an attack from Israel.

FOR TEACHERS

Give the students the Bible Discovery worksheet now. Ask the students to look at the worksheet and fill in the answers as you go over the Bible story. The answers have been underlined.

What did the Gibeonites do exactly? They attempted to look like they came from a distant land. “They took old sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins torn and mended, old and patched sandals on their feet, and old garments on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was dry

and moldy" (Josh 9:4b-5). Next, the Gibeonites told Joshua a very convincing story. They praised the almighty deeds of the Lord God whom the Israelites worshipped, and they presented physical evidence (the old bread and garments) to convince the Israelites that they indeed were not from Canaan, but from a far off country. "This bread of ours we took hot for our provision from our houses on the day we departed to come to you. But now look, it is dry and moldy. And these wineskins which we filled were new, and see, they are torn; and these our garments and our sandals have become old because of the very long journey" (Josh 9:12-13). Likewise, today, we may be tricked by what we see or by what we hear.

How did the Israelites react in this situation? Did they inquire of the Lord? Unfortunately, no. The Bible says, "The men of Israel [...] did not ask counsel of the LORD. So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them" (Josh 9:14-15). Therefore, the Israelites promised to the Gibeonites that they would not destroy them.

Three days after the treaty was formed, Joshua heard that the Gibeonites were actually their neighbors. They actually lived in the land of Canaan! There were not in a far off land as they had described. In fact, they dwelt in four cities called "Gibeon, Chephirah, Beeroth, and Kirjath Jearim" (Josh 9:17). But since they had already formed a peace treaty with them, they could not go against their word. Eventually, Joshua had them become their servants as woodcutters and water carriers for the house of God.

This story reminds us of the importance of being spiritually alert after we experience success. The Israelites were victorious at both Jericho and Ai because the Lord was with them. However, with every victory or success, it is easy for us to become proud and think that the victory resulted from our own strength, wisdom, and effort. When we begin to feel arrogant, we no longer rely on the Lord or pray to God for wisdom and guidance, even during tricky situations. It is difficult to say if the Israelites were proud in this story, but the victories certainly made them less spiritually alert, and they were not able to recognize trickery or avoid being deceived. 1 Corinthians 10:12 reminds us, "Therefore let him who thinks he stands take heed lest he fall."

The Sun Stands Still

Later on, Adoni-Zedek, a Canaanite king of Jerusalem, heard about the Gibeonites' alliance with Israel. He was surprised because Gibeon, despite being a mighty city, appeared scared of the Israelites. The Bible records Gibeon as "a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty" (Josh 10:2). Therefore, Adoni-Zedek formed an alliance with his

neighboring cities and kings to attack Gibeon. Five kings in total formed a huge army, consisting mostly of the Amorites.

When the people of Gibeon saw that this army camped before them, they sent messengers to the Israelites in Gilgal for help. They pleaded, "Do not forsake your servants; come up to us quickly, save us and help us, for all the kings of the Amorites who dwell in the mountains have gathered together against us" (Josh 10:6). Joshua responded right away and prepared the men of Israel for an all-night march to Gibeon. On the way, the Lord assured Joshua, "Do not fear them, for I have delivered them in to your hand; not a man of them shall stand before you" (Josh 10:8).

The all-night march caught the Amorites by surprise and Israel was able to rout the enemies who tried to attack Gibeon because the Lord was with them. The Lord helped by sending large hailstones to strike them. In fact, the Bible describes that "there were more who died from the hailstones than the children of Israel killed with the sword" (Josh 10:11). During the battle, Joshua prayed to God and asked: "Sun, stand still over Gibeon; and Moon, in the Valley of Aijalon" (Josh 10:12). God answered Joshua's bold prayer of faith! "So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, till the people had revenge upon their enemies" (Josh 10:13). As a result of the extended daylight, the Israelites could chase and defeat all of their enemies on the same day.

Conclusion

What did you learn today? Yes, we learned that it is important to remain spiritually alert after we experience success. The Israelites were victorious at both Jericho and Ai because the Lord was with them. However, they did not inquire of God later on when the Gibeonites attempted to deceive them to make a peace treaty with them. As a result, they were tricked. We also learned about Joshua's bold prayer of faith when Israel went to help Gibeon fight off its enemies. Joshua prayed for the sun to stand still, and God answered the prayer and allowed Israel to destroy all of their enemies on the same day.



Linking to the Ten Basic Beliefs

2-5 Minutes

This is a good lesson to talk about the differences between our basic doctrines and those of other churches. We have to build up each student's ability to make this discernment in accordance with the Bible. Other Christian denominations are correct in many areas of their doctrines or beliefs. However, there are some of their beliefs that may sound or appear correct, but, when examined deeper, do not actually follow the teachings in the Bible. The aim of this lesson's Activity section is to reinforce this idea. Allow the students to ask as many questions as they wish so that they can understand the biblical teachings and satisfy their curiosity.



Check for Understanding

5 Minutes

1. **Which cities did the Israelites destroy before the Gibeonites met them?** Jericho and Ai.
2. **Why did the Gibeonites want to form a peace treaty with Israel?** They lived in the land of Canaan; they had heard about the Israelites' victories and about how the Lord was with them. They feared that the Israelites would attack and defeat them.
3. **How did the Gibeonites trick the Israelites into forming a covenant?**
 1. By looking like they came from a faraway country.
 2. By giving a very flattering and convincing speech.
 3. By taking the opportunity when the Israelites were not alert and did not inquire of God.
4. **What eventually happened after Joshua found out that the Gibeonites actually lived in Canaan?** The Israelites did not lay a hand on them since they had already formed a covenant. However, the Gibeonites became the Israelite's servants as woodcutters and water carriers.
5. **Who was the king of Jerusalem that formed an alliance with his neighboring cities to attack Gibeon?** King Adoni-Zedek.
6. **Why do you think Joshua was able to make such a bold prayer—asking the sun and moon to stand still?** Joshua had experienced so much of God's abidance during this time: the miracle of crossing the Jordan River, the miracle of defeating Jericho, etc. His faith had gotten to a point where he really trusted in God. During this particular battle with the Amorites, the Lord already told Joshua that He would be with him—"not a man of them shall stand before you"—so Joshua was able to pray boldly.
7. **How do you think we can learn to pray with more faith?** Faith grows little by little. We should always pray diligently and humbly and according to what we know about God's will from the Bible. In our daily lives, we can pray for God's help, even in very small matters. When we see that God is with us in these small matters, we have more faith for greater matters. Our faith is built up from all those past experiences and seeing God's faithfulness. We should also try to understand that God is loving and caring. Hebrews 4:15-16 tells us a very good reason for why we can come boldly to Him. "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

HOMEWORK ANSWER KEY

1. By looking like they came from a far country.
By giving a very flattering and convincing speech.
By taking the opportunity when the Israelites were not alert and did not inquire of God.
2. weaknesses, tempted, sin, boldly
3. Answers may vary.
4. Answers may vary.
5. Answers may vary.
6. If the media encourages the student to draw closer to God, then it is glorifying to God, and the student might benefit from watching or listening to it more. Otherwise, it is a waste of time and might even drag down the student's faith.



Life Application

10 Minutes

1. A Testimony

[Pass out Life Application Worksheet #1 and have the students work on the worksheet. Then, discuss the questions as a class. The answers have been provided below.]

The following is a testimony of how a sister's faith increased as God guided her throughout life. This is an abbreviated version of the full testimony. Let us read this portion and see how we can learn to trust in God as she did.

Discussion Questions

- 1. How did this sister's faith begin? How old was she?** She strived to pray for the Holy Spirit when she was eleven. She made a promise to God to serve Him all her life if only He would grant her the Holy Spirit.
- 2. What happened in the vision she saw? How do you think you would react if you experienced something like this?** She saw Jesus crucified on the cross, but He had a gentle look on His face.
- 3. What was her mother's bold prayer? Why do you think she was able to make a prayer like this? How do you think this event strengthened the sister's faith when she faced difficulties later?** Her mother prayed for God to cure her daughter's illness. Her mother had faith that nothing was impossible for God. This event probably cemented the sister's faith in God and the belief that, through Him, anything is possible. Thus, she knows that she can turn to Him for any and all difficulties she may encounter in the future.
- 4. Everyone's journey of faith is different. Some of us will never see visions like this sister. But what can we do today to start walking on this path?** Answers may vary.

2. Praying Boldly to God

[Pass out Life Application Worksheet #2 and have the students read each scenario. Then, discuss the questions as a class. The answers have been provided below.]

In today's lesson, we learned that during a battle with the enemies, Joshua came before God, full of faith, and made a bold prayer on behalf of Israel. He asked God to make the sun and moon stand still and God granted his prayer! In our lives today, we may not go to battle in the same way that Joshua did, but we will face different situations and challenges that will require us to come before God with faith and to pray boldly to Him. Discuss your answers with the class.

Scenario 1

- 1. What does Abby need to do so she can "pray boldly to God and with full faith"?** Trust in the Lord, ask God to increase her faith, and pray with persistence.
- 2. What challenges do/did you face when praying for the Holy Spirit?** Answers may vary. Possible answers may include lack of concentration, sins that have not been repented of, lacking trust in God, etc.

Scenario 2

- 1. As a Christian, does Tyler need to take any actions?** Yes, he needs to speak to the teacher.
- 2. What spiritual actions should Tyler take?** He should pray and ask God to give him the boldness and confidence.
- 3. Does this situation require Tyler to "pray boldly to God and with full faith"? Who does he need to pray for?** Yes, it does require boldness and full faith. He needs to pray for his classmates, the bully, and also the rest of the class.

Scenario 3

- 1. Does this situation require Helena to "pray boldly to God and with full faith"?** Yes, it does. She needs to believe that He can heal her arm properly.
- 2. What does Helena need to do so she could "pray boldly to God and with full faith"?** She needs to ask God to help her endure the pain. With God, all things are possible.
- 3. How can Helena's experience help her to deepen her faith as a Christian?** She will understand how pain affects our bodies, and she will be able to empathize with others who are going through similar trials. Most of all, she will realize that life is not always rosy and that there are times of pain, but God is our ultimate healer. He will heal us when we rely on and trust in Him.



Activity

What Do You Believe In?

10-15 Minutes

Objective: To help students recognize the differences between our church doctrines and other churches' doctrines.

Introduce this activity by first clarifying for the students the concept of "different church denominations." Ask the class what their understanding of this concept is. Then, fully explain it to the class.

Go over the following statements with the class and ask them to identify whether they are true or false. Then, explain to the class why each statement is false.

1. "If we believe in Jesus, then we automatically receive the promised Holy Spirit."

False. Many Christians believe in this based on verses like Ephesians 1:13. It is true that people come to believe in Jesus because their hearts are moved or touched by the Holy Spirit, but this doesn't mean that they have received the Holy Spirit. From Acts 8:14-16, we can clearly see how belief in Jesus Christ and receiving the Holy Spirit are two separate events and do not happen simultaneously!

2. "We can worship God any day of the week. We don't have to keep the Sabbath (on Saturday)."

False. The first sentence is true—of course we can worship God any day of the week. However, just because we can worship God at any time doesn't mean that we do not have to keep the Sabbath. The Sabbath was instituted during creation and was a day set apart by God for all mankind.

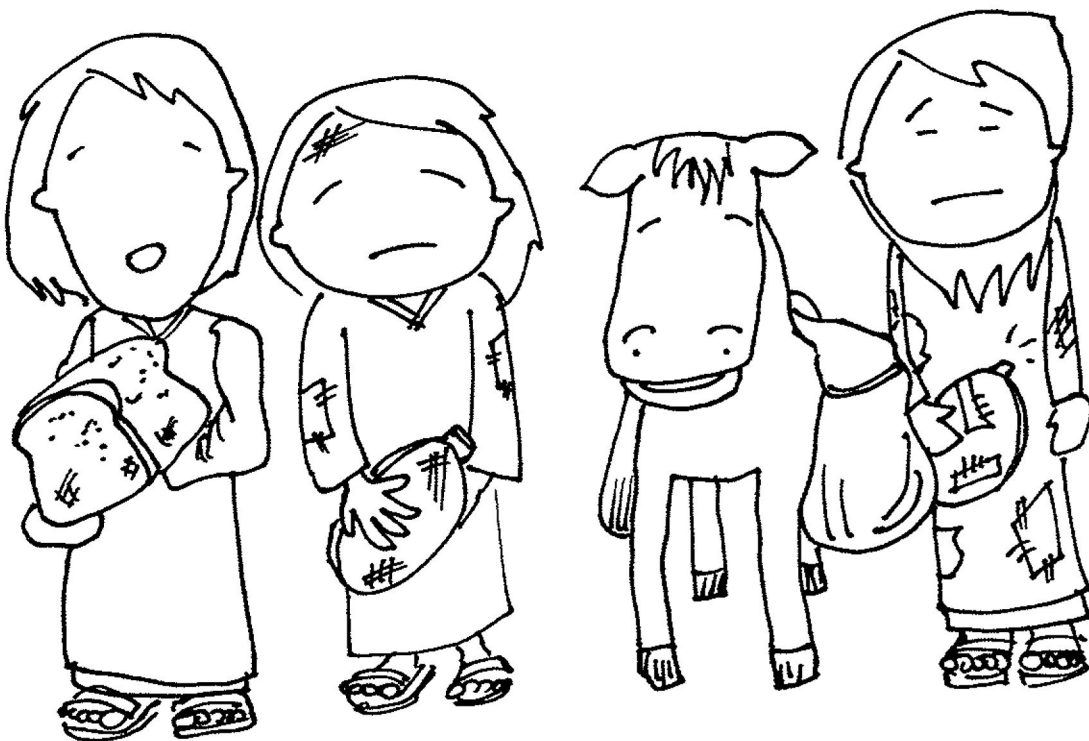
3. "It doesn't matter what church denomination we belong to; what matters is if we believe and trust in Jesus Christ."

False. This can be explained many ways, but the easiest is probably to talk about how the sacraments are required for salvation. Jesus said so Himself in: John 3:5; 6:53; and 13:8. If we really believe in Jesus, then shouldn't we take His word seriously? What will allow us to be "born of water and the Spirit," "eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood," or have a part with Jesus Christ? Participating in water baptism, Holy Communion, and foot-washing will allow us to do all these. These are the physical sacraments that the church performs, but in the Spirit, God is working in us to complete salvation. He washes away our sins, gives us His body as food and drink, and gives us a part of the heavenly inheritance.

Another way to explain this is to ask the students to find out how many church denominations are found in the Bible. Sure, there were many church locations, but a sober examination of the Bible would yield only one church. If Ephesians 4:4-5 tells us that there is only one body (church) and only one baptism, then in today's religious landscape that has thousands of Christian denominations, we must find the one church that is Jesus' body; we must find the one that baptizes in this one true method.

The Gibeonites Trick the Israelites

1. "And they took _____ sacks on their donkeys, old wineskins _____ and mended, old and _____ sandals on their feet, and _____ garments on themselves; and all the bread of their provision was _____ and moldy."
2. "This bread of ours we took _____ for our provision from our houses on the day we departed to come to you. But now look, it is dry and _____. And these wineskins which we filled were _____, and see, they are torn; and these our _____ and our sandals have become old because of the very _____ journey."
3. "The men of Israel ... did not _____ of the LORD. So Joshua made _____ with them, and made a _____ with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them."
4. The Gibeonites dwelt in these cities:
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
 - d.
5. "There were more who _____ from the _____ than the children of Israel killed with the sword."



A Testimony

Our faith in the Lord is not a series of isolated events but a seamless thread that runs from faith to faith. I can relate very well to such a thought because from the day that I believed in God until now, He has blessed me in so many ways that have rooted my faith and allowed me to approach Him better. God has indeed chosen us not because of anything we've done but because of His mercy and grace. He also gives us rich experiences that compel us to return His love and to study His teachings more deeply. The following is a retelling of a fraction of His blessings to me, and each experience anchors my faith deeper and helps me walk with God in Spirit and in truth.

God's Grace

My family moved to Argentina in 1986 because of my father's work relocation. At that time, I was five years old and the True Jesus Church in Argentina was still at its infancy. My mother brought my siblings and me to worship there, but we were not baptized at the time. It wasn't until 1992 that the church held the first Spiritual Convocation. I remember that the first night of evangelical service was on a Wednesday, and everyone was telling me how wonderful it is to receive the Holy Spirit, and how, without the Holy Spirit, we would not be able to enter the doors of heaven. Back then, I was just an innocent eleven-year-old who did not know too much about salvation, but I was very determined to receive the Holy Spirit.

I remember making a promise to God, during one prayer at the convocation, that if He gave me the Holy Spirit I would offer myself as a living sacrifice to serve Him for the rest of my life. I felt like a child who was trading something precious for an even bigger treasure. After I made this promise to God, I felt a tremendous heat come from above and it filled my body. As the Holy Spirit filled me, a very bright light burst in front of me. It seemed brighter than the sun and it was very warm. I could look straight into it, and there was a soothing feeling of kindness incomparable with any other kind of light. As it got closer to me, I began to trace the lines of a cross that was emerging from the light, which was brighter than the light itself, and the crystal-like cross seemed transparent and very precious. The light and the cross came closer to me, and when it was right before my face, I saw a Man hung on it. He was severely beaten up and emaciated to the point where I could survey His bones. His eyes were shut and I saw the pierced crown on His head, but His countenance was not of a Man who was severely wounded. He had a very kind look—a look that I was drawn to approach, which said, "I love you. This is what it took for Me to save you." This vision compelled me to receive baptism after the convocation that year. But most importantly, I realized how much God loves me and how I should also love Him.

During the years of growing pains that followed, and when my faith was low, this vision reminded me that I had been purchased with the blood of Jesus Christ, and that it was by His grace that salvation had come to me. Therefore, I am different from this world. This reminder empowered me to live according to His words, and it continues to empower me today.

God's Cure

I was born with a disease that is much akin to what we know today as Systemic Lupus Erythematosus (SLE), a disorder of the immune system. The symptoms are like an allergic reaction to winter. Every time the season rolled around, all my joints would swell up to the point where I was physically unrecognizable. I was a frightful sight because of the swelling, perhaps worse than an ogre, and I would scare myself whenever I looked into the mirror. The swellings in my joints would turn blue and green, and they would itch and hurt. My parents took me to the doctor when I was four, and the only inclination they had at the time pointed to a problem with my blood circulation. The chance of survival for the required operation was only fifty percent at best, and the operation itself only had a success rate of fifty percent. The expense was also very high so we didn't go through with it.

This disorder would plague me about twice a year, and it took about one to two weeks for the swelling to die down before I would return to normal. My parents still insisted that I go to school during those times, and I would lower my head as much as possible during class or when I walked down the halls. The kids would even call me "little monster." I had heard testimonies about how baptism not only washes away sin, but also sometimes cures people of their illnesses. After I got baptized, I still had the disease and I wondered why God didn't cure me.

In the same year I was baptized, my family also moved to the United States. And in 1993, during the Winter Student Spiritual Convocation, the allergies struck again and I felt my joints swell up. I was scared that people would be frightened at the sight of me, so I called my mom to pick me up. My mom knew how serious it could get, so she drove to Garden Grove church in the pouring rain. She testified to me later on that while she was driving to the church, she cried to God, "My daughter has had this disease since she was little and we can't help her. Lord, You are the mighty God and You can cure her right now." She picked me up from church, and we went home and prayed. My mom pleaded to God saying, "I entrust her into Your hand. With man it is impossible, but I hope in You because with You all things are possible. If You want to cure her, please stop the swelling." She told me what she prayed about before I went to sleep, and I knew that it was an impossible request because, for the past thirteen years of my life, it always took at least one week for the swelling to go down, and there was no way for things to go back to normal the very next day. Surely enough, after I had gone to bed, God really cured me by the next day—just as my mom had prayed. Twelve years have passed since that incident and the illness has never returned. Praise God!



Discussion Questions

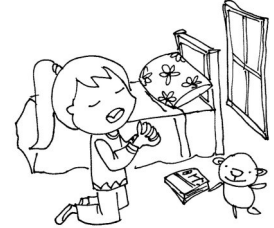
1. How did this sister's faith begin? How old was she?
2. What happened in the vision she saw? How do you think you would react if you experienced something like this?
3. What was her mother's bold prayer? Why do you think she was able to make a prayer like this? How do you think this event strengthened the sister's faith when she faced difficulties later?
4. Everyone's journey of faith is different. Some of us will never see visions like this sister. But what can we do today to start walking on this path?

Praying Boldly to God

Read the following scenarios and think about what it means to “pray boldly” to God in each scenario. Discuss your answers with the class.

Scenario 1

For the past two years, Abby has been praying to God to give her the precious Holy Spirit. She prays very hard during special church convocations and during the monthly prayer sessions with all of the RE students. At home, however, Abby finds it difficult to concentrate when she prays. Even when praying at regular church services or RE classes, Abby does not always have the energy or focus to pray her hardest. At least, not every single time she prays. The more time passes, the more Abby wonders if she will ever receive God’s promised Holy Spirit. Deep down, she feels disappointed and is starting to believe that maybe she is not good enough in God’s eyes. Abby’s heard the same message from her parents, RE teacher, and different pastors: not to give up and to keep praying with faith. Does this situation require Abby to “pray boldly to God and with full faith”?



Questions

1. What does Abby need to do so she can “pray boldly to God and with full faith”?
2. What challenges do/did you face when praying for the Holy Spirit?

Scenario 2

Tyler has always been a quiet student who does not like to talk much in class. Sure, Tyler chats with his friends and likes to joke around with them, but he prefers to do so only with his closest friends. Most of all, Tyler does not like to argue with anyone, even with his friends. When people at school say something that he disagrees with, Tyler prefers to listen and to keep his opinions to himself. But for three weeks now, Tyler has grown increasingly uneasy during math class. A classmate sitting behind Tyler has been picking on Kevin, another student that Tyler doesn’t know very well. Tyler can hear the name-calling and teasing. No one seems to want to help Kevin. Even worse, everyone just giggles or snickers at the situation. Tyler is horrified that this is happening without the teacher’s awareness! Still, he prefers to keep quiet and not get involved, but keeping silent this time does not seem quite right to him. Yet, Tyler does not feel brave enough to speak up against the bully. What should he do?



Questions

1. As a Christian, does Tyler need to take any actions?
2. What spiritual actions should Tyler take?
3. Does this situation require Tyler to “pray boldly to God and with full faith”? Who does he need to pray for?

Scenario 3

Helena is having a miserable week. She broke her arm last week during a basketball game and she has been in pain all week. The pain medicine she takes has helped a little, but she can still feel the sharp aches, especially at night. A few times, the pains woke her up from her sleep and put her in tears. During the day, the cast she needs to wear often gets in the way and nothing feels right. To make matters worse, Helena’s doctor told her parents that she will need a second surgery to fix her arm because it is not healing properly. Helena doesn’t think she can handle any more pain. Despite her entire family and church members praying for her and comforting her, Helena is feeling depressed and helpless. She wonders why God is letting her go through such suffering and why she does not seem to feel better, even when she prays.



Questions

1. Does this situation require Helena to “pray boldly to God and with full faith”?
2. What does Helena need to do so she could “pray boldly to God and with full faith”?
3. How can Helena’s experience help her to deepen her faith as a Christian?

E2 Year 1 Book 4 Lesson 11—The Gibeonites Trick the Israelites

Homework Assignment

Name: _____ Parent signature: _____ Date: _____

Bible Reading: Please put a check mark in the space when you complete the reading each day.

Prayer: Please put a check mark in the space on the days you prayed to God.

What I Learned from the Bible This Week

1. _____

2. _____

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Read							
Pray							

Memory Verse

Please write down this week's memory verse. (1 Thessalonians 5:21)

1. How did the Gibeonites trick the Israelites into forming a covenant?
2. Look up Hebrews 4:15-16 and fill in the blanks.
 "For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our _____, but was in all points _____ as we are, yet without _____. Let us therefore come _____ to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Life Application: Good vs. Bad Choices

In this homework assignment, we will try to practice telling the difference between good and not-so-good choices regarding media, as we need to make these choices at home every day. We want to be aware of what we are truly allowing to influence our thoughts and minds.

A. Choose one of the following:

- o A half hour TV show/cartoon that you normally watch
- o An interesting Internet video that you saw recently
- o A song (with lyrics) that is really popular right now
- o A video game you spend most of your time playing

B. As you are watching/playing/listening to whatever you have chosen, have this worksheet in front of you.

3. What do you think is the overall message that the TV show/song/video/game is trying to tell you?
4. Was there anything you saw or heard that broke any of the Ten Commandments? If so, which ones?
5. Was there anything you saw or heard that served as a good example for you and encouraged you?
6. Do you think you should watch or listen to this less or more based on the analysis you just made?