

FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 15, 2018

BIBLE STORY:

Joshua 10

BIBLE VERSE:

Psalms 62:8

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God hears us talk to Him. (BT)

God answers prayer. (P)

YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God answers the prayers of His people.

OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

God answers the prayers of His people in the way that is best for them.

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Acts 26:19-29

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 26:20

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Acts 27:13-20*

MONDAY: *Acts 27:21-26*

TUESDAY: *Acts 27:27-38*

WEDNESDAY: *Acts 27:39-44*

THURSDAY: *Acts 28:1-6*

FRIDAY: *Acts 28:7-10*

SATURDAY: *Acts 28:11-16*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Joshua and Acts together as a family:



- **Gibeon.** Gibeon was a city in the southern region of the promised land. Gibeonites tricked Joshua into making a treaty with them for safety and protection. Once Joshua made this treaty—without God’s guidance—five other cities in the region decided that it would be good for them to band together and fight against Gibeon, drawing Israel into a trap.
- **God rescued Gibeon.** Even though Joshua had made a poor decision to ally with Gibeon, God told him to go and fight. Joshua and his troops marched all night and arrived to engage the five kings in battle. As the battle raged, Joshua prayed for God to stop the sun from setting so Joshua and his troops could finish the job God had called them to do.
- **God’s response.** In response to Joshua’s prayer, God did exactly as Joshua asked—He stopped the sun from setting to provide enough light for the battle to continue. God rescued Gibeon in response to prayers offered by Joshua. God answers the prayers of His people and does so in a way that is best for them.
- **Followers of God.** Paul is described many times in Scripture as being a man who faithfully followed God, and he was often found praying and singing even when he was in prison. On one occasion, Paul was in prison before being sent to Rome. At that time Paul had the opportunity to share the message of his salvation with King Agrippa. Agrippa, his wife Bernice, and the governor, Festus, gathered to hear Paul. Paul boldly shared the message of Christ with the king and those gathered. Paul concluded by offering salvation to Agrippa as well as those around them. Though Agrippa did not become a Christian, Paul remained a faithful follower of God.
- **Pray and respond.** God hears the prayers of people. God responds and gives opportunities to share about His love with others. Let us pray and ask God to grant us opportunities to share the gospel with those we meet.