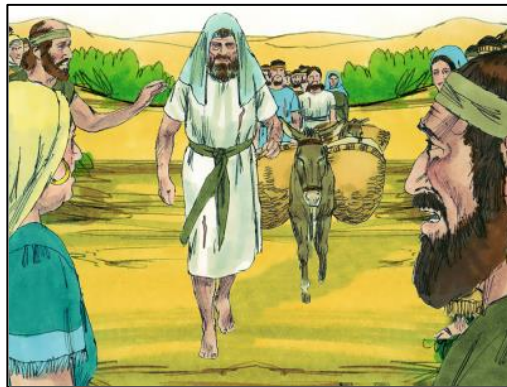


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(3:02) The Gibeonites Treaty
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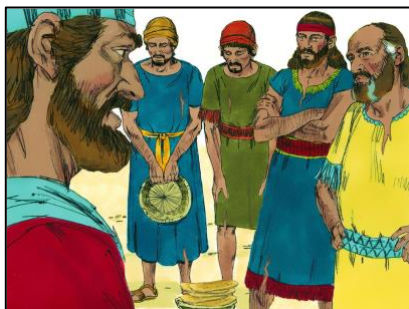
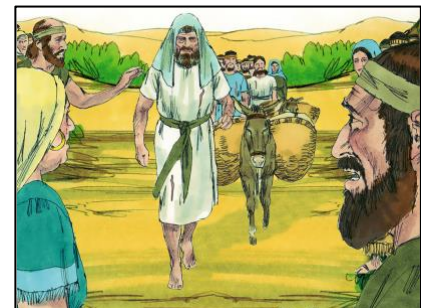


GIBEONITES TRICK JOSHUA (Joshua 9-10:15)



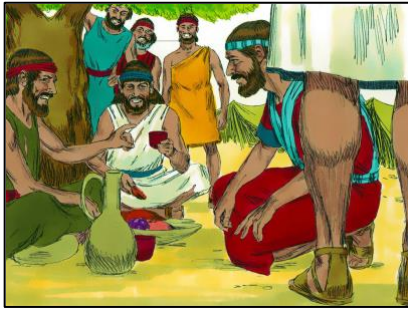
Have you ever been tricked into believing something that wasn't true? The Bible says that's what happened to Joshua. God had told the Israelites to conquer all the nations that lived in Canaan. None of these nations believed in God. They were idol worshippers. God wanted the Israelites to live in His Promised Land and be His special people. God promised to help Joshua win battles to conquer it.

The Gibeonites knew that God was on the side of the Israelites. The city of Gibeon was very near where Joshua and the people of Israel had camped. They made a plan to protect themselves. Men from Gibeon played a trick on Joshua. They loaded up their animals and made it look like they had been travelling for a long time. They wore old clothes and shoes. They even put old bread in their travel packs.



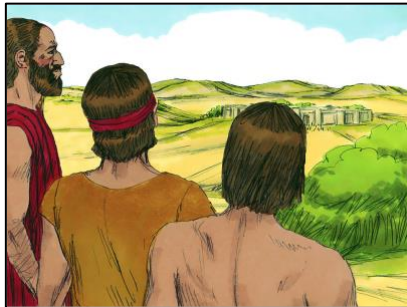
When the Gibeonites came to Joshua, it seemed they had come from a place far away. The men of Israel looked at the old clothes and even tasted the old bread. They were fooled!

The Gibeonites said, "We are from far away. We know you are conquering the people of Canaan. We want to make a peace treaty with you."



A peace treaty like this is a very big decision. Joshua and the Israelites should have taken the time to pray and ask God to give them wisdom. Instead, they tasted the old food and believed the trick. They thought, "This is not very important. God wants us to take over all the cities in Canaan, but Gibeon is a city far away. We will just promise to never hurt them." So, they made the promise to the Gibeonites.

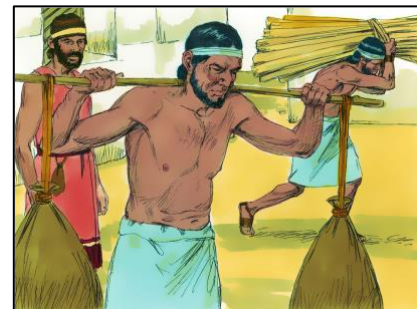
3 days later the Israelites learned the truth. Gibeon was not far away! It was an enemy city very close to them!



Joshua knew they had made a terrible mistake. Joshua said, "We will not hurt you, but you have to work for us."

From then on, the Gibeonites worked hard for the Israelites. They carried water and cut wood.

Joshua learned a lesson from his mistake. He learned to pray and ask for God's wisdom. From now on, he would be the kind of leader God wanted him to be!



Activities:

- Another video to watch: <https://youtu.beFv1O3LGLOUl> (3:12)
- Do an activity on page 3 or 4



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