

JOSHUA 8

<http://www.apcurriculum.com/dcirfol/2-11-13-81Coloring%20Sheet.pdf> Battle of Ai coloring sheet- the kids colored during the reading and then we read the bottom and acted it out



[https://youtu.be/EDk443nfosw- 2:05](https://youtu.be/EDk443nfosw-2:05) good review video for up to Joshua 8 – younger kids

[https://youtu.be/uVQusPryR6Y 5:07](https://youtu.be/uVQusPryR6Y-5:07) older kids

you may want to use the videos for pre-teaching before you go to homegroup to familiarize the children with the story and to help them listen/understand as you read

8 And the Lord said to Joshua, ^f“Do not fear and do not be dismayed.

G-d tells this to Joshua but he also wants this for us-give examples of things that have happened in your own lives where G-d did not want you to be afraid.

And Joshua chose 30,000 mighty men of valor and sent them out by night. – what is a man of Valor? Our group discussed comparing to Proverbs 31

7 Then you shall rise up from the ambush and seize the city, for the Lord your God will give it into your hand.



Everyone learning together during homegroup! Jereb played “ambush” with his kids during the week to explain the story and Eamon loved talking about it and acting it out. The “javelin” is a walking stick with a foil spear. No major prep needed!

18 Then the Lord said to Joshua, ^s“Stretch out the javelin that is in your hand toward Ai, for I will give it into your hand.” And Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the



city.

We compared to Moses and what he was commanded to do with his staff.

27 Only the livestock and the spoil of that city Israel took as their plunder, according to the word of the Lord that he ^vcommanded Joshua.



We talked about Achan and how he took what was not his, but if he had waited on G-d, if he had been obedient, G-d then allowed them to take it. Achan lost his life because he did not trust and tried to take what was G-ds to give. Have you ever been afraid, not trusted and taken something that was not yours? What should we do instead?

30 At that time Joshua built an altar to the Lord, the God of Israel, ^aon Mount Ebal, **31** just as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded the people of Israel, as it is written in the Book of the Law of Moses, “an altar of uncut stones, upon which no man has wielded an iron tool.” And they offered on it burnt offerings to the Lord and sacrificed peace offerings. **32** And there, in the presence of the people of Israel, he wrote on ^bthe stones a copy of the law of Moses, which he had written.



A brief review of the “Law of Moses” and why alters were built.

Final: Even though Achan sinned and caused them to lose a battle, they learned from the sin, change their ways, and were blessed. G-d turned disobedience into something good.