

# Joshua 9

Hello everyone,

We had some illnesses in our group during the week of Joshua 9, so we didn't get to gather. Sorry, no cute kid pictures! Send the group some pictures if you end up acting this out!!

However, I did find some resources you might be able to use:

<https://youtu.be/mz3hFaOInek> **The Gibeonites Treaty 3:02**

<http://calvarycurriculum.com/pdf/Curriculum/Original/Curriculum/CURR059.PDF> Joshua 9 – coloring page and older child activities

<https://missionbibleclass.org/old-testament/part1/conquering-the-land/the-gibeonite-trick/> retell story ideas with visuals to print

[https://www.sundayschoolbiblelessonsforkids.com/uploads/5/5/4/9/55490335/joshua\\_9\\_color\\_page\\_1.pdf](https://www.sundayschoolbiblelessonsforkids.com/uploads/5/5/4/9/55490335/joshua_9_color_page_1.pdf)  
Joshua 9 coloring page

<https://activity-mom.com/wp-content/uploads/2012/09/Bible-People-Clipart.pdf>

Bible people clip-art. There is a Joshua and you can use the other people for the Gibeonites and Israelites

## Acting out ideas:

**Joshua and 2 groups – Israelites and Gibeonites. ( this can be kids divided or kids and adults) Adults can also act out shortened versions of this for the little ones and have them imitate.**

**Gibeonites:** “Joshua and the Israelites are so strong! Look what they did to Israel! We can't fight them and win, but maybe we can trick them so we can live!” (kids rub hands together then whisper to each other like they are trying to be tricky)

- Some of the kids are the Gibeonites and are dressed in old clothes and old shoes. Its fun to dig for clothing that is old or let them run around outside and get a bit dirty! They also need some provisions - so grab some pots and blankets and just whatever is around to make it look like they are travelling with stuff!
- They are pretending to have traveled a long distance.  
“I'm tired”. “we have travelled so far” “ my feet hurt”. “ I have rocks in my sandals”. “I'm so thirsty, hungry”. Have them limp and moan etc.

**Joshua:** “Who are you?”

**Gibeonites:** “We are your servants. We have heard about your G-d. We have travelled from far away (gesture for far away)

Here is our bread, it's kind of old because we have travelled so far, but we want to share with you. We are here to make peace with you.”

(Kids hand off some bread)

Joshua doesn't pray and ask G-d if that is a good idea and makes a covenant with them.

**Joshua:** “ok, we will make a covenant with you and we won’t hurt you, we PROMISE!”

After 3 days the Israelites realized they were neighbors with this group and had been tricked! And all the **Israelites complained**, “what have you done?”

**The leaders of the Israelites:** “we have to let them live, we made a promise”. But now they will be our servants. “Chop wood!” ( Gibeonites act out chopping wood) “More wood!” - Get some water ( have the kids bring water to everyone and serve them)

### Themes to discuss:

Making wise decisions- Joshua didn’t seek G-d before he made a decision to make a treaty and he ended up being deceived. How do we seek G-d? Ask different people in the group how they seek G-d to make wise decisions. An adult can talk about how they made a mistake and were deceived.

### Keeping promises:

Joshua had to honor his word even though he should not have made the treaty. Do not enter promises lightly. Its important when you make a promise, that you keep it. Does G-d keep his promises?

Consequences- The Gibeonites tricked Joshua and were allowed to live, but they sold their freedom and became slaves.