

Answered Prayers

Bible Story • A Foolish Treaty • Joshua 9

Teacher & Parent Connection

Each of the thousands of choices we make has its consequence. Choosing to eat only doughnuts will show consequences eventually. Choosing to go barefoot in a blizzard will show a more rapid result! Most of our choices have only fleeting results. But the choice of Joshua and the Israelites to make a treaty with Gibeon had long-term consequences that impacted generations.

The Israelites didn't make the treaty blindly. They tested the Gibeonites' worn clothes and sandals, moldy bread and cracked wineskins. They checked what appeared to be the facts. They were thorough and thoughtful. But they were deceived because they didn't ask for God's wisdom.

The consequences? Israel could not drive out the Gibeonites and gain possession of their lands and valuables. Eventually, the Israelites even had to protect them. The Gibeonites became so well assimilated that they were exiled to Babylon along with Judah and counted by Nehemiah with the returning exiles. Talk about long-term effects!

This lesson is a great time to discuss with your children the everyday situations in which it's easy to forget to pray for God's wisdom. Even when we may seem to have good information and wise people to help us choose,

Satan loves to deceive. Only by going to God for wisdom are we able to discern between deception and truth. It's always worth our while to present every choice, whether of small or great consequence, to our loving, all-wise Father. He promises to answer our prayers!



God's Word

"I call on you, O God, for you will answer me; give ear to me and hear my prayer." Psalm 17:6

For Younger Children:

"I call on you, O God, for you will answer me."

God's Promise for Me

We can pray to God for help because He promises to always hear our prayers.



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What do you like to talk to God about?

