

**Bible Story 59**  
**The Gibeonites Trick Joshua**  
**Joshua 9**

**OPENING ACTIVITIES**

- **Mazes and Maps**
  - Set out maps for the children to look at and mazes for the children to do

**WORSHIP**

**PRAYER**

**STORY**

**Joshua 9**

- **Act**
  - Have the children pretend to be the various people in the story as you explain the events of the passage

**MEMORY VERSE**

**Proverbs 19:21**

**"There are many plans in a man's heart, Nevertheless the LORD'S counsel--that will stand."**

- We make plans. Sometimes they work, sometimes they don't. God knows all things for all of eternity. His plans are perfect. We can trust God's Word and His will for our lives
- Practice the verse by doing actions
  - As the class says the first phrase, have them wander randomly around the room
  - As the class says the rest of the verse, have each one hold a Bible and stand firm and tall

# ACTIVITIES

## • Object Lesson

- We should pray before we make decisions. God knows the best direction for each of us
- Set up a treasure hunt for the children
- Give the class a card with different directions written on each side; tell the children to kneel and pretend to pray with their eyes closed for God's direction to know which way to go
- When they get up and open their eyes, the card will be laying with the correct side up
- The children follow that direction to another location where they find a new card
- At each correct destination, the children have the card read to them and pretend to pray for God's direction; after they pray, the correct direction will be on top and they can follow it
- At the final location have the children discover a treasure chest of small toys or wrapped candy
- Encourage the children to pray about God's will when they have decisions to make

## • Color

- Color the picture with the memory verse on it

## • Role-play

- We should be praying throughout each day, asking for God's help and direction
- Have the children act out scenarios where a child is faced with a decision to make
- That child stops to pray and you read an appropriate verse that the Holy Spirit could bring to the child's mind to help give him direction for his decision
  - 2 different children want to play with him (Eph. 4:32 – “Be kind to one another”); he finds a way for all three of the children to play together
  - Her sister wants to share the dolls she brought with her in the car (Heb. 13:16 – “Do not forget to do good and to share”); she shares her dolls
  - His brother wants to play baseball, but he wants to play soccer (Phil. 2:4 – “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.”); he plays baseball with his brother
  - Mom gives her the choice of strawberries or cookies with her supper (1 Cor. 3:16 – “Do you not know that you are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?”); she chooses the strawberries
- The group continues to act out the scenario with the child making the best decision because of God's guidance

# MATERIALS

- Coloring paper with memory verse on it (Print the coloring page from <http://www.calvaryknoxville.org/OTTableOfContents.pdf> and cut and paste the memory verse onto the bottom)
- Maps and mazes
- Crayons
- Props and costumes
- Bible for each child
- Index cards with directions to a different location in the church on each side
- A “treasure chest” with small toys or wrapped candy for each child