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A Bible Story Game for Joshua 10:1-15

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The Day the Sun Stood Still — "Monday Through Friday" Game

A normal day lasts 24 hours, but did you know there's a story in the Bible where one day lasted almost 48 hours? It's true! It's found in Joshua 10:1–15, and today we're going to learn it while playing the game "Monday Through Friday."

You will need:

- A tall, thin vase or tube for each team
- A bowl of sponge balls (or small balls) in 5 colors for each team
- A picture reference card at each table showing the correct color order
- A whiteboard or chalkboard for a scorekeeper

Color Key:

Monday - Red

Tuesday - Blue

Wednesday - Yellow

Thursday - Green

Friday - Orange

How to Play:

Divide the class into teams, each with its own table, vase, and bowl of colored balls. Choose a scorekeeper. Read one part of the story (see the 6 pages that follow), then invite 2 children per team to come forward and play a round.

On "GO," each team places their balls in the vase in the correct color order, matching their table's reference card. First team to finish in the correct order wins 1,000 points!

Read all 6 parts of the story, playing a round after each one, until the story — and the game — are complete.

"So the sun stood still, and the moon stopped, until the nation avenged itself of its enemies... for the LORD fought for Israel."
Joshua 10:13–14

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Joshua 10:1-15

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Many people know the story of how Joshua fought the battle of Jericho and how the walls of the city came tumbling down. The walls of Jericho fell just as God said they would and Joshua was faithful to God. But there is a story we will learn of a time when Joshua did not ask for God's guidance regarding a peace treaty with a town called Gibeon.

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God had told the Israelites to not make a peace treaty with any town that was nearby. Gibeon was a nearby town and they wanted Joshua's protection of his army against their enemies. Gibeon got Joshua to make a promise to help them go against their enemies by tricking Joshua. The Gibeonites made Joshua think that they were from faraway by pretending to wear old clothes that they said were new when they left their town.

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Joshua did not ask God what to do. Instead Joshua made a peace treaty with Gibeon, but later he found out that he had been tricked! Joshua knew he made a big mistake by trying to do things on his own. He had to honor the peace treaty with Gibeon.

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Soon war broke out against Gibeon and they came to Joshua asking for his protection. Joshua took his best fighting men and marched all night to help Gibeon. As they were marching, God told Joshua that he did not need to be afraid. God told Joshua that he would win the battle.

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God's word proved true.

Joshua was able to surprise the enemies of Gibeon.

God made the people confused and as Joshua's army went after them, God sent huge hailstones from the sky that killed all their enemies!

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Something even more amazing happened. Joshua prayed to God and asked God to make the sun stand still until they had complete victory over their enemies. The Bible says, "The sun stopped in the middle of the sky. It didn't go down for about a full day." Joshua learned that he needed to follow God all of his days.

We need to live our lives for God and not for ourselves.