

Have you ever been tricked into paying too much for something?

☐ yes ☐ no

Have you ever been tricked into breaking the rules?

☐ yes ☐ no

Have you ever been tricked into thinking something was something and then finding out it wasn't?

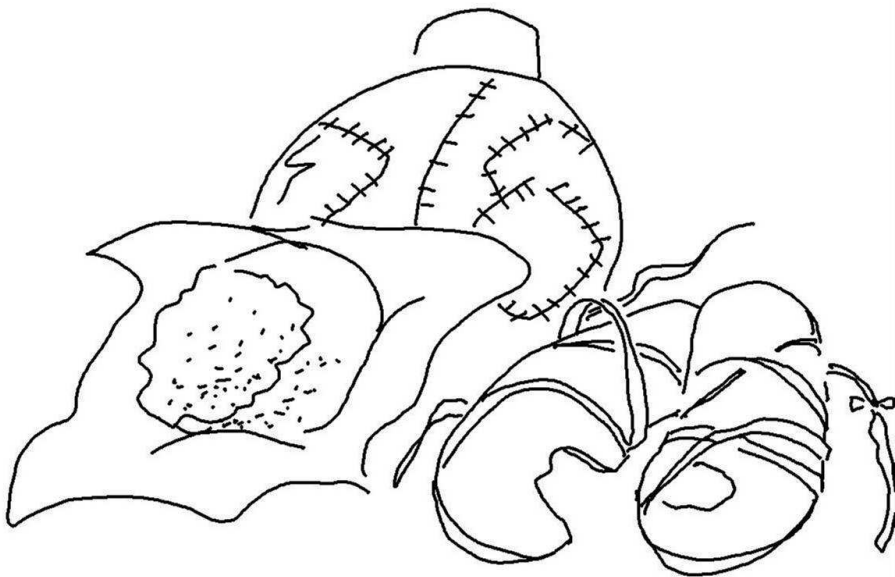
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Have you ever been tricked into thinking something was safe when it wasn't?

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The Lord detests lying lips, but He  
delights in those who tell the truth.

Proverbs 12:22<sub>NLT</sub>



# Tricked!

## Sabbath

Do you remember the two spies that Joshua sent to the city of Jericho?

In Joshua 2:24 they said, "The Lord has given us the whole land, for all the people in the land are terrified of us."

News of God's parting the Red Sea and helping Israel to defeat their enemies had spread.

Now everyone was talking about how God had made the walls of Jericho fall down! Can you imagine how the Canaanites felt?

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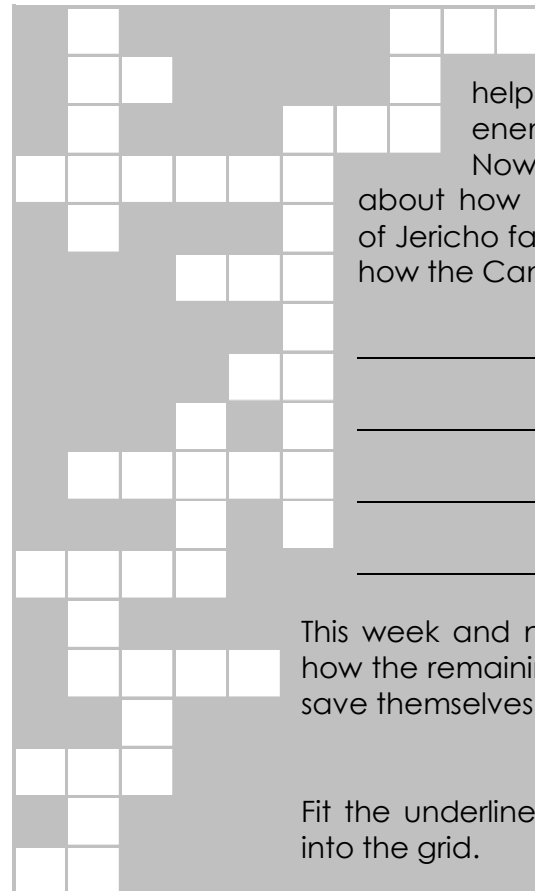
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This week and next week we will find out how the remaining Canaanites planned to save themselves.

Fit the underlined words from Joshua 2:24 into the grid.



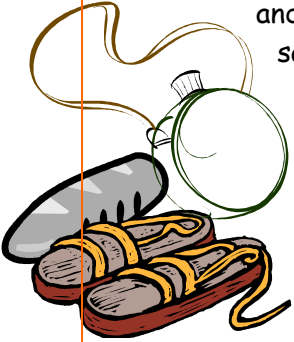
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Refer: Joshua 9:1-27 NLT; Patriarchs and Prophets p505-507; The Bible Story vol3 p96-98

## Sunday

When the other kings heard about what had happened to Jericho, they prepared an army; but the people of Gibeon did something different. They loaded their donkeys with worn saddlebags and old, patched wineskins; they put on worn-out sandals and ragged, patched clothes, and they took bread that was stale and mouldy.



They said to the Israelites, "We have come from far away to make a peace treaty with you."

The Israelites said, "God has said we cannot make a treaty with those who live nearby."



But the Gibeonites answered, "When we left home, this bread was fresh and these wineskins were new, and our clothes and sandals were good, but now they are worn out from our very long journey."

So the Israelites made a peace treaty with them.

Three days later, the Israelites learned that the Gibeonites lived only three days travel away! The Israelites had promised they wouldn't fight them; some of the Israelites didn't want to keep their promise but the leaders said, "We promised before God so we must keep our promise."

Then Joshua asked the Gibeonites, "Why did you lie to us? Why did you say you lived far away when you live right here?"

They replied, "We that the Lord your God has given this entire land to you, so we were afraid for our lives. That is why we have done this. Now we are at your mercy; we will do whatever you say."

So the Gibeonites became the woodcutters and water carriers for the Sanctuary.

## Friday

One of Satan's tricks is making people believe that little lies that don't hurt anyone are ok. They call these lies "little white lies." Here are some examples: lying about forgetting your homework, pretending to be sick when you're not. Can you think of other examples?

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Read Exodus 20:6 and summarise it in your own words.

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James 2:10<sup>ESV</sup> says, "For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become guilty of all of it." – Big or little, sin is still sin and separates us from God. Little white lies are still lies and lies break the 9<sup>th</sup> Commandment, and breaking one commandment is just as bad as breaking all of them. It is not God's way.

What should we do if we find we are guilty of breaking the commandments? Summarise 1 John 1:9 in your own words.

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## Thursday

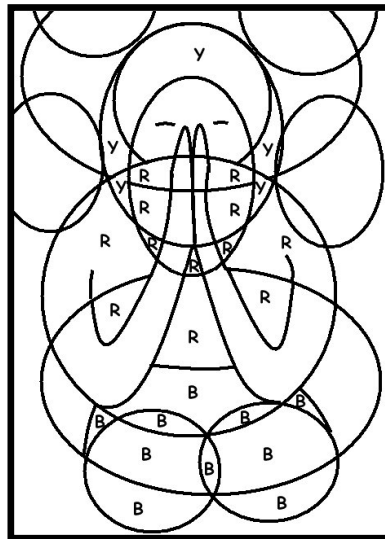
Satan wants to trick you too; here are some things he might trick you into doing or thinking. Find the words in **bold**.

- He might trick you into thinking **that drugs or alcohol will not hurt you**.
- That you should **only care about yourself** – not about other people.
- That you **don't need to follow the rules or obey**.
- He might trick you into thinking that **no one cares** about you.
- That **nothing bad will ever happen** to you.
- That **stealing or lying** are OK.

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There is one way to avoid being tricked...

Y=Yellow, B=Blue, R=Red



## Monday

Each week this term, we will be learning more about one of the Ten Commandments. Write out the words of Exodus 20:16.

Depending on which version of the Bible you have it probably said testify or witness - words which we don't use a lot in ordinary talking any more; but they are still used in courtrooms. If a person witnesses (sees) an accident or a crime happen, that person may be called on to testify, (tell about) what they saw; they are called a witness.



Exodus 20:16 is actually the 9<sup>th</sup> Commandment and it is telling us not to say things that are false - not to lie.

The Gibeonites lied about where they came from; as a result, although they were allowed to stay with the Israelites but not in the way they might otherwise have.

Read Exodus 23:32. God had warned the Israelites not to live among or make treaties with idol worshipping nations because if they did, they would turn to idol worshipping too. But foreigners who gave up idol worship and followed the laws of God could receive the same blessings as the Israelites!

Remember Rahab? She had helped the two Israelite spies and asked to be saved when Jericho was destroyed. As a result, all who took refuge in her house - she and her family - were saved and Rahab is even mentioned in the lineage of Jesus in Matthew 1:5.

Who else is a foreigner in the same verse? \_ \_ \_ \_

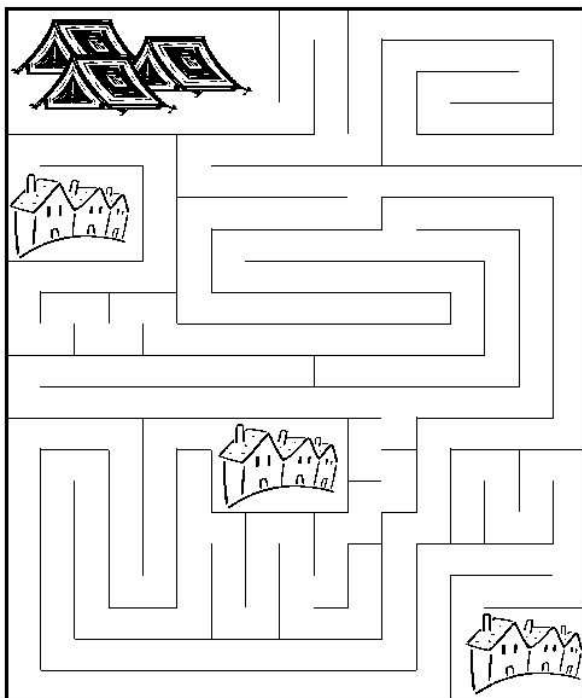
If the Gibeonites had approached the Israelites honestly and sincerely, and they truly wanted to follow God, they could have had the blessings of the Israelites without becoming slaves.

## Tuesday

The Gibeonites said they lived far away – but where did they really come from?

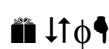
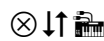
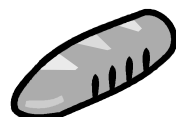


What did the Israelites do wrong?



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## Wednesday

The Gibeonites thought they were lying for a good reason; but lies are never Gods way and they are never the best way. If the Gibeonites had known what is in the following verses they would have done things differently. If they had come to the Israelites honestly wanting to learn about God and to follow Him, they could have received the same blessings as the Israelites, like Rahab and Ruth did. Write in the missing words and then use them to complete the crossword.

2 Peter 3:9NLT "The Lord isn't really being slow about His \_\_\_\_\_, as some people think. No, He is being \_\_\_\_\_ for your sake. **He does not want** \_\_\_\_\_ **to be destroyed**, but wants \_\_\_\_\_ to repent."

1 John 1:9NLT "But if we \_\_\_\_\_ (10a) OUR \_\_\_\_\_ (8a) to Him, He is \_\_\_\_\_ (2a) and \_\_\_\_\_ (6d) to \_\_\_\_\_ (11d) US our sins and cleanse from all wickedness."

Matthew 24:14NLT "And the Good News about the \_\_\_\_\_ (13a) will be \_\_\_\_\_ (5d) throughout the **whole** \_\_\_\_\_ (12d), so that all \_\_\_\_\_ (9d) will hear it..."

Proverbs 12:22NLT "The Lord detests \_\_\_\_\_ (15a) lips, but he \_\_\_\_\_ (4d) in those who tell the truth."

Have you ever wondered why the Israelites didn't kill the Gibeonites when they found out they had been lied to? When they realised their mistake in not asking God's guidance, they didn't want to make another mistake by \_\_\_\_\_ breaking the promise that they had made before God.