

The Gibeonites

Quiz: Guess which of the following is true...

Ask: Was it easy to know what was true?

Revise: What the 10 commandments were / how they were given.

Read: The 9th Commandment.

Say: Today we are going to find out how someone broke the 9th commandment.

Revision: Israelites have crossed the Jordan River & defeated the city of Jericho.

Bible Story

Quiz: True / False

Hand out: the tick/cross answer signs.

Moses made up the 10 Commandments.

The 10 Commandments are from God.

The 10 Commandments are meant to make us unhappy.

The 10 Commandments are meant to keep us safe.

The Gibeonites tricked God.

The Gibeonites tricked Joshua.

God would have told Joshua that they were lying.

Joshua forgot to ask God.

Sing Songs

Return to tables

Memory Verse: Fill in the blanks and then say the memory verse on the colouring page.

Sing a song.

Group Activity: Each table has some pictures – look at the picture and see if you can guess what is happening. Do you think it is a good or bad thing? Will they tell the truth?

Discuss the following depending on age, interest and time:

Are you ever tempted to lie? When?

Did you know that you can lie by not saying anything? (Discuss: If someone believes something which you know is wrong and you don't say anything then you are lying)

Have you heard of "little white lies?" What are they? (All lies, even little ones are breaking the commandments)

Do you feel that God is interested in you? What sort of things do you think God would be interested in? Big things/little things? (**Say:** God is interested in everything about us, He wants us to talk to Him all the time, and about everything. Read Matthew 10:29, 30)

How and where can you pray? (Anywhere, everywhere, silently and out loud etc.)

Say: I hope you have learned today that God wants us to always tell the truth and He also wants you to talk to Him all the time. Joshua would not have been tricked if He had talked to God, and God will help you to make good choices too, if you ask Him.

Finish with Prayer