

## **Introductory Idea**

Place three opaque cups upside-down on a table in front of your kids. Choose one child and have them face away from the table while you hide a small stone under one of the cups. Shuffle them around a bit and then allow the child to turn around. Can they guess which cup is hiding the item?

Play a few more rounds, with a different child each time.

In today's true story from the Bible there was one man in Israel who disobeyed God and tried to hide it, but God knew who he was. [Use the Bridge Questions below to create a link with the lesson.]

## **Game: Last One Standing.**

Get your children to stand up and show them a coin with a different picture on each side. Explain that you are going to flip the coin and that they must guess whether it will land 'heads' or 'tails' up. The children indicate their guess by either placing their hands on their heads or on their hips. Give them until the count of three to decide this – after that they must not change their minds – and then toss the coin. Children who have guessed correctly are safe and may sit down while the other children stay standing. Continue the game in this way until only one child is left standing.

In today's true story from the Bible there was one man in Israel who disobeyed God and tried to hide, but God knew exactly who he was and found him out. [Use the Bridge Questions below to create a link with the lesson.]



## Activity

**For 3-7s** – choose either Activity A (page 39) or Activity B (page 40).

**Activity A** – Print page 39 onto paper (one copy for every two children).

**Before the lesson** cut along the bold lines and fold along the dashed lines as indicated.

**The children** colour the pictures and decorate Achan's tent. Help them to glue along the folds next to Achan and 'wrap' the tent around him so that he is hidden inside. Glue along the bottom as well to hold the tent in place.

Talk about how Achan disobeyed God. What did he do? Why did he hide? What was the consequence of his sin? How was Israel different?

**Activity B** – Print page 40 onto paper (one copy for every child).

**The children** colour the pictures. Help them to fold first along the horizontal line and then along the vertical line to form a book. They can read through the story to see what happened when Israel failed to trust and obey God.

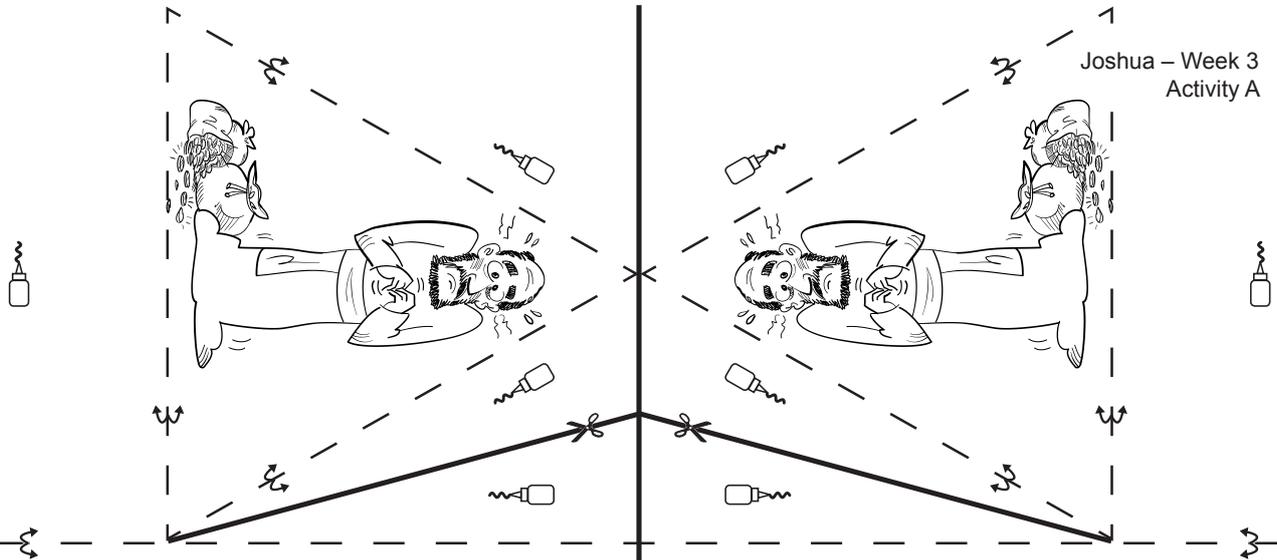
**For 7-11s** – print either Activity Sheet C (page 41) or Activity Sheet D (page 42) onto paper for each child. Choose whichever is appropriate for your children and use it to reinforce the lesson or as a discussion starter.



## Memory Verse

*"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped beyond the River Euphrates and in Egypt, and serve the Lord."* **Joshua 24:14** [NIV]

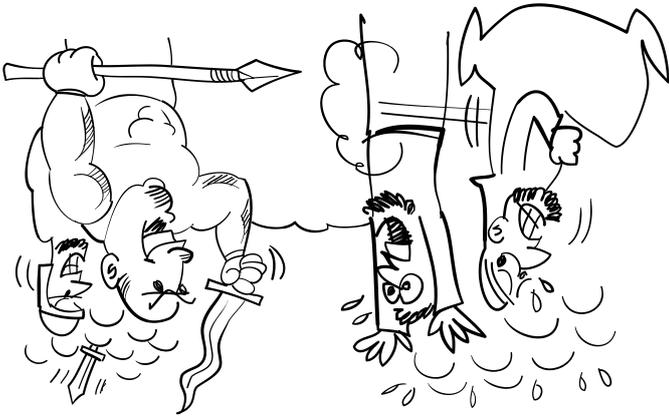
**For younger children** – *"Now fear the Lord and serve him faithfully. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped and serve the Lord."* **Joshua 24:14** [NIV]



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...they lost because...



When Israel first  
attacked Ai...

Achan had  
disobeyed  
God.



After Achan had  
been punished...

Israel attacked Ai again  
and won.



This time all the people  
were careful to obey all  
God's laws

Joshua 7:1 - 8:35