

K/Fours Lesson Plan - Sunday School

Sunday, April 13

UNIT 7 | SESSION 3

ACHAN'S SIN AND THE DEFEAT OF AI

JOSHUA 7-8

MAIN POINT / CHRIST CONNECTION: God is holy and must punish sin. Achan disobeyed God and was punished because of his sin. Because we sin, we deserve to be punished. But Jesus came to take our punishment for us. God forgives us when we confess our sin and trust in Jesus.

CATECHISM QUESTION #3: Q) Why did God make you and all things? A) For His own glory.
(Revelation 4:11, Psalm 19:1; Jeremiah 9:23, 24;)

MEMORY VERSE of the Month: PSALM 24:8 - "Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty."
(ESV)

Preparation

Lesson Context

This Unit (4 weeks): Moses commissioned Joshua to be the Israelites' new leader. Joshua courageously brought the Israelites into the Promised Land, trusting that God would be with them. God aided the Israelites in their conquest by demonstrating His power and holiness amid sin. God confirmed that He alone is worthy of their trust and devotion.

Volunteer Huddle | **8:45 a.m.**

Meet in the Threes classroom (first floor) for prayer and important info for this Sunday.

Prep Room | **8:50 a.m.**

- Pull out paper and crayons on tables (in Teacher Box)

- If you'd like, put music on the Spotify app on the Roku TV.
- Prep room for any activities you will do during the lesson.

Fellowship & Play Time | 9:00-9:15 am

One volunteer should greet children and families at the door.

FELLOWSHIP TIME

Allow children time to engage with one another and play. Use this time to get to know your students and hear about their week. What was a good part/hard part or “yay duck”/“yuck duck” of their week?

FREE PLAY & COLORING

For free time before the lesson, ask children to come to the tables and give them the option to play or color (paper and crayons in Activity Box). Use this time to ask them questions about their week and get to know them.

TRANSITION: Give children a **warning** before you ask them to come to a circle

SAY “Everyone, in 5 minutes we are going to pick up our toys and gather in a circle!”

Sing the clean up song and ask children to come find a seat in the circle.

Activity | 9:15 am

REVIEW CLASSROOM RULES

Post the **Rules Poster** (in Activity Box) somewhere in the room.

INTRODUCE THE LESSON - MAKE MINI TENTS

Distribute an **index card** to each child (in Activity Box). Lead preschoolers to decorate their index cards using washable markers or crayons (in Teacher Box). Demonstrate how to fold the index card in half to make a tent (like a table tent card). Invite boys and girls to fold their cards to make tents and then set up the tents in a designated area of the room.

SAY *In today's Bible story, a man named Achan disobeyed God. He took things that God had told the Israelites not to take, like a coat, silver, and gold. Achan buried these things in his tent. Achan was punished because of his sin. Because we sin, we deserve to be punished, but Jesus came to take our punishment. God forgives us when we confess our sin and trust in Jesus.*

Lesson | 9:20 am

As the children gather in a circle on the floor, let them know your expectations - that you would like them to sit quietly, keep their hands to themselves, listen to the story, etc.

1. Open the Bible & Pray

Open to **JOSHUA 7** in your Bible. **Reverently display the open Bible.**

SAY *Today we're going to continue learning from the book of JOSHUA. Joshua is the sixth book in the Old Testament and it's all about how God's people entered the land he promised to give them. Let's listen to this true story from God's Word.*

Pray quickly for your time in the Word of God.

2. Tell the Bible Story

Use the **visuals** (in Activity Box) if you'd like to help children follow along with the story.

ACHAN'S SIN AND THE DEFEAT OF AI

Joshua and the Israelites were in the Promised Land. They won a battle against Jericho, but there was a problem. God's people did not do what God said. God had told His people that they should keep some things for God and get rid of everything else. The people kept some of the things they were not supposed to.

So, God did not help His people take over the city of Ai. The Israelites lost the battle.

Joshua was sad. He did not understand why they lost. But God told him it was because the people disobeyed. A man named Achan took things he should not have, like a pretty coat and shiny silver and gold. Achan admitted he did wrong, and he and his family were punished.

Then God said the people could battle against Ai again. This time, the people listened to God. They made a plan to trick their enemies. Some of the army pretended to run away, and some of the army hid. When the people of Ai chased after them, the hidden soldiers came out and took over the city!

After the battle, Joshua thanked God. The Israelites made a special place to worship God. They followed His rules and learned that disobeying God has consequences. God forgives us when we are sorry for our sin and trust in Jesus.

Christ Connection: God is holy and must punish sin. *Achan disobeyed God and was punished because of his sin. Because we sin, we deserve to be punished. But Jesus came to take our punishment for us. God forgives us when we confess our sin and trust in Jesus.*

3. Review the Bible Story

Have kids answer your questions about the story:

- *When the Israelites defeated the city of Jericho, **did God give them instructions to keep or to destroy the things in the city?** (To destroy it)*
- ***Not everyone obeyed. Who disobeyed God's commands?** (Achan)*
- ***What did he hide in his tent?** (a coat, silver, and gold)*

Achan and his family were punished. Achan disobeyed God and was punished because of his sin. Because we sin, we deserve to be punished. But Jesus came to take our punishment for us.

4. Catechism Question

SAY *Today we are going to review our new catechism question:*

3) Q) Why did God make you and all things?

A) For His own glory.

God made us to worship and praise him!

Let's repeat our questions and answers:

1. Q) Who made you?

A) God made me.

2. Q) What else did God make?

A) God made all things.

3. Q) Why did God make you and all things?

A) For His own glory.

5. Pray

Memory Verse | 9:30 am

Open your Bible to **PSALM 24:8** and lead the kids to repeat the abridged verse several times, using hand motions if you'd like:

“Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty.”

- PSALM 24:8

SAY: *God promised to take care of His people, the Israelites. Even though the people disobeyed, God still provided for the Israelites. He helped them win battles and take over cities in the Promised Land. The people worshiped God because He is strong and mighty.*

MAKE MOTIONS

Invite kids to help you create motions for key words in the memory verse. Repeat the memory verse several times using the motions.

PLAY THE MUSIC VIDEO

Have the children repeat the verse with you several times. Then play the memory verse music video from the YouTube app on the Roku TV (*YouTube account should be Fellowship Kids (switch accounts on the top of the left sidebar if not) > go to Library on the left side bar > Choose Playlists on the top > choose your classroom*).

After the activity, invite children to sit at the tables to complete their activity pages.

Activity | 9:40 am

WHO HAS IT?

Invite children to stand in a circle and close their eyes. Lead them to hold out their hands in front of their bodies. Gently place a small object in one of the children's hands. Tell everyone to close their hands and open their eyes. Guide children to guess who is hiding the object. Repeat activity as time allows.

SAY: *Achan hid objects he was not supposed to have by burying them in his tent. Because he disobeyed, God allowed the Israelites to lose their next battle. Achan and his family were punished. Because we sin, we deserve to be punished too. God sent Jesus to take the punishment for our sin. Because of Jesus, we can be forgiven when we confess our sins to Him.*

Dismissal | 9:45 am

As parents arrive,

- Match the 4 digit code on the parent's tag to the child's tag
- Check out the child on the tablet by clicking the check box to the left of their name on the roster.
- Give feedback! Tell parents how the student did that morning.



Clean Up

- Wipe down tables if any messes were made with activities. [Magic eraser sponges can erase markings on desks.]
- Put teacher and activity items back in the Activity Box or Teacher Box.
- Place the TV remote in the white holder on the dry erase board.
- **Return the small Activity Box, class tablet, and your lanyards to the check-in desk.**