

FUN FISH – In Every SHAPE

Session 6: HEART – Be Kind – When the Sun Stopped

Memory Line: “Thank you for making me” (Psalm 139:14 NLT).

Welcome:

Theme Song: to the tune of Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Up above the world so high. Like a diamond in the sky.

Twinkle, twinkle, little star. God loves you just as you are.

Shape and Topic:

You can find a HEART anywhere. On a t-shirt. On a card. And with your hands when you want to tell someone that you care for them very much.

Bible Story: When the Sun Stopped (Joshua 10)

Dolls, puppets, or dressed-up wooden spoons

Joshua

Five kings

Gibeon

Runner

Materials needed: (if you don't have the materials below, feel free to replace them)

Five crowns

Swords

Message

Brown cloth for city of Gibeon

Reflective Time (interactive):

It is always important to be kind, even when others are unkind. And sometimes it is kind to walk away from an unkind person because that means that you are kind to yourself as well. Whenever you see a HEART, remember to be kind.

Short Prayer: “Dear God, help me to be kind. Amen.”

Sing a song:

“In Every SHAPE” card for this session:



kind

Story 7: “When the Sun Stopped” (Joshua 10)

After Moses died, God gave his people another good leader. Joshua took his people home, to the land where they belonged.

Five cities, however, didn't like them. Only Gibeon, a small city, wanted to be friends. They promised to be kind to each other. But the other five were furious with Gibeon. "Traitors!" they shouted.

The five cities met together. "Let's attack Gibeon. We will teach them a lesson!" So, they marched out with their five armies, waving their swords.

Gibeon saw the five huge armies. They slammed their city gates shut. "We are in big trouble," they cried. "We have to tell Joshua."

The people of Gibeon sent a runner to Joshua: "Please come quickly and help us, or we will be destroyed."

Joshua and his army came right away. But Joshua was scared. "God, how can we fight five armies?" he cried. "They are big and strong."

But God said, "Don't be afraid, Joshua. You will win."

Joshua and his army marched all night. As the sun came up, they saw Gibeon surrounded by five armies. So, Joshua and his army sneaked around. They surrounded the five kings instead.

The five kings had a terrible surprise. "Help!" they cried and ran away.

Joshua and his army chased after them, but the sun was going down. It was getting dark. There wasn't enough light to chase the enemy away.

Joshua stopped and looked at the sun. "Stop, sun. Don't move in the sky!"

Guess what?! God heard Joshua. He stopped the sun in the sky! It stayed there for one whole day. Now Joshua could chase those five kings far away, and those bullies never bothered them again.