

## Chapter 9

After hearing that the Israelites had captured Jericho and Ai, other peoples of the region formed an alliance to fight against the Israelites.

But the people of Gibeon used another strategy: they tricked the Israelites into thinking they were not locals but had come from far away.

So the Israelites made a treaty with them.

When the Israelites realized they had been tricked, they kept their side of the bargain and did not attack Gibeon.

Instead the Gibeonites became wood-cutters and water-carriers in the service of the Israelites.

Dear Lord, please help nations  
to make treaties instead of war

## Chapter 10

Five kings in the southern part of the land made war on Gibeon.

The Gibeonites appealed to Joshua for help.

Joshua and his soldiers marched through the night and caught the armies of the 5 kings by surprise and defeated them.

The Israelite army also attacked other southern towns and captured them.

Joshua and his army were victorious in the south because the Lord supported and helped them.

Dear God, please help me in the battles of life