

Ask First

God had told Joshua to drive all the different peoples out of the land of Canaan. But one group of people, the Gibeonites, tricked Joshua and the Israelites. Read Joshua 9:1–18 to find out how.

The Bible says the people of Israel “did not inquire of the LORD” (Joshua 9:14). This means they didn’t ask before they acted. When a person isn’t sure about something, he or she should ask first.

Here are some questions that you might want to ask before you act: May I use the pen if I put it back when I’m done? Is it all right if I go online? Can I play a video game if I get my homework done?

Think up other questions you should ask before you go ahead and do something. Give yourself three points for each question you think of. See how many points you can earn in ten minutes. Or play the game at the supper table, with your whole family helping you think of things to ask about before acting.

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Joshua 9:1–18