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BIBLE ADVENTURES SCRIPT:

A1461 ~ Joshua commands the sun.

Welcome to Bible Adventures. Help for today. Hope for tomorrow. Jesus is Lord of all.

Early in the great world war of 1939 to 1945, it looked as if Germany would win. Their leader, Hitler, wanted to conquer the world. For years he had prepared his nation for war. Other countries in Europe were not ready when his armies attacked. Britain sent soldiers to help these countries but the German army beat them back. Those fighting men were trapped with the enemy in front of them and the sea behind. The King of Britain called his whole nation to pray to Almighty God. Only God could stop the enemy from killing them all. Soon every possible British boat set out across the English Channel to rescue their brave soldiers.

Odd things started happening with the weather: the wind blew to make things difficult for the advancing Germans, but it did not blow to sink the little rescue boats. It blew **just as** it was needed. It blew **where** it was needed. And it blew **only when** it was needed. Then a big fog came up and hid the fleeing soldiers from the attacking army.

The waters of the English Channel, usually rough and stormy at that time of year, were very calm and all the little boats got across and back safely.

God had commanded the winds and waves, and had saved the retreating army.

His control of the weather also helped Israel in battle in today's Bible Adventure.

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In those far off times, some people groups understood the need for sunshine to grow their crops for food. So they started worshipping the sun as a god. Of course they did not know that our Creator God made the sun on the fourth day of Creation. But it is a warning to us all: We must not worship things God has made but only God Himself.

Joshua believed God is faithful and always keeps His promises. The one true God would give Israel victory if they obeyed Him.

Joshua wanted to do things God's way, so he did not listen to the Israelites who wanted to abandon the people of Gibeon. Israel had promised before God to be friends to the Gibeonites. Although they soon found out these people had lied to them, the Israelites must keep their promise to protect them just the same.

In the Bible book 1 Samuel, chapter 2, God says, "They that honour Me, I will honour." Joshua honoured God by keeping his promise to the Gibeonites. God honoured Joshua. He sent large hailstones of frozen water from the sky onto the enemy army, which killed many of their soldiers.

In the Bible book of Joshua, Chapter 10, it is recorded that Joshua commanded the sun and moon to stand still. And God caused the sun to continue shining for nearly a full day more, so the Israelites had time to track down all the enemy soldiers. All Israel knew their true God had powerfully helped them and given them a great victory.

When the Lord Jesus walked on earth around two thousand years ago, He showed control over the weather too. While asleep in a boat on the Sea of Galilee, a storm blew up and the frightened disciples woke Him up from a deep sleep. He stood up and commanded the wind and waves to be still. And the sea became calm. Many times Jesus tried to teach them to put their trust in Him always. Every committed believer in Him needs to trust Him with all our problems. Once we pray to Him, we have to leave Him to work things out. We must not take back the problem and worry about it.

Our Almighty Creator grieves over mankind's wrongdoing. He is angry when people believe Satan's lies and live in spiritual darkness. Those people worshipping evil gods knew the power of the Almighty God. They could have asked for mercy, just as Rahab in Jericho had done; or, just like the Gibeonites, they could have willingly put themselves under God's rule. But instead they all chose to defy Him.

And in our present day world it is much the same. Our great Creator knows how easily Satan deceives us. We cannot help ourselves to heaven by living life our own way.

The Bible book Ephesians, chapter 2, says we were all spiritually dead because of our disobedience and sin. By nature, we put ourselves first. We followed the world's evil ways. In our natural condition, we were destined to suffer God's anger. BUT God's love for us is so overflowing and intense. While we were dead in our disobedience, He brought us to spiritual life with Christ. It is by God's GRACE, His favour and mercy we did not deserve, that we are saved.

Each person has to decide if he or she will ask God for this forgiveness of sin. Those who do, give themselves completely to God. Does this mean that Satan will never deceive the believer again? No! While we walk on earth we will not be immune from temptation. It is not temptation that produces sin, but the desires that go unchecked and uncontrolled in our minds. When we yield to temptation it becomes sin and we need to rush to God and ask for His forgiveness.

No one can stop the suggestion of evil entering the mind. But we can stop thinking about it. Dismissed at once the temptation leaves no stain, but if held and entertained by the mind it spoils everything. We must conquer the evil thoughts that spring into our minds by rejecting them instantly.

A Christian magazine did a survey of its readers asking what areas of temptation brought them the greatest challenges. The results came back in this order: materialism, pride, self-centredness, laziness, Anger and Bitterness, sexual lust, envy, gluttony, telling lies.

The replies also noted that temptations were stronger when the person had neglected Bible reading and prayer time and when bodily tired. Resisting temptation was helped by prayer, avoiding compromising situations, Bible study and being accountable to someone else.

Do you live life your **own** way and please yourself in what you do? You may turn your back on the one true God **now** but in the end you will have to face His judgment.

Or you can turn to God and accept His free gift of eternal life through the Lord Jesus Christ. No one else can make this decision for you.

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