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## **A Story about Spiritual Warfare**

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3. What factors do you think contributed to Joshua failing to consult the Lord before going to take Ai?
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5. What message should we embrace from the story of these two battles?

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