

Old Testament

Joshua and Jericho

Joshua 6:1-23

Younger Verse

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Older Verse

If we tell God our wrongs, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and clean us from all our wrongs. 1st John 1:9

Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God’s ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

Welcome Time

See if the kids have ever read “The Three Little Pigs.” Ask them which house could not be blown down (brick home). Give someone a toy trumpet (or real one), Ask them to blow down the wall with trumpet’s noise. Explain that today’s lesson really happened. Let’s listen to what went on...

Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

Last week we learned that 2 spies went to the city of Jericho. Rahab helped them escape safely. The 2 spies told Joshua everything they saw.

The people of Jericho knew that God’s people were coming, so they closed the city gate. The gate was attached to a wall that went around the city. The wall was tall and wide. It looked like no one could get through to the city.

Then God spoke to Joshua. He told Joshua that He had a plan to help the people get into the city. Joshua’s army would march around the city 1 time every day for 6 days. Then on day 7, they would march around the city wall 7 times and then shout.

So just as God said, the army marched around the city along with 7 priests and God’s holy box. The priests blew their trumpets but everyone else was quiet.

Finally on day 7, they marched around the city 7 times. Then the trumpets blew a long blast and the people shouted!

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Lesson Goals:

Explain the story—what happened to Jericho
Understand why it is important to obey God
Realize that God will help us when we are tempted

spies. She put a red cord outside her window and the army knew that she was the one that helped God.

Sounds like an amazing thing! Remember the people had to believe God and do what He said. The people obeyed God. They followed His instructions and everything turned out just right.

When we follow God's instructions in the Bible, things will be o.k. for us too. We may not have everything we want, but God tells us that He will take care of His people. And that's a promise!

We know that God takes care of us because He sent His Son for us. The Bible tells us that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus. If we believe in Him, we will live forever with God in Heaven. What a PROMISE!

Learning Activities

There are lots of fun ways to act out the story. See the suggestions in the packet.

Memory Verse Activities

Bring a white board or chalk board. Have the kids lists sins (wrongs). Now read the verse and erase the sins. Share how Jesus is the only one who can erase our sins.

Prayer Time

Pray that your kids will obey God and listen to His instructions.

Snack Time/CleanUp

Bring "Bugle" corn snacks to remind the kids of the lesson.

Planning for Lesson 35
The sun stands still
Joshua 10

Preschool Lesson
For
Joshua and Jericho

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So just as God said, the army marched around the city along with 7 priests and God's holy box. The priests blew their trumpets but everyone else was quiet.

Finally on day 7, they marched around the city 7 times. Then the trumpets blew a long blast and the people shouted! (Have the kids march around the table 7 times then shout!)

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Sing the song:

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho
And the walls came tumbling down.

Hands-On Activities
For
Joshua and Jericho

It would have been so tempting to shout on the first day instead of waiting 7 days. It would have been tempting to take things in Jericho that God told the people to leave alone. Ask the kids to think in their heads about something tempting for them. You may want to think of some situations that would be tempting and see how the group would handle them.

Make a Pretzel wall. Glue pretzels to the picture of the city. (You may want to use frosting or marshmallow cream instead so they can eat the pretzels.)

Play Tumble Down Jericho game.

Make trumpets from paper tubes.

Try the “Walls Fell Down” interactive drama.

Use croutons and peanut butter to make a wall.

Play “God says” like Simon says. Talk about how God’s people were patient and did exactly what He said to do.

Help the kids learn how to follow instructions by making a cake or other item. Talk about what happens if you do not follow the directions. Ask what would happen if you left out sugar etc. Share how God’s ways may seem unusual but HE knows and HE is in control.

This is a fun story to act out. March around a cardboard wall (or wall of boxes) then knock them down after the 7th time!! (if boxes aren’t available, use a sheet and down the sheet after the 7th time around)

Watch Josh and the Big Wall Veggie Tale Video.