

Battle of Jericho

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Joshua 2-6

Join us for this week's Lesson with Miss Nicole <u>HERE</u>.

Memory Verse for July

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Prepare to Teach

In our last story for our Moses on the Move series, we will see God's mighty power on display again! Have your children ready to march and practice following your voice, just like the Israelites followed Joshua's voice. Help them build a small wall out of blocks or pillows or whatever you have. After they listen to Miss Nicole tell the story, help them act out the story.

If you haven't read this Biblical account in awhile, I encourage you to take time to read Joshua 6. Can you imagine walking around a city without saying a word? Not even ONE word? Sometimes we cannot be quiet for even five minutes. God's mighty power is amazing as He wins the battle for the Israelites.

Read

You can reinforce what your child heard today by reading it with them again. This story is found in The Beginner's Bible pages 132-135 and Joshua 6.

Make It Stick

Coloring Sheet

Enjoy <u>this coloring sheet</u> of the Israelites marching around the city of Jericho and shouting on the 7th day.

Move

Grab some blocks and build a strong, solid structure (or make a city and build a block wall around it). In Bible times, big cities had fortified walls to protect them from enemies. Take a walk around your completed building and play Follow the Leader. Tiptoe around the wall, then add other motions such as walking, hopping on one foot, skipping, dancing, jumping and running until you've been around the structure 7 times. Is your block building still standing?

Talk

A real building doesn't usually fall to the ground if people just walk around it! But in the story of Joshua and the battle of Jericho, that's exactly what happened. God had a plan and Joshua and the people obeyed and the walls of Jericho came crashing to the ground!

Use these questions to help you review the story with your child:

- How many spies went into Jericho?
- Who hid them from the guards? Where?
- What did the spies promise her in return?
- What hung from her window?
- What did God tell Joshua to do to defeat Jericho?
- What special box or chest were the priests to carry as they marched?
- For the first six days, could they talk while marching?
- On the seventh day, how many times did they march around the city?
- When Joshua commanded them, what did the people do?
- What happened to the wall? What happened to Rahab and her family?
- Did God's people finally make it to the promised Land?

Pray About What You Have Learned

Just before entering the Promised Land, Joshua reminded the people to be faithful to God, saying "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15b Help your preschooler memorize this short verse. This week, pray and ask God to grow your faith and strengthen your family and you love and serve Him together.

Jesus, thank you for showing us Your power in today's story. Help us to be faithful to you every day. Thank you for the way you cared for the Israelites and that You care for us. In your name I pray, Amen.