

**K-5th Grade**  
**The Battle of Jericho**  
***Parent Devo & Bible Study***

**Session Title:** The Battle of Jericho

**Bible Passage:** Joshua 2; 6

**Story Point:** God brought down the walls of Jericho.

**Key Passage:** Deuteronomy 31:8

**Big Picture Question:** How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.

**Parent Devotional**

The Lord brought His people into the promised land. Now they had a task set before them: conquer the people living in the land. Before the Israelites crossed the Jordan River, Joshua—in the way Moses had done decades before—sent scouts into the land. (See Num. 13:2-3.) The first city the Israelites came to was Jericho. God told Joshua that He had handed the city over to Israel.

The Lord's reputation went ahead of the Israelites, creating fear in the people of Jericho. With the exception of one woman, the people of Jericho wanted nothing to do with God.

Rahab was unique among the inhabitants of Jericho. She wanted to be on God's side. Hebrews 11:31 says that by faith, Rahab "welcomed the spies in peace." Rahab didn't hide the spies and help them escape from the city because she was especially courageous or because she had a strong desire to live; Rahab acted by faith. She trusted God to keep His promises to His people.

She wasn't the only one. The Israelites fought the battle of Jericho by faith. (See Heb. 11:30.) Israel did not focus on what was going on inside the city of Jericho; they focused on doing what God had instructed. They obeyed even when it seemed nothing was happening. On the seventh day, the troops shouted, the trumpets sounded, and the wall around Jericho collapsed.

Joshua gave the people specific instructions to destroy everything in the city except for Rahab and her family. The Israelites were not to keep anything for themselves. The Lord would provide for all of their needs, so they had no reason to plunder Jericho. When the Israelites attacked Jericho, Rahab and her family were safe. They joined God's people. (Josh. 6:25) By faith, we believe Jesus has defeated sin and death. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is safe and becomes part of God's family forever.

## KINDERGARTEN - 5TH GRADE BIBLE STORY

### The Battle of Jericho

Joshua 2; 6

**The Israelites finally arrived at the promised land of Canaan (KAY nuhn), but there was one problem: other people were living there. God's people couldn't just walk in and set up their tents. They had to go to battle against their enemies, and they had to win.**

**Joshua sent two spies into Jericho to see what it was like. The spies stayed at the house of a woman named Rahab (RAY hab). Rahab had heard about God and believed in Him. She wanted to help His people. When the king of Jericho was looking for the spies, she hid the men on her roof.**

**When it was safe for the spies to leave, Rahab said, "Please be kind to my family since I have been kind to you. When you attack Jericho, please do not kill us." So the spies promised to keep Rahab and her family safe, and they left Jericho. Rahab tied a bright red rope in her window so the Israelites would know which house she lived in.**

The people in Jericho hid behind the strong walls of the city. **God told Joshua he would conquer Jericho. To do that, Joshua would need to lead the people to march around the city one time each day for six days. On the seventh day, they would march around the city seven times, and the priests would blow the trumpets. All the people would shout, and the walls of Jericho would fall down. Then the Israelites could go into the city and take over.**

**So Joshua commanded the people to carry the ark of the covenant and march around the city.** The priests blew their trumpets. They marched around the city one time. Not one of the Israelites spoke or made a sound. On the second day, they silently marched around the city again and then returned to their camp. They did this every day for six days.

**On the seventh day, the Israelites got up early and marched around the city seven times. On the seventh time when the priests blew their trumpets, Joshua said, "Shout, for the Lord has given you the city!" So the people shouted, and the wall fell down flat. The Israelites went into the city and captured it. They kept Rahab and her family safe because she had helped the spies.**

God was with Joshua, and everyone in the land knew of Joshua and what he had done.

*Christ Connection: By faith Rahab believed God would win the battle, and she asked the spies to show mercy to her family and keep them safe. When the Israelites attacked Jericho, Rahab and her family received mercy and became part of God's people. Jesus has won against sin and death. Everyone who trusts in Jesus receives mercy and becomes part of God's family forever.*

#### **Memory Verse:**

#### **Deuteronomy 31:8**

**8** It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."