

## Preschool

### **The Battle of Jericho**

### **Activities & Crafts**

**Session Title:** The Battle of Jericho

**Bible Passage:** Joshua 2; 6

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

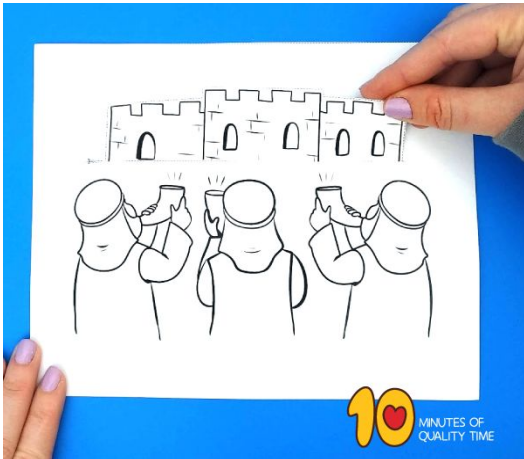
**Key Passage:** Deuteronomy 31:8

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

## **Craft**

*Jericho and the wall Craft*

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## **Activities**

### *Spy a ball*

Set three matching cups on a table. Place a ball under one cup. Encourage preschoolers to watch closely as you move the cups around. Stop moving the cups, and invite a child to guess which cup is hiding the ball. Lift each cup to reveal the ball's location. Start out by moving the cups slowly. As preschoolers catch on, move the cups faster to add difficulty.

Say • Was it hard to pick out which cup the ball was hidden under? In our Bible story, Rahab hid the Israelite spies on her roof so the king of Jericho could not find them. Rahab believed God would win the battle, and she asked the spies to keep her safe. God made the walls of Jericho fall down, and the Israelites attacked Jericho. Rahab and her family were safe and they joined God's people. Jesus has won against sin and death. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is safe and becomes part of God's family forever.

### Find the spies

Choose a child to stand in a corner with her eyes closed while you hide two people figures together in the room. Invite the child to turn around and find the figures. Lead the rest of the group in saying hot or cold to indicate how close the child is to the figures. Choose another preschooler to find the spies and play again.

Say • Rahab lived in Jericho, but she had heard about God and wanted to help His people. She hid the spies on her roof so the king of Jericho could not find them. God made the walls of Jericho fall down. When the Israelites attacked Jericho, Rahab and her family were safe and they joined God's people. Jesus has won against sin and death. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is safe and becomes part of God's family forever.

### Mix paint colors

Give each preschooler a foam plate. Squeeze a large blob of red paint on their plate. Add smaller blobs of white, yellow, and blue. Encourage preschoolers to observe what happens when they use a paintbrush to add red to their white, yellow, and blue paint. Invite preschoolers to use their paint to paint something from the Bible story.

Say • Red sure does stand out, doesn't it? Rahab tied a bright red rope in her window so the Israelites would know where she lived. Rahab believed God would win the battle, and she asked the spies to keep her safe. When God made the walls of Jericho fall down, Rahab and her family were safe. Jesus has won against sin and death. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is safe and becomes part of God's family forever.

### Follow commands in a made-up language

Invite preschoolers to stand up. Explain that they must listen carefully to your commands and do exactly what you ask them to do. Surprise them by announcing you will be using a made-up language to give commands.

Give a command in gibberish. Then demonstrate what you want them to do. If speaking gibberish is hard for you, use the gibberish commands below.

*Pmuj no eno toof.* (Jump on one foot.)

*Poh pu dna nwod.* (Hop up and down.)

*Hcuot ruoy eson.* (Touch your nose.)

*Nips.* (Spin.)

*Kcauq ekil kcud.* (Quack like a duck.)

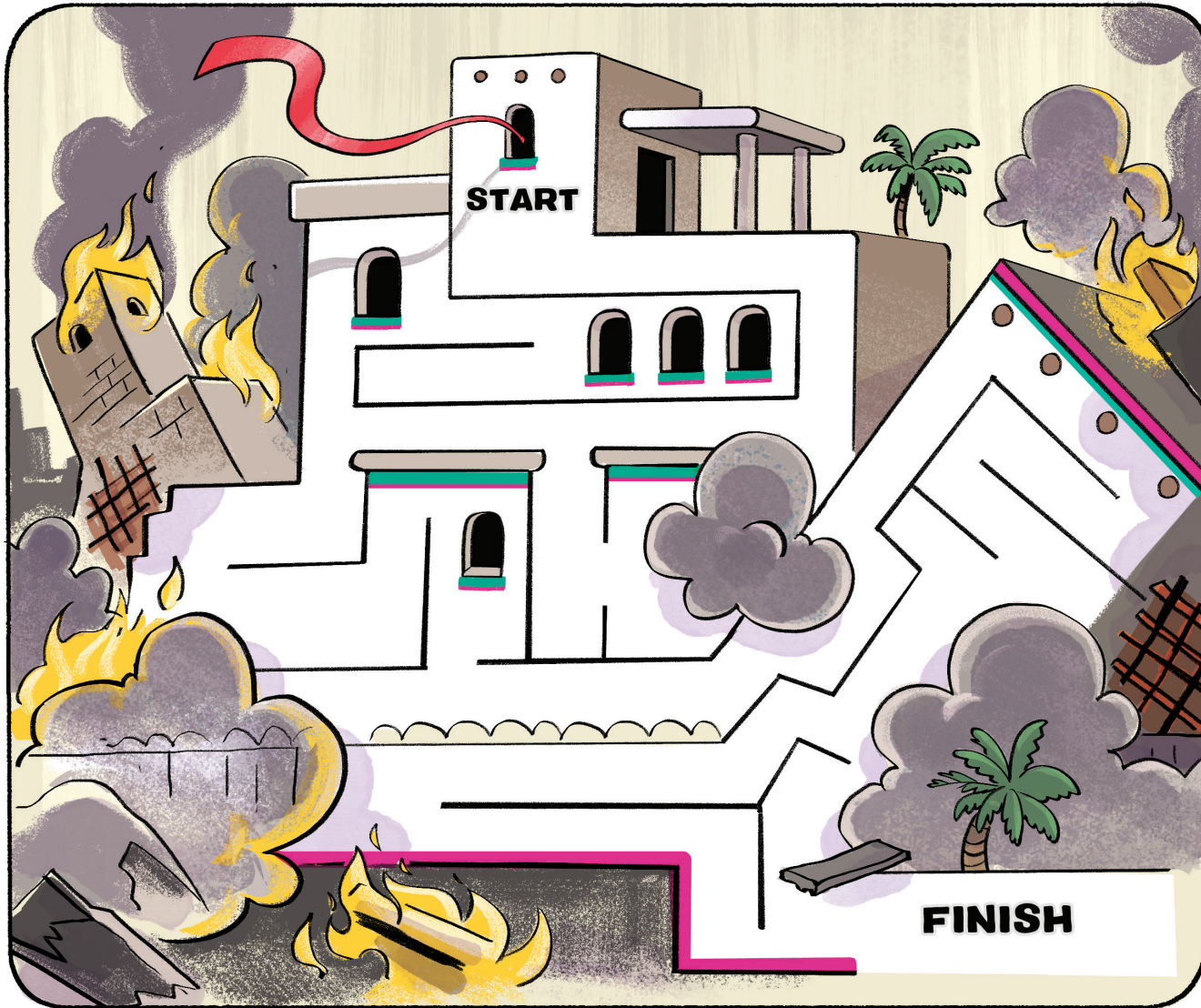
*Tap ruoy daeh.* (Pat your head.)

*Hcram ni ecalp.* (March in place.)

Say • Earlier, we learned about refugees. Refugees are people who have had to move to a new country because their home country is unsafe. Many refugees face challenges in their new home too. Can you imagine living where you do not understand the language? God may bring refugees and people from other countries to where we live too. Be on the lookout this week for friends from other places and take a minute to share God's love.

# Escape from Jericho

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Complete the maze to lead Rahab's family out of Jericho.



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## **BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:**

- Joshua sent two spies to Jericho.
- Rahab had faith in God and helped the spies.
- God brought down the walls of Jericho, but Rahab's family was spared.
- God's people were victorious over the people 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.

## **FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:**

- What does Rahab's story show us about God's love?
- How was faith important in this story?
- Why does God sometimes use methods that we don't understand?

## **FAMILY ACTIVITY:**

- Hold a competition to see who in your family can build the sturdiest tower using building blocks or interlocking bricks. Use books or other weights to see whose structure is the strongest. Discuss why only God could defeat Jericho.



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