

Preschool
The Battle of Jericho
Parent Devo & Bible Story

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.

PRESCHOOL BIBLE STORY

The Battle of Jericho

Joshua 2; 6

The Israelites finally got to 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 the people, and they had to win.

Before God's people went into the land, **Joshua sent two spies into the city of Jericho. The spies stayed at the house of a woman named Rahab (RAY hab). 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.**

When it was safe for the spies to leave, Rahab said, "Please be kind to my family because I have been kind to you. When you attack Jericho, please keep us safe." So the spies agreed, and they left Jericho. Rahab tied a bright red rope in her window so the Israelites would know where she lived.

Jericho had strong walls on every side, and nobody could go in or out. God told Joshua how to win against the people of Jericho. "March around the city one time each day for six days," God said. "On the seventh day, march around the city seven times. The priests should blow the trumpets, and all the people should shout. Then the walls of Jericho will fall down."

Joshua obeyed God. He 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. The Israelites were very quiet so no one inside the city would know they were there. On the second day, they marched quietly around the city again. They did this every day for six days.

On the seventh day, the Israelites got up early and marched around the city seven times. 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 destroyed everything in the city, but the two spies kept Rahab and her family safe.

Christ Connection: By faith Rahab believed God would win the battle, and she asked the spies to keep her safe. 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.

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."