

JOSHUA AND JERICO

Joshua 2-6



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Message	God gives victory to those who follow His instructions.
Learning Objectives	The children will learn: <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ God gave special instructions to Joshua so that the Israelites could do something very difficult.■ God gave the Israelites the victory.■ We want to fulfil God's will.
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Joshua and Jericho



Joshua secretly sent two men to Jericho. They were to find out how the Israelites could take over the city. The two men stayed at the house of a woman with a bad reputation. Her name was Rahab. She hid them on the roof of her home so they would be safe. The king of Jericho discovered that these spies were hiding in the city. The king sent messengers to Rahab's house and told her to hand over the men. Rahab told the king's messengers that the spies had already left the city. She continued to hide the men even though her life was in danger.

After the king's messengers had left her home, she went up to the roof and said to the men, "I know that God is on your side and has given this land to you.

Everyone here is afraid of you. We have heard how God parted the waters in the Red Sea when you escaped from Egypt. I have helped you. Now you must help me as well. Give me a sign that you will allow my entire family to live when you take over the city."

The men promised that her family would be safe. Rahab's house was very close to the city wall. She lowered the men by a rope through the window and helped them escape.

As they left, the men said to her, "Tie a red rope to the window we escape from and make sure your whole family is in the house when we take Jericho. Nothing will happen to you." Rahab tied the rope to the window.

Jericho appeared to be a strong city. No one could go in or out. God said to Joshua, "I am placing Jericho, together with the king and his armies, in your hands. You will march around the city with your army once each day for six days. Seven priests with seven trumpets will lead the way, followed by the Ark of the Covenant, and then the soldiers. On the seventh day, you will march around the city seven times and the priests will blow the trumpets. All the people then give a mighty shout. The walls of the city will fall and you will be able to take over the city." The Israelites circled the city once a day for six days.

On the seventh day, they circled Jericho seven times then the people let out a mighty cry as God instructed them. The walls fell, and the Israelites marched in and conquered the city. Joshua said to the two spies, "Go to Rahab's house. Keep her and her family safe, as you promised her."

Suggestions for the Teacher

Lead-In

Show the picture to the children. Discuss with them what they see. Ask what she/he may feel...
Let some of the children play the walking around Jericho in a role-play. Instruct them before.
Provide disguise / fancy dress, swords, (trumpets), a big box (the Ark of the Covenant).

Lesson Instructions

Begin telling the story...

Discuss with the children...

- Why does Rahab protect the two men?
(She believes that God is with the spies and that He will keep her and her family safe.)
- What do the Israelites do? (Their army marches around the city once each day for six days.)
- What happens on the 7th day?
(They march around the city seven times and blow the trumpets.)
- What is the result of this? (The walls of the city fall and they are able to take over the city.)
- Can you make the wall tumble down by marching around it and making a loud noise?
- Why do the walls tumble down? (Because Joshua fulfills what God told him to do.)

Have the children repeat...

- God gave special instructions to Joshua so that the Israelites could do something very difficult.
- God gave the Israelites the victory.
- We want to fulfil God's will.

Real-Life Application (explain the following)

- Because Joshua fulfilled what God told him to do the Israelites were victorious.
- Describe a situation when you listened to God's word and applied it to your life.
- How can we also overcome challenges in our lives with God's help?
(If we apply what we hear in the divine service, Sunday school.)

Repeat the Message
God gives victory to those who follow His instructions.