



At-A-Glance: Ages 10-12  
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua  
Unit 9, Lesson 47

## Joshua and Jericho

Lesson Aim: To identify which battles are the Lord's and to trust His plans for those battles.

### THE WELCOME

**MEET & GREET:** What is your favorite musical instrument?

**GAME:** Battle for the Wall

### THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SENDS

Read Worship Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:6.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

### THE WORD CONQUERING JERICHO

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent Rahab to help the spies.

Joshua (Circa 1450 B.C.). **Today, we will discover how God sent Joshua and His people to defeat the city of Jericho.** Point to Jericho. Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Joshua 5:13-15; 6:1-5, 8, 10, 14-16, 20, 23. Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Joshua 6:2. Pray.

**After wandering the desert for 40 years, God's people were ready to enter Canaan, the land He had promised them. They had to cross the Jordan River. God stopped the river from flowing and they crossed on dry ground. Their first challenge was to conquer Jericho. Around Jericho was a thick double wall. Let's read about God's unusual plan.** Read Joshua 5:13-15; 6:1-5, 8, 10, 14-16, 20, 23.

### THE WAY FIGHTING FOR GOD'S SIDE

**When Joshua neared Jericho, who stood in his way?** (Commander of the army of the Lord.) **What did he tell Joshua to do?** (Take off your sandals. You are standing on holy ground.) **Who else was told to take off his sandals because of holy ground?** (Moses at the burning bush.) **How do you think this gave Joshua courage to follow God's plan?**

**Was the commander of the Lord's army for the Israelites or their enemies?** (Neither.) **What's the difference between God being on the**

**Israelites' side and the Israelites being on God's side? God was doing more than just helping Israel win a battle; conquering the land He had promised them was part of His plan. This was God's battle and Israel was joining His side. Joshua would take his orders from God, not the other way around. If you were Joshua, how would this meeting have reminded you that God was in charge?**

**Are you in a battle or facing a challenge in your life? Your enemies are not always God's enemies. Ask God to show you if your battle is His battle. Ask God to help you stop any battles that are not led by Him. Ask Him to lead you to fight His battles only.**

**What did God say to carry?** (The ark of the covenant (golden ark).) **The ark held a jar of manna, Aaron's rod, and the Ten Commandments to remind the people of who God was and what He had done for them. Why do you think God wanted them to carry the golden ark? How might marching with the ark have given them courage? How might remembering God's miracles give you courage to trust God?**

**What was God's plan for conquering Jericho?** (March around the city once a day for six days; on the seventh day, march seven times; on the seventh time, give a loud shout.) **What might others have thought about God's unusual plan? Do you have an impossible problem in your life? What do you think His plan might be for your problem?**

### **CHRIST CONNECTION:**

**The Lord commissioned Joshua to follow his battle plan. Let's read the Great Commission that Jesus gave us.** Reveal Matthew 28:18-20. Find It First. Highlight. Read. **This is His plan for us to build His kingdom. What seems impossible about this plan? How have you followed this plan so far?**

**THE GOLDEN BOWL:** Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

### **FINAL FIVE MINUTES:**

- TREASURE TREAT: Kazoo
- W<sup>3</sup> BETWEEN THE LINES Journal Entry #47
- OFFERING OF ART: The Israelites marching around the wall of Jericho
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

### **GOT TIME?**

**SNACK:** Wall of Cookies

**CHALLENGE:** Ten Commandments

**CRAFT:** God's Plan Wall

**BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES:** The Wave, Manna Scrambler

**BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW**