



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 9, Lesson 47

Joshua and Jericho

Lesson Aim: To learn to trust
the plan God sends.

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 6:1-5, 8, 10, 14-16, 20. 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 to conquer Jericho. Read Joshua 6:1-5, 8, 10, 14-16, 20.

THE WAY TRUST GOD'S PLAN

In Bible times, an army would take over a city by fighting a battle. But God had a different plan for His people to take over Jericho. What are some of the things God told His people to do instead of fighting a battle? (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 do you think people thought about God's plan?**

In Joshua 6:2, God said, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands." God had taken over Jericho before He even told His people

to march around the city. They only had to trust Him and follow His plan. What did God say to carry? (The ark of the covenant (golden ark).) **The ark helped the people remember God was with them.**

I have a plan to help you safely walk around this room with your eyes closed. Will you trust me? Line up behind me, put your hands on the shoulders of the person in front of you, and close your eyes. Hold on tight and follow me. Lead the children once around the room.

Did you follow my plan? (Yes.) Could you see where I was taking you? (No.) Why did you follow me? (We trusted you.) No one had ever seen a plan like God's plan for conquering Jericho. Just as you trusted me, the Israelites had to have faith to follow God's plan.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

What does the word "faith" mean? Reveal Hebrews 11:1, 30. Read. **What is faith?** (Being sure of what we do not see.) **A few minutes ago, you could not see, but you trusted me to safely lead you. You had faith. You cannot see God, but He is really with you. When you trust God and obey His commandments, you are showing your faith in Him.**

God had a plan for His people to take over Jericho and He has a plan for you and me. Together, let's say His special plan for us. Recite the Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse.

God's people showed they had faith in God's plan by marching around Jericho. The priests had seven special trumpets they played. Let's show God we have faith in His plan for us by playing the Bible Memory Verse on our own "trumpets." Give each child a kazoo. Play the Unit 9 Bible Memory Verse Song while the children play along.

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

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Kazoo
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- 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

DISCUSSION: Joshua and the Commander

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Musical Chairs

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW