



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 9, Lesson 47

Joshua and Jericho

Lesson Aim: To trust God to do the impossible to accomplish His plan.

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 JERICO

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, 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 6:1-5, 8, 10, 14-16, 20, 23.

THE WAY TRUST GOD TO DO THE IMPOSSIBLE

In Bible times, how did armies usually take over a city? (Fight a battle.) **What was God's plan for 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 did God say He had already done?** (Given them the city.) **They only had to trust Him and follow His plan.**

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.

Why did you follow me? (We trusted you.) **No one had seen a plan like God's plan for conquering Jericho. Just as you trusted me when you could not see, they had to trust and follow God's plan.**

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 the Israelites to carry the golden ark? How might that have given the people courage? How might remembering God's miracles give you courage to trust God?**

Conquering Jericho seemed impossible. What do you think people might have thought about God's plan to give Jericho over to the Israelites without any battles? Do you have an impossible problem in your life right now? Do you think God has plans for solving your problem? What do you think His plan might be?

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Over 1400 years after God told Joshua of his seemingly impossible plan to conquer Jericho, God sent an angel to tell a young woman named Mary about another plan that sounded impossible. It was God's plan to save the world from sin. Let's read what the angel said. Reveal Luke 1:37. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

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. **What seems impossible about this plan? How has God helped you believe in His plan?**

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, Manna Scrambler

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW