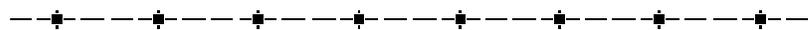


Old Testament

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Through the Old Testament in Two Years

Part One



Created for use with young, unchurched learners
Adaptable for all ages including adults

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Joshua and Jericho

Last week we learned that Rahab believed God would give Jericho to the Israelites. Rahab hid two Israelite spies and saved their lives. The spies agreed to save Rahab and her family.

Joshua 5-6

Read the Bible

READ: Joshua 6:1-16 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Memory Verse:

The people had faith.
So the walls of Jericho
fell down. It happened after
they had marched around
the city for seven days.
(Hebrews 11:30 NIRV)

Begin With Prayer

The people of Jericho knew that God's people were coming, so they closed the city gate. The gate was attached to a wall that went around the city. The wall was tall and wide. It looked like no one could get through to the city. (Joshua 6:1)

Then God spoke to Joshua. He told Joshua that He had a plan to help the people get into the city. Joshua's army would march around the city one time every day for six days. God told them to carry the ark in front of them. (Joshua 6:2-4) The ark held the gold jar of manna, Aaron's wooden staff that had budded, and the stone tablets with the Ten Commandments. (Hebrews 9:4)

Lesson Goals:

1. Understand that God gave Joshua specific instructions.
2. Learn that the people obeyed God.
3. Understand that the people believed God.
4. Recognize that God was faithful to do what He said He would do.

Then on the seventh day, they would march around the city wall seven times and then shout. The priests were to blow the trumpets as they marched around the city. They were going to hear a long blast and then they were supposed to shout. When they did that the walls of Jericho would fall. (Joshua 6:4-5)

Joshua called the priests. He had the priests get the Ark of the Covenant. He placed seven of the priests with seven trumpets in front of the ark. Then the fighting men were behind them. (Joshua 6:6-7)

On the first day, the Israelites marched around the city of Jericho one time. They were to remain silent as they marched around the city. (Joshua 6:8-10) They did this for six days. Finally on day seventh, they marched around the city seven times. Then the priests blew the trumpets with a long blast and the people shouted! (Joshua 6:8-16)

All of a sudden everyone heard rumbling, the walls were falling down!!

Joshua and Jericho — Bible Facts

1. The angel gave Joshua instructions for defeating Jericho.
2. Joshua gave the Israelites the instructions.
3. The Israelites believed and obeyed.
4. God was faithful and the walls of Jericho fell.

God had opened the city walls! God's army took the city. Rahab and her family were saved because they helped the two spies. She put a red cord outside her window and the army knew that she was the one that helped God. (Joshua 6:17-20)

Sounds like an amazing thing! "The people had faith. So the walls of Jericho fell down. It happened after they had marched around the city for seven days." (Hebrews 11:30 NIV) The people obeyed God. They followed His instructions and everything turned out just right. When we follow God's instructions in the Bible, things will be okay for us, too. We may not have everything we want, but God tells us that He will take care of His people. And that's a promise!

Review

1. **What did the angel say to Joshua?** (The angel gave Joshua instructions for defeating Jericho.)
2. **What did Joshua do?** (Joshua gave the Israelites the instructions.)
3. **What did the Israelites do?** (The Israelites believed and obeyed.)
4. **What did God do?** (God was faithful and the walls of Jericho fell.)

Do You Know Jesus?

We know that God takes care of us because He sent His Son for us. The Bible tells us that God loves us so much that He sent Jesus. (John 3:16) If we believe in Him, we will live forever with God in Heaven. Romans 10:9-10)

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to take away our sin.
3. Ask God to help you have faith in Him.
4. Pray for friends and family members who need to have faith in God.

Application

God gave Joshua specific instructions. Joshua relayed that information to the Israelites. They obeyed and believed God. The walls of Jericho fell just as God said they would. God wants us to obey and believe. He is faithful to what He says He will do.

Planning for the next week:

The Sun Stands Still — Joshua 10

Preschool Lesson

Read the Bible

READ: Joshua 6:1-16 (Hold your Bible open throughout the story.)

Teachers: Decorate a box to represent the Ark of the Covenant. Make trumpets out of paper towel tubes. Use them to tell the story. Have the children line up like the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant, the priests with the trumpets, and the fighting men.

The people of Jericho knew that God's people were coming, so they closed the city gate. The gate was attached to a wall that went around the city. The wall was tall and wide. It looked like no one could get through to the city.

Then God spoke to Joshua. He told Joshua that He had a plan to help the people get into the city. Joshua's army would march around the city one time every day for six days. (Count to six.) Then on the seventh day, they would march around the city wall seven times and then shout. (Count to seven.)

So just as God said, the army marched around the city along with seven priests and God's holy box. The priests blew their trumpets but everyone else was quiet.

Finally on day seven, they marched around the city seven times. Then the trumpets blew a long blast and the people shouted! (Have the kids march around a table seven times then shout!)

All of a sudden everyone heard rumbling, the walls were falling down!! God had opened the city walls!

God's army took the city. Rahab and her family were saved because they helped the two spies. She put a red cord outside her window and the army knew that she was the one that helped God.

Sounds like an amazing thing! Remember the people had to believe God and do what He said. The people obeyed God. They followed His instructions and everything turned out just right.

When we follow God's instructions in the Bible, things will be okay for us, too. We may not have everything we want, but God tells us that He will take care of His people. And that's a promise!

Sing the song:

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho
And the walls came tumbling down.

Prayer Time

1. Take a moment to listen to God.
2. Thank God for sending Jesus to take away our sin.
3. Ask God to help you have faith in Him.

Memory verse for younger children

The people had faith. So the walls of Jericho fell down. Hebrews 11:30

Learning Activities

•**Memory verse activity** — Make a Pretzel Wall. Lay pretzels on a pan. You may use frosting or marshmallow cream to glue the pretzels.) Write the verse with icing on the wall.

•**Test your memory** — Decorate a box to represent the Ark of the Covenant. Make trumpets out of paper towel tubes. Use them to tell the story. Have the children line up like the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant, the priests with the trumpets, and the fighting men.

•**Taste activity** —Use croutons and peanut butter to make a wall.

Bring “Bugle” corn snacks to remind the kids of the lesson.

Help the kids learn how to follow instructions by making a cake or other item. Talk about what happens if you do not follow the directions. Ask what would happen if you left out sugar etc. Share how God’s ways may seem unusual but HE knows and HE is in control.

•**Think about it** — It would have been so tempting to shout on the first day instead of waiting seven days. It would have been tempting to take things in Jericho that God told the people to leave alone. Ask the kids to think in their heads about something tempting for them. You may want to think of some situations that would be tempting and see how the group would handle them.

Bring a white board or chalk board. Have the kids list sins (wrongs). Now read the memory verse and erase the sins. Share how Jesus is the only one who can erase our sins.

•**Touch activity** — This is a fun story to act out. March around a cardboard wall (or wall of boxes) then knock them down after the 7th time!! (if boxes aren’t available, use a sheet and down the sheet after the 7th time around)

Make trumpets from paper tubes.

Watch “Josh and the Big Wall” Veggie Tale Video.

•**Run and play** — Play Jenga or Baby Jericho.

Play “God Says” like “Simon Says.” Talk about how God’s people were patient and did exactly what He said to do.

•**Listen** — As the children take time for silence, remind them that God wants us to listen to His instructions, obey Him, and have faith in Him.

•**Sing** — Sing “Have Faith in God,” “Joshua Fit the Battle of Jericho,” or another song related to the story.

•**Reach out** — During class, pray for kids that did not come today. Ask the children to go with you to deliver the handouts to those who were absent. Take some Bugle corn snacks for the children. Give them a copy of the memory verse.

Memory Verse

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Hebrews 11:30

Word Puzzle

Trace the letters.

The people
obeyed and
believed

Word Search

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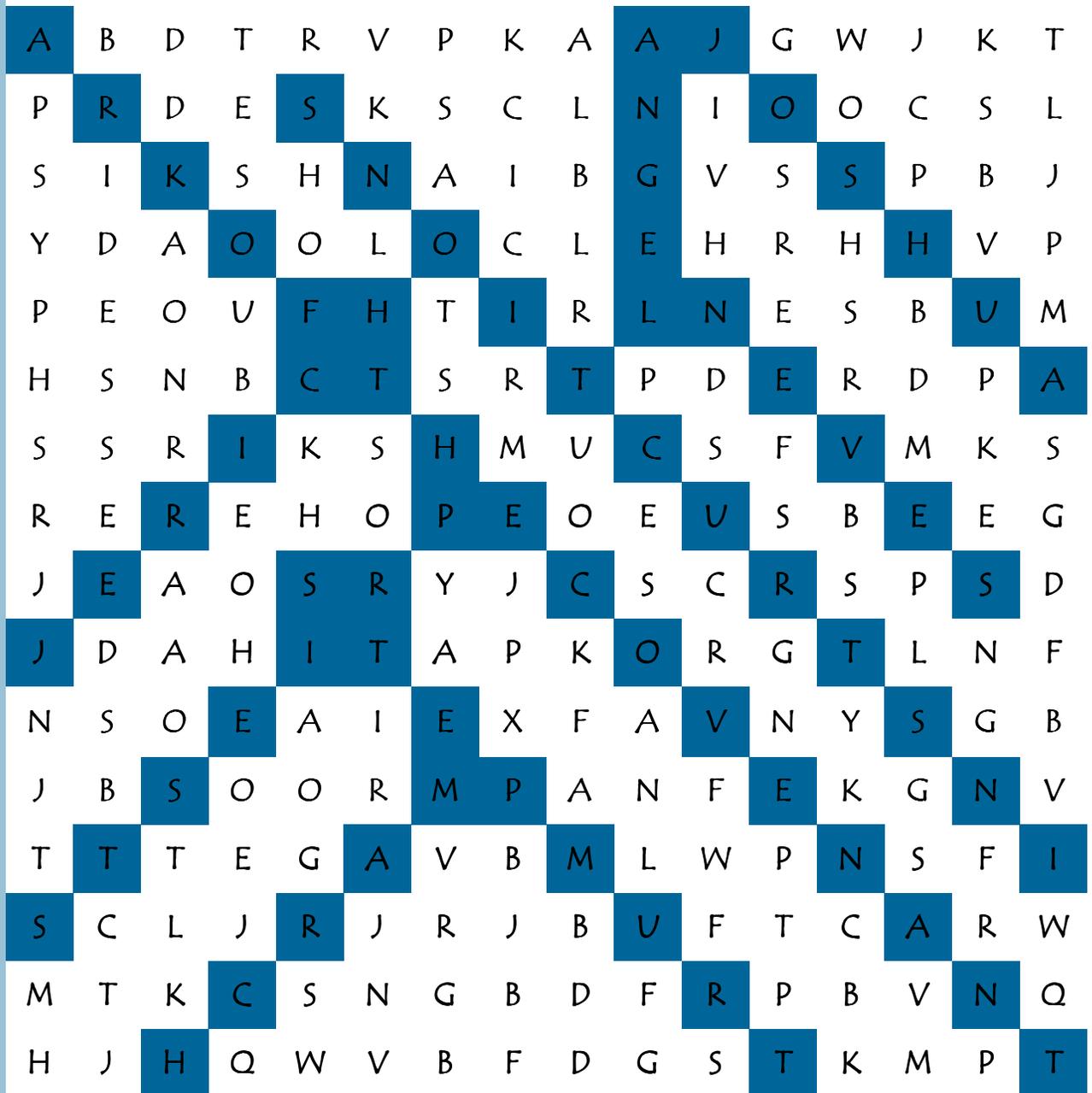
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