

ABCJesusLovesMe Sunday School Curriculum Example
Week 19: Battle of Jericho



Scripture: Joshua 6

Memory Verse: Psalm 37:7a - Rest in the LORD, and wait patiently for Him.

Tune: *Twinkle, Twinkle Little Stars (Shared by Amber)*

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him (patiently is sung quick)

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Psalm thirty seven verse seven

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Song: *I'm in the Lord's Army Traditional*

I may never march in the infantry (march)

Ride in the cavalry (pretend you're riding a horse)

Shoot the artillery (clap hands together and move one hand into the air like a missile)

I may never fly o'er the enemy (fly like a bird)

But I'm in the Lord's army (point to self and then up to God)

I'm in the Lord's army, yes, sir! (salute)

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Choose the activities that
are best for your children
and situation.

Comprehension Questions:

What city were the Israelites marching around?

Do you think the people got tired marching around the city?

What happened to the walls of Jericho?

How did the walls fall down? (God made the walls fall down, the people obeyed by walking around the walls)



Snack Options:

Bugles Corn Chips

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Week 19: Activities



Activity:

Building Walls: Just as last week, write the name Jericho on a piece of paper. Give the children large blocks or boxes to build tall walls around “Jericho.” Explain that Jericho was surrounded by tall, strong walls. (Do this prior to telling the Bible Story.)

March Around the Wall: After learning the Bible story, instruct the children to march around the walls seven times and sing “Around the Walls of Jericho” or pretend to play trumpets. Ask a child to tell you what happened to the walls after the Israelites marched. Before allowing them to knock the walls down, demonstrate how to knock down the walls so the blocks don’t get destroyed or a child get hurt.

Beat the Timer: Set a timer for 10 seconds and see if everyone can be patient and wait for the timer to go off before moving or talking. Slowly increase the time to see how long the children can sit quietly. *Don’t allow one child to ruin this game for others. It may be necessary to have those who talk sit out allowing other to continue playing.*

Song:

Around the Wall of Jericho

Tune: Mulberry Bush

Around the walls of Jericho
Jericho, Jericho
Around the walls of Jericho
The Israelite army went.



Hear the people give a shout
Give a shout, give a shout
Hear the people give a shout
The walls came tumbling down.

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Additional Ideas:

- ABCJLM Ideas: ABCJesusLovesMe.com/ideas/battle-of-jericho
- View practical videos with ideas of how to Teach the Bible to Children -TinyURL.com/ABCJLM-Teach-Bible

Additional teaching ideas
are available on the
ABCJLM website.

Week 19: Bible Time

The flannelgraph provides a visual component, but is 100% optional.



Supplies:

- Bible
- 2" Long Red Ribbon

Flannelgraph:

- Water/Sky Board with Land, S8-9
- Joshua - 28
- Priests - 37, 39
- Army - 87
- Jericho - 204
- Trumpets - 268A

Last week we learned the true story from the Bible about Rahab and two spies whom Joshua sent to search Jericho. The spies told Rahab to hang a red rope from her window so that when the Israelites came back to Jericho, they would know where Rahab's house was and keep her and her family safe.

After the spies were safely home, God told Joshua - the leader of the Israelites, God's people – that it was time for them to take over Jericho. But raise your hand and tell me the big problem that what would keep the Israelites from taking over Jericho. Jericho was surrounded by very tall and strong walls.

But as we have learned, God doesn't always do things in a normal way. God wanted the Israelites to be patient and watch what He would do!

God told Joshua, "You and your fighting men take hammers and start beating down the walls." Actually, no. That is not what God said. Instead God told Joshua to march the army around Jericho. March for six days in a row. The priests would lead the army blowing trumpets. But the rest of the Israelite army couldn't talk at all. All they could do was march.

Pick volunteers. You are going to be the priests and while we march, you will blow your pretend trumpets.

The rest of you, stand as we are going to be the Israelite army. March, march, march, march, stop....Day 1....March, march, march, march, stop....Day 2... [continue].

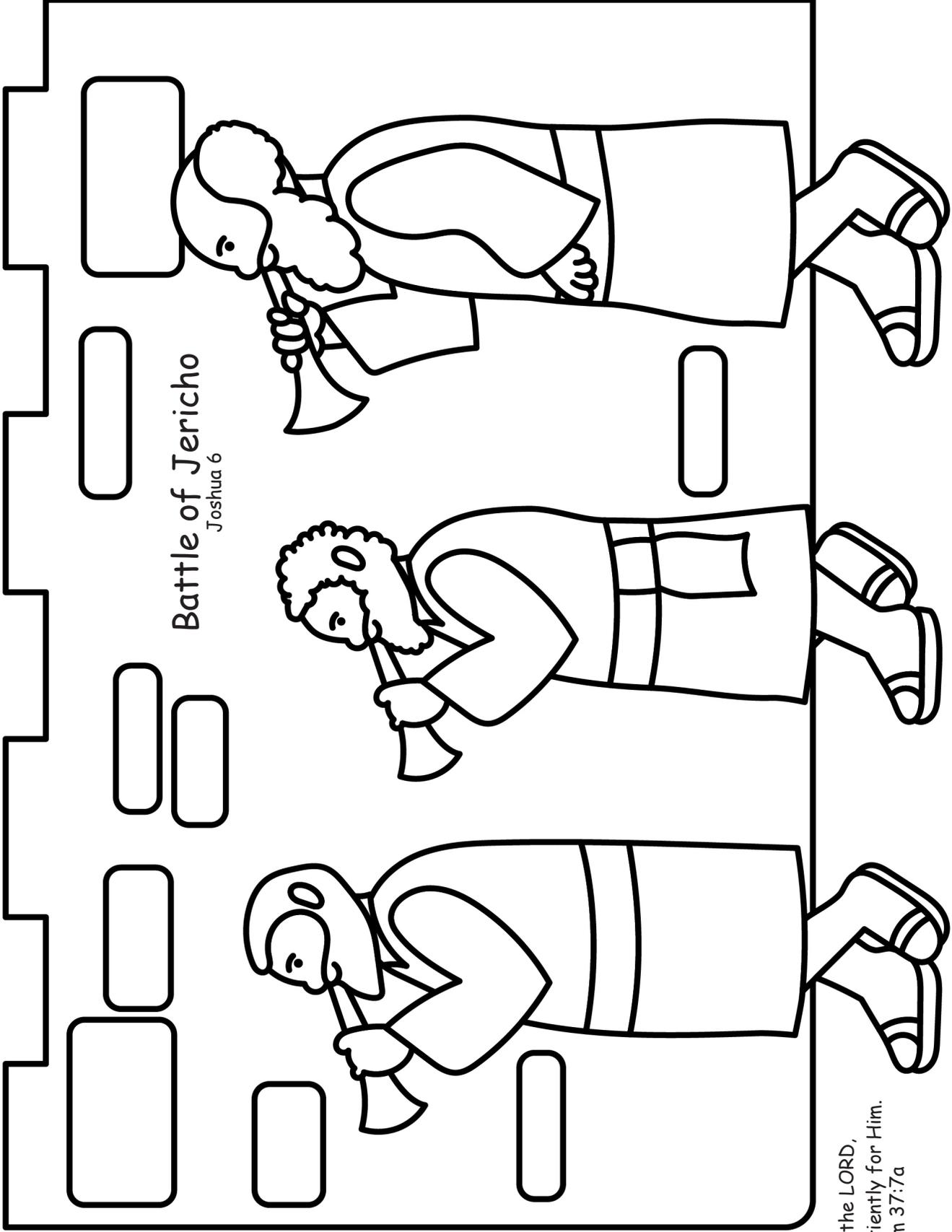
On the 7th day, God told the Israelite army to march around the city and blow their horns seven times. But when they heard a long blast on the trumpets, everyone was to shout.

Again our priests will blow their horns. But the army is going to be completely silent until a long trumpet sound is heard. March, march, march, march, stop....Day 1....March, march, march, march, stop....Day 2.... [continue]. Long sound (buh, buh, be, bum) ...Now, silent scream. And the walls came tumbling down! The Israelite army rushed in and took over the city. The end.

Oh wait...Remember the woman Rahab who lived in Jericho from last week's story? She obeyed the spies and hung a red rope from her window. The spies kept their promise and protected Rahab and her family exactly as they said they would.

If God told me to march around a city without talking for seven days, I would grow impatient very quickly. But the Israelites trusted God and waited patiently for Him.

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