



Unit 8, Session 2

The Battle of Jericho

Joshua 2; 6

Story Point: God brought down the walls of Jericho.

The Israelites finally arrived at the promised land. Now God's people had to go to battle against their enemies, and they had to win. Joshua sent two spies into Jericho. The spies stayed at the house of a woman named Rahab. Rahab had heard about God and believed in Him. She wanted to help His people. When the king of Jericho was looking for the spies, she hid the men on her roof. Rahab said, "Please be kind to my family since I have been kind to you. When you attack Jericho, please do not kill us." So the spies promised to keep Rahab and her family safe, and they left Jericho. Rahab tied a red rope in her window so the Israelites would know which house she lived in.

God told Joshua to lead the people to march around the city one time each day for six days. On the seventh day, they would march around the city seven times, and the

priests would blow the trumpets. All the people would shout, and the walls of Jericho would fall down. Then the Israelites could go into the city and take over. So they marched one time every day for six days.

On the seventh day, the Israelites got up early and marched around the city seven times. The people shouted, and the wall fell down flat. The Israelites went into the city and captured it. They kept Rahab and her family safe because she had helped the spies.

Christ Connection: By faith Rahab believed God would win the battle, and she asked the spies to show mercy to her family and keep them safe. When the Israelites attacked Jericho, Rahab and her family received mercy and became part of God's people. Jesus has won against sin and death. Everyone who trusts in Jesus receives mercy and becomes part of God's family forever.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Use these words to fill in the missing portions of the Bible story: *Jericho, march, Rahab, seven, shout, trumpets, two, walls.*

Joshua sent _____ spies into Jericho to see what it was like. The spies stayed at the house of a woman named _____. Rahab wanted to help God's people. She said, "When you attack _____, please do not kill us." So the spies promised to keep Rahab and her family safe. God told Joshua to lead the people to _____ around the city one time each day for six days. On the seventh day, they would march around the city _____ times, and the priests would blow the _____. All the people would _____, and the _____ of Jericho would fall down.

- What does this story teach us about God?

- What was surprising about God's battle plan?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Who showed faith in today's Bible story? How can we show faith?
- How did God's plan for the Israelites to take over Jericho bring Him glory?
- How does God fight for us today?

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APPLY the Story

- Find Deuteronomy 31:8 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for providing for you and your family. If you have a specific need, ask God to provide and then trust Him to do it.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Hebrews 11:30-31 | <input type="checkbox"/> James 2:25 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deuteronomy 20:4 | <input type="checkbox"/> Mark 11:22-24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 21:31 | <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 28:5 |