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BIBLE STORYLINE

The Fall of Jericho

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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're talking about a famous story in the Bible. We're going to learn about the fall of Jericho. Jericho was the town where Rahab lived. We talked about her last time. Jericho was a city the Israelites needed to conquer in order to get to the Promised Land. Jericho was surrounded by big walls to keep the enemy out. So, God gave Joshua very clear instructions as to how they would take the city. But, God's plan wasn't to bring in big tanks to plow through the walls or even to bring weapons. God's instructions were simply for the soldiers to march around the city every day for 6 days. On the 7th day, they were to march while some men blew horns. Then, they were to yell really loud and the walls would come down. Now, for Joshua and his soldiers, this was a weird plan. Soldiers were supposed to fight the enemy, not just march. But, this is the plan God gave them and their job was to obey it. And guess what? The plan worked! The walls fell and the Israelites took Jericho. Here's the point. When God is on our side, we won't lose any battle.

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: If you were Joshua leading an army into battle, what instructions would you give the soldiers to ensure a successful mission?** (Tip: You'd want to make sure you had the right weapons, a good plan and the right amount of people. God's plan for Jericho seemed a little crazy but it worked!)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **To prove his power and authority.** (God's plan for Jericho could have been to take the city by fighting and destroying the city with fire. But, then the men might have thought that they conquered the city on their own without God. Instead, God's plan was clearly to show that God was in charge-that he could make city walls fall just from marching and shouting.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** What was God's plan for defeating Jericho? How did God's plan prove his power? **4-5th** How can you remember to give God credit for the successes in your life?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read [John 14:27](#). These are Jesus' words to us. What do you think peace of mind and heart means? Why don't we need to be afraid?** (Answer: Think of your best day ever. You probably felt relaxed, happy and had no fear. That's what God's peace is like. His peace gives us confidence to face any challenge because we know he'll be with us.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Big Idea

We only win battles when we trust God's plan.

Key Question

Why do you think God chose to defeat Jericho this way?

Memory Verse

2 Chronicles 20:15 "Do not be afraid! Don't be discouraged by this mighty army, for the battle is not yours, but God's."

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: KNOCK DOWN THE WALL BOWLING GAME

Instructions:

- Before playing, tape two lines at one end of the room. Divide the class into two teams. Give each team solo cups. Have the teams build a wall of cups at the other end of the room across from one of the taped lines. Give each team a small ball.
- Ask a question from below, first team to raise their hand gets a chance to answer. If correct, that team gets to roll the ball to try to knock part of the other team's wall down. Keep playing until all the questions have been asked. (Rebuild the wall if it gets totally knocked down before the end)

Questions:

1. What was the name of the town? (Jericho)
2. What surrounded the town? (Wall)
3. Where did Jesus die for our sins? (Cross)
4. Who was the leader of the people? (Joshua)
5. T or F: The people also brought weapons. (F)
6. What were they supposed to do for 6 days? (March around the city)
7. What were they supposed to do on the 7th day? (March and blow horns, yelling)
8. T or F: With God, all things are possible. (T)
9. Is this story in the OT or NT? (OT)
10. From what book is our Memory verse found? (2 Chronicles)

Supplies needed: Tape, Solo Cups, 2 small balls

OPTION 2: FALL OF JERICHO TRUMPET CRAFT

Instructions:

- Give each kid a Trumpet template (page 5). Have them color their trumpet and then have them glue the Big Idea and Memory verse onto their trumpet.
- Then, give them some string and have them tape the string to each end of the trumpet to make a strap.
- As they work, read the story from Joshua 6:1-5. Remind the kids that we will win the battles of life when we trust in God's plan. If you have time, have the kids reenact the story by marching around the room and blowing their horns.

Supplies needed: Trumpet template (pg. 5, precut, 1 set per kid), Crayons, Glue, String (cut into 15 in. pieces, 1 per kid), Tape

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God gave Joshua some pretty crazy instructions, but when he followed them something incredible happened!

Key Points:

- God told Joshua to take the city of _____ . Joshua 6:2
- God gave Joshua a _____ battle plan. Joshua 6:3-5
- Joshua did what God said and the wall of Jericho _____ . Joshua 6:20
- We only win battles when we trust _____ plan.

Memory Verse:

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Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *If you were Joshua leading an army into battle, what instructions would you give the soldiers to ensure a successful mission?*
3. *What was the name of the town the Israelites needed to conquer?*
4. *What did God tell Joshua and his men to do? How many times were they supposed to march around the city?*
5. *Read John 14:27. These are Jesus' words to us. What do you think peace of mind and heart means? Why don't we need to be afraid?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Color the picture.

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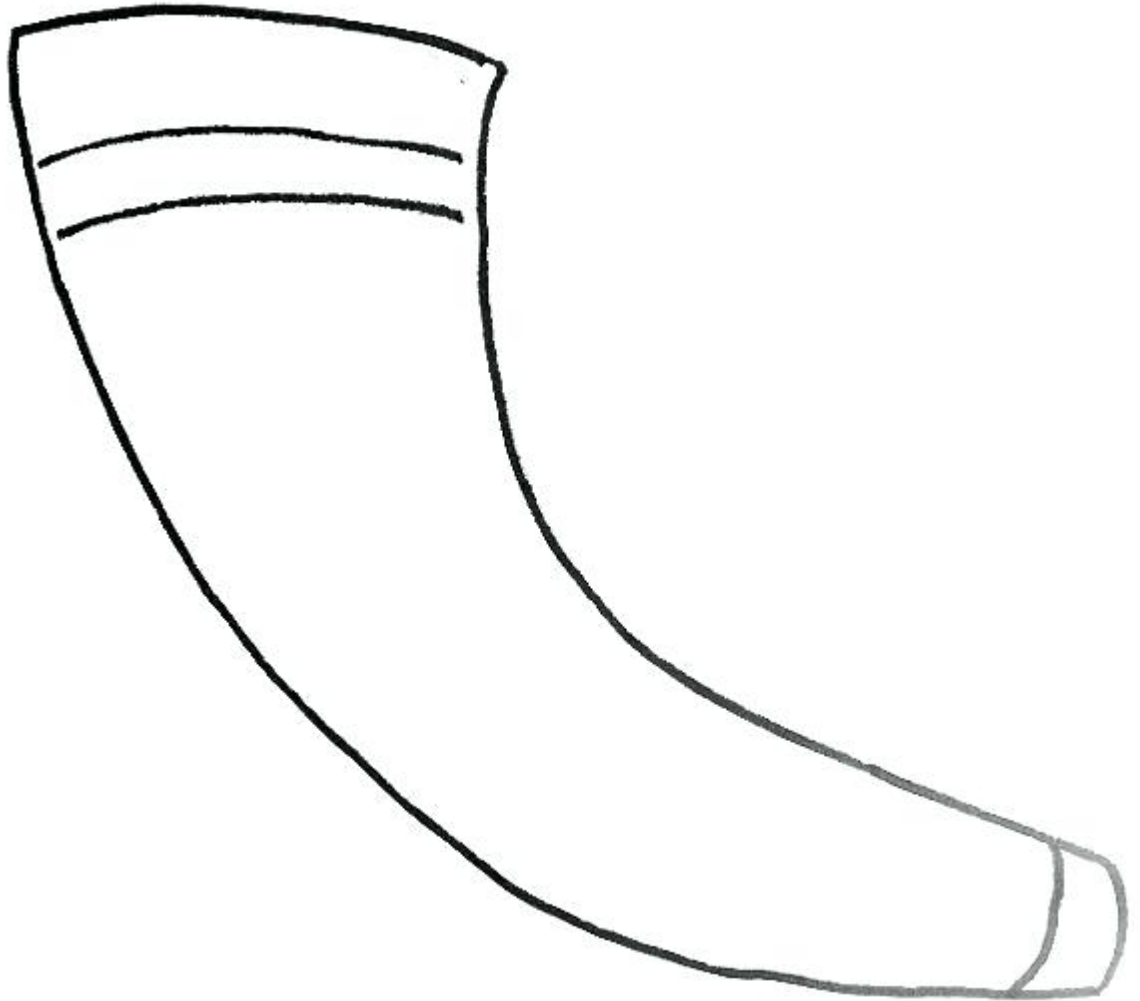
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