

When finished with activities, return all necessary items to bag and place in the hallway for pick-up.

Program C-1

The Walls Fall Down

Joshua 6:1-20

Joshua Series: Lesson #2

Bible Verse: Obey the LORD God. Deut. 27:10
The LORD will do wonders among you. Joshua 3:5

Bible Story for children:

Focus on: Always obey God, even if it seems strange.

Prop ideas: Ram's Horn / Blocks

SAMPLE STORY

The people of Israel were finally in the Promised Land. God had first told Abraham that the land would belong to him and his descendents, (his children and their children and their children and so on). Hundreds of years later they were finally there. All the tribes of Israel were camped outside the city of Jericho. This was the first city God told them to take over.

Jericho was a city full of people who did not love God and did not worship Him. They worshiped false gods and idols. A big wall made of huge rocks and stones surrounded the city. The people closed up all the gates and did not let anyone go in or out. They wanted to keep the Israelites out so that they could not destroy their city. How would the people of Israel get in? What would they do?

God gave some special instructions to Joshua. They sounded strange, but Joshua knew he should always obey God. God told Joshua to have all the fighting men march around the city walls. Seven priests should carry trumpets of ram's horns in front of the Ark of the Covenant. For six days they would march around the city **one time**, while blowing the trumpets. But, the fighting men were to be quiet. They should not shout any war cries, should not raise their voices or even say a word.

The people trusted God and they obeyed His instructions. For six days the priests and fighting men marched around the city walls just one time. The priests blew their trumpets and everyone else was quiet, just as God had told them. On the seventh day, God told them to march around the city

PAPER SACK WALLS

Materials: Grocery Sacks
Newspaper
Stapler

(In room)

Do: Let the children crinkle the newspaper into large wads and fill a grocery sack. (You will need about 8 pieces of paper per child). Fold the top of the sack down and make creases on the top of the bag to shape like a block. Staple in place.
Make one block per child.
Use in the next activity.

Talk About: The city of Jericho was surrounded by a wall of rocks and stones. We can build a wall with our paper sack blocks.

Optional: Allow children to decorate bags before filling and stapling together.

MARCHING GAME

Materials: Paper Sack Blocks and Horns from previous activities
String or yarn (Optional)

Do: Stack the paper sack blocks to make a wall. (You will probably not have enough to make a circular wall like a city wall. Just stack them together so that they can fall down).

While blowing their horns, have the children walk around the wall of stones one time and return to camp. (Sit down away from wall). If some do not want to blow horns they can be the fighting men and be quiet as they march.

Repeat five times, returning to camp each time. (Use the opportunity to practice counting).

On the 'seventh day,' march around six times only blowing the horns. On the seventh time around, blow the horns and let the fighting men shout. You can then knock down the wall. (Or let them take turns knocking it down).

Talk About: God had specific instructions for the Israelites. They had to march around the city one time each day for six days. On the seventh day they marched seven times. God was the one who knocked down the walls.

Optional: For the creative engineers, attach a piece of string to an edge of one of the blocks. Place that block on the bottom towards to center. Stretch the string out, but keep flush with the floor. Be certain it is not a tripping hazard as the children march around the wall.

Pull the string to make the wall tumble after everyone shouts on the seventh time around on the seventh 'day.'