

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

Program C-2

## 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

**seven times** in the same way as before, with the priests sounding the horn. On the seventh time around, as the priests blew the horns, Joshua told the people to shout. He said, “Shout! For the **LORD** has given you the city.” They did just as Joshua had said and an amazing thing happened. The city walls fell down! The fighting men ran into the city and defeated the people of Jericho. The city was destroyed.

Can you believe it? All they had to do was obey God and walk around the city. And God made the walls fall down. What do you think would have happened if they had not obeyed God? What if they had thought that the instructions were so silly and there was no way they could defeat the people of Jericho just by marching and blowing horns? Sometimes we do not understand God and His ways, but we should always obey Him. If we “Obey the **LORD** God,” (Deut. 27:10) then, “The **LORD** will do wonders among you.” (Joshua 3:5)

FYI

First Session Classes will be:

- Making a Ram’s Horn
- Making Paper Sack Walls
- Playing a Marching Game

## BUILDING WITH BLOCKS

Materials: Blocks (In room)

Do: Build a walled city. It should not be high, but can cover a large area. Let them knock it down. Some children may not want their work knocked down. Be sure everyone respects his or her wishes.

Talk About: Jericho had a big wall around the whole city. It was to protect the people against invaders. The wall was not strong enough to keep out God’s people when they obeyed Him.

## COLORING PAGE

Jericho’s Walls Fall Down

Materials: Jericho’s Walls Fall Down Coloring Page  
Bible Verse Stickers  
Crayons/markers (In room)

Do: Give everyone a page to color.  
Help them write their names on the page.  
Add a Bible verse sticker.

Talk About: The priests blew trumpets or ram’s horns as they marched around the wall. They obeyed God even though it sounded strange.

## SINGING AND PRAISING

Teacher Extra: Bring a CD with the song “Joshua fought the Battle of Jericho”

Materials: None

Do: Gather children for a time of singing.

### Joshua Fought the Battle

*You can walk in a circle as you sing, fall down when you sing “tumblin’ down.” Get back up when you repeat the chorus.*

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho,  
Jericho, Jericho,  
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho,  
And the walls came tumblin’ down!  
(Repeat after each verse)

You may talk about your men of Gideon,  
You may talk about your men of Saul,  
But there’s none like good ol’ Joshua  
At the Battle of Jericho

Right up to the walls of Jericho  
They marched with spear in hand;  
“Go blow them ram horns,” Joshua cried  
“Cause the battle is in my hand.”

Then the lamb, ram sheep horns began to blow,  
And the trumpets began to sound,  
Joshua told the children to shout that mornin’  
And the walls came tumbling down.

### The B-I-B-L-E

The B-I-B-L-E, yes that’s the  
book for me;  
I stand alone on the word of  
God, The B-I-B-L-E

### Trust and Obey

Trust and obey,  
For there’s no other way  
To be happy in Jesus,  
But to trust and obey.

### Ring Around the Rosy

Ring around the rosy,  
Pocket full of posy,  
Ashes, ashes we all fall down!

### God Is So Good

God is so good (3X)  
He’s so good to me

He loves me so (3X)  
He’s so good to me

He answers prayer (3X)  
He’s so good to me

### My God is So Big

My God is big, so strong and so mighty!  
There’s nothing my God cannot do! (2x)  
He made the trees, He made the seas;  
He made the elephants, too!  
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty!  
There’s nothing my God cannot do!

My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!  
There’s nothing my God cannot do! (2x)  
The mountains are His, the rivers are His;  
The stars are His handiwork, too,  
My God is so great, so strong and so mighty!  
There’s nothing my God cannot do! (2x)  
FOR YOU! (*Shout*)