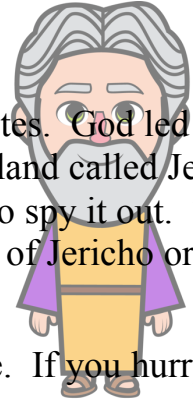


Joshua

After Moses died, a man named Joshua became the ruler of the Israelites. God led them to the land he had promised them, and he led them to a city in the promised land called Jericho. The city was protected by high walls, so Joshua sent two spies into Jericho to spy it out. They stayed at the house of a lady named Rahab. While they were there, the king of Jericho ordered his soldiers to hurt the spies, but Rahab hid the spies on her roof.



JOSHUA

When the soldiers came by, Rahab said, “The spies have already gone. If you hurry, you might catch them!” So the soldiers ran off.

Before the spies went to sleep for the night, Rahab went up to the roof. She said to them, “I know the Lord has given this land to your people. Everyone living in this land is afraid of you because we have heard how the Lord dried up the Red Sea when you came out of Egypt. Our men are afraid to fight you because the Lord your God rules the heavens above and the earth below! So now, promise me before the Lord that you will show kindness to my family just as I showed kindness to you. Allow my father, mother, brothers, sisters, and all of their families to live. Save us from death.”

They said to Rahab, “Thank you for helping us. When we come back, we promise to save you and your family. When we return to this land, you must tie this red rope and hang it down from the window. Bring your father, mother, brothers, and all your family into your house and we will save them all.

After the spies were safely home, God told Joshua, “March your army around Jericho with the priests blowing their horns. Do this once a day for six days. On the seventh day, have your army march around the city seven times with the priests blowing their trumpets, and then have your people shout as loud as they can!

Joshua did exactly as God said.

The soldiers marched around Jericho with the priests blowing their trumpets for six days. They did this once a day for six days. On the seventh day they did just as God commanded. They marched around the city seven times with the priests blowing their horns and then the people shouted as loud as they could. Then the great walls of Jericho came tumbling down!

Then the people of God rushed in and took over the city of Jericho, and the spies remembered their promise to Rahab! Joshua said to the two men who had spied out the land, “Go into Rahab’s house. Bring her out and bring out her family, because of the promise you made to her.” So the two men went into the house and brought out Rahab, her father, mother, brothers, and all those with her. They put all of her family in a safe place outside the camp of Israel. Joshua saved Rahab, her family, and all who were with her, because Rahab had helped the men he had sent to spy out Jericho. Rahab still lives among the Israelites today.

So the Lord was with Joshua, and Joshua became famous through all the land.

Joshua Puppet Script

When God's people came to the promised land
A man named Joshua was in command. (Joshua appears RIGHT)
The first thing he saw in the valley below
Was a pretty little town called Jericho. (Jericho sign appears LEFT)

Two spies were sent to spy out the land (2 spies move to LEFT)
A lady named Rahab gave them a hand. (appears to their LEFT)
On her roof she hid them to keep them well, (throw cloth over spies)
When the evil men came she didn't tell. (evil men appear to LEFT of Rahab, look around a bit and leave)

The spies were grateful for Rahab's aid. (take cloth off spies)
To save her and her family a promise they made.
"When we come back to take over this town
A piece of red rope out your window let down." (let red rope down)

"Your father and mother and brothers and you
Will not die that day, God's promise is true."



So early one morning, God's Word on their mind
The people and Joshua a victory to find. (Joshua appears RIGHT)
First came the soldiers leading the way (soldiers appear LEFT of Joshua)
Next came the priests with trumpets to play. (priest appear on RIGHT of Joshua)

Round the fair city, God's people they walked (Walk LEFT, disappear, appear RIGHT and repeat)
The priests blew their trumpets, the soldiers never talked.
For six full days, they marched round the town.
On the 7th things changed, as again they marched round.

Seven times the 7th day, they marched round the wall
With trumpets and shouts, the bricks they did fall. (wall begins to break)
The win was the Lord's, and the walls tumbled down, (walls go down)
Rahab was safe, (Rahab appears behind her rope) with God they were sound.

God's ways not like ours, a much better plan (all puppets appear and say this)
He works for the good, if we walk hand in hand. (puppets disappear)

“Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho” Song

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumbling down

When good old Moses work was done
God looked around and saw
A brave young man to take his place
And his name was Joshua

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumbling down

Now Joshua he had his spies
And he sent them to the town
And Rahab hid them on her roof
So the spies could not be found!

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumbling down

Now Rahab got those spies away
She led them to the ground
They said that they'd come back for her
If a red rope she let down.

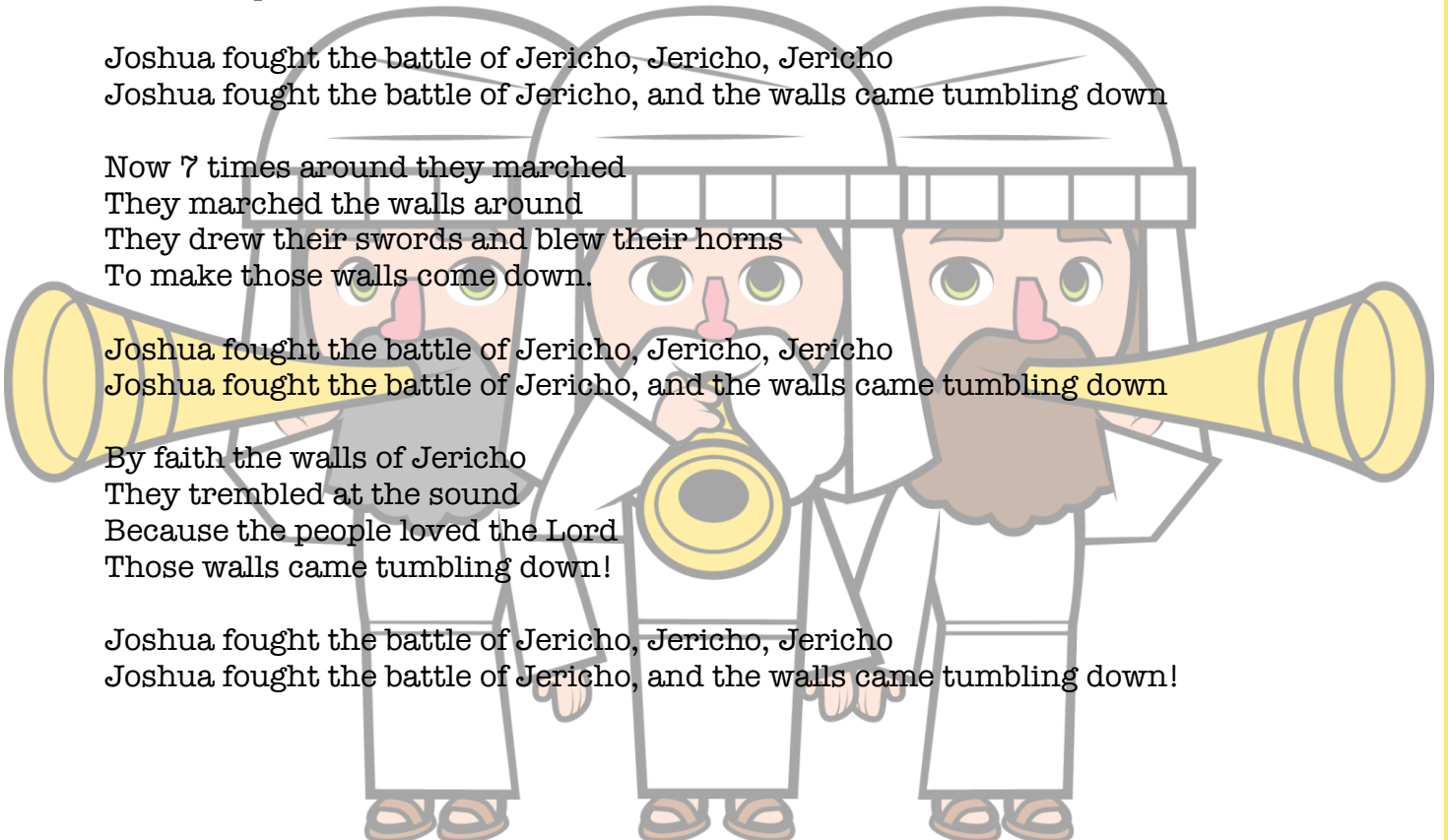
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumbling down

Now 7 times around they marched
They marched the walls around
They drew their swords and blew their horns
To make those walls come down.

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumbling down

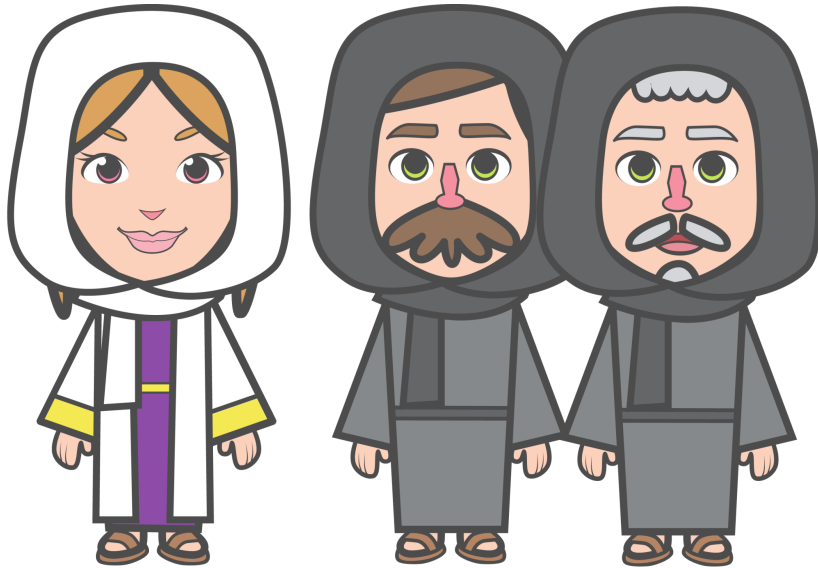
By faith the walls of Jericho
They trembled at the sound
Because the people loved the Lord
Those walls came tumbling down!

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumbling down!



Joshua

Memory Verse



RAHAB

SPIES

“By faith Rahab did not die
because she received the spies in
peace.”

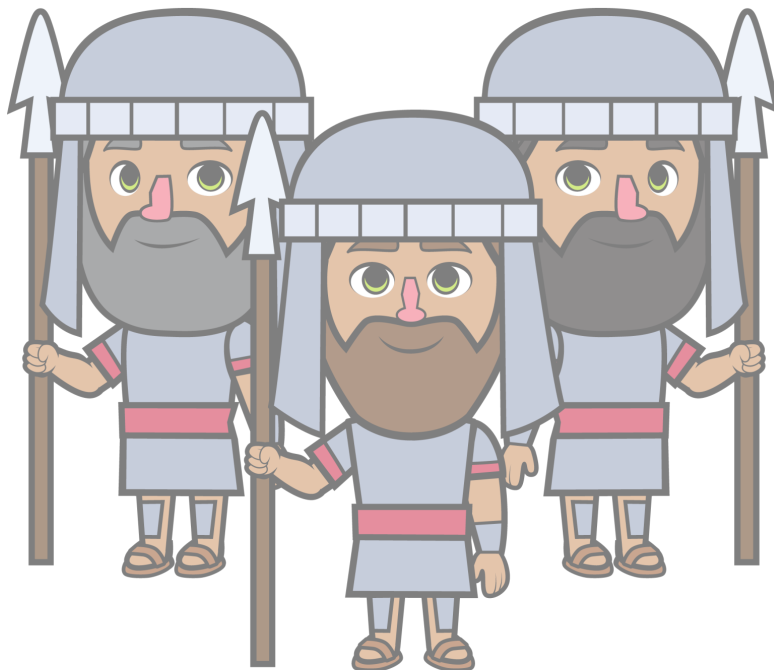
Hebrews 11:31

Joshua and the Battle of Jericho

Application Questions

God was with Joshua, and he defeated Jericho!

1. How many times each day did Joshua and his army march around Jericho (7)
2. Why do you think they didn't fight with swords? (God wanted them to understand that the battle belonged to him)
3. What did they do to make noise? (the priests blew their trumpets and on the last day they shouted)
4. The spies remembered Rahab and saved her family. Is it important to remember promises we make to people? (yes, various answers)
5. The spies saved Rahab and her family from dying when the walls of Jericho fell because she helped the spies. Does God save people today who follow him? (yes)
6. Joshua and his men obeyed exactly what the Lord told them to do. Do you try to obey your parents and your teachers when they tell you to do something exactly? (yes, my mommy has a special place for my toys, my shirts go in a special drawer)
7. We obey our parents and our teachers. Who else should we obey? (God, the Bible)



Joshua Craft & Activity Ideas



Make the walls of Jericho with any kind of square cracker or cookie! Love the Bugles for trumpets!

<https://www.pinterest.com/pin/817403401089075394/>



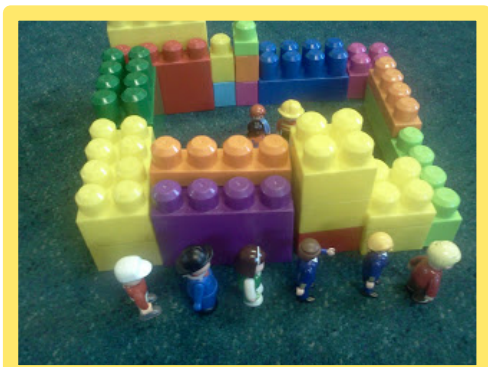
Kids love to act out the battle of Jericho! Set up blocks for the walls of Jericho! Any blocks will do!

<https://www.allfreekidscrafts.com/Sunday-School-Crafts/The-Walls-Came-Tumbling-Down#TMRuwCxzoRDmoq20.32>



Make Rahab's red rope out of braided yarn!

<https://embraceenthusiasm.net/>



Build the walls of Jericho with Lego's!

<http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/2012/10/joshua-and-walls-of-gericho-with-3-5s.html>



Decorate a sheet of paper, roll it up and tape it to make special horn!

<http://ididityoudoit.blogspot.com/2013/10/joshuas-marching-horn.html?m=1>



Make the spies binoculars out of toilet paper rolls and rope or string! Have your kids "spy out the land" in and around your house!

Fun!!!

<https://craftingthewordofgod.com/tag/spies/>

Joshua



After the death of Moses, Joshua led the Hebrews in their battles for the Promised Land.