



Sunday Resources for July 12, 2020

Lesson: *Thee Warrior Leader* from the Jesus Storybook Bible, pages 108-115
Joshua and the Battle of Jericho, from Joshua 3 & 6

Aim: To understand that Joshua and the people obeyed God and that God won the battle for them.

Questions:

- Who was Joshua? What was his job? *Joshua was the new leader. His name means the Lord Saves. His job was to lead the people out of the desert and into the land that God promised them.*
- What was the problem with their new land? *The new land was Jericho, and it was a fortress with large walls. They couldn't enter their promised land!! God would need to help them!*
- What was God's battle plan? Was it a normal battle plan? *The plan was about trusting God, and doing what God says. It wasn't about swords and fighting. God's plan was to have them march around the city. They marched and waited. On the last day they marched seven times and yelled really loudly.*
- What was God's promise? *Obey him and his plans, and their life would go really well.*
- Did the Israelites follow this command? *They tried, but didn't keep their promise for very long. They would scatter into many different lands. God would have to save them again someday.*

Review: The people didn't have to fight to get into their new land. They had to trust and wait on God. He fought the battle for them, like he had done in Egypt and with the Red Sea. But the people soon stopped obeying God; they didn't do what God said; and many years later they would lose their home. But God promised he would always be with them, so one day he would give them another Leader and another home.

Reflect: Every story in the Bible whispers Jesus' name. Even though we didn't hear Jesus' name in this story, it shows our need for a rescuer. What did we discover about Jesus from today's story?

Prayer: Thank you God for forgiving us when we have not obeyed you. Thank you for your promise to always be with everyone who believes in You and trusts You.

Activities:

- ★ Reenact the story of the battle, with the specific details from Joshua 5:13-6:27.
- ★ play a Simon says game of "Joshua says" 1) Joshua says blow your trumpet. 2) Joshua says walk in a circle. 3) Joshua says yell hallelujah! 4) Clap your hands 5) Joshua says stomp your feet 6) turn around 7) Joshua says blow your trumpet.

Sing:

[Jericho Song](#) by Rend Collective Kids