

Story Time - Read the story to the children
Lesson 58: THE BATTLE OF JERICO
JOSHUA 6:1-26

Jericho's walls were all closed up tight because the children of Israel were outside the city. And the Lord said to Joshua, See, I have given into your hands Jericho with its king and all its men of war. Now let all your fighting-men make a circle around the town, going around it once. Do this for six days. And let seven priests go out in front the ark with seven loud-sounding horns in their hands: on the seventh day you are to go around the town seven times, with the priests blowing their horns. And at the sound of a long note on the horns, let all the people yell as loud as they can; and the wall of the town will come down flat, and all the people are to go straight forward into the town. Then Joshua, the son of Nun, sent for the priests and said to them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests take seven horns in their hands and go out in front of the ark of the Lord. And he said to the people, Go forward, circling the town, and let the armed men go before the ark of the Lord. So after Joshua had said this to the people, the seven priests with their seven horns went forward before the Lord, blowing on their horns: and the ark of the covenant went after them. And the armed men went before the priests who were blowing the horns, and the rest of the people went out after the ark, blowing their horns. And Joshua gave the people an order, saying, Don't yell, and don't make any sound, and let no word go out of your mouth until the day when I say, Shout as loud as you can; then yell as loud as you can. So he made the ark of the Lord go all around the town once: then they went back to their tents for the night. And early in the morning Joshua got up, and the priests picked up the ark of the Lord. And the seven priests with their seven horns went out in front of the ark of the Lord, blowing their horns: the armed men went before them, and the rest of the people went out behind the ark of the Lord blowing their horns. The second day they went all around the town once, and then went back to their tents: and so they did this for six days. Then on the seventh day they got up early, at dawn, and went around the town the same way, but that day they went around it seven times. And the seventh time, when the priests blew their horns, Joshua said to the people, Now yell with all your might; for the Lord has given you the town. And the town will be cursed, and everything in it will be given to the Lord: only Rahab, the sinful woman, and all who are in the house with her, will be kept safe, because she hid the men that we sent. The

silver and gold and everything made of bronze and iron belong to the LORD and must be put in his treasury. Be careful to follow these instructions, because if you see something you want and take it, the LORD will destroy Israel. And it will be all your fault. So all the silver and gold and the vessels of brass and iron are holy to the Lord: they are to come into the store-house of the Lord. So the people yelled as loud as they could, and the horns were sounded; and when the people heard the horns they gave a loud yell, and the wall came down flat, so that the people went up into the town, every man walking in a straight line, and they took the town. And they cursed everything in the town; men and women, the young children and old people, the oxen and the sheep and donkeys, they put them all to death without mercy. Then Joshua said to the two men who had been sent to spy out the land, Go into the house of the sinful woman, and get her out, and all who are with her, since you promised her you would save her and her family. So the searchers went in and got out Rahab and her father and mother and her brothers and all the belongings she had, and they got out all her family; and they took them outside the tents of Israel. Then, after burning up the town and everything in it, they put the silver and gold and the vessels of brass and iron into the store-house of the Lord's house. But Joshua kept Rahab, the sinful woman, and her father's family and all the belongings she had, from death, and so she got a place to live among the children of Israel to this day; because she kept safe the two men whom Joshua had sent to spy throughout the land. After Jericho was destroyed, Joshua warned the people, "If any man tries to rebuild Jericho the LORD will put a curse on him, and the man's oldest son will die when he starts to build the town wall. And by the time he finishes the wall and puts gates in it, all his children will be dead."

58. The Battle of Jericho (Joshua 6:1-26)



"And the seventh time, when the priests blew their horns, Joshua said to the people, Now yell with all your might; for the Lord has given you the town."

Joshua 6:16

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(JOSHUA 6:1-26)

MEMORY VERSE:

"And the LORD, said to Joshua: 'See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.' " JOSHUA 6:2

TRUE OR FALSE

1. The town of Jericho was all closed up because the children of Israel were around outside. TRUE or FALSE
2. The LORD told Joshua to have the people walk around Jericho ten times every day for seven days. TRUE or FALSE
3. The LORD told Joshua to have the priests go out in front of the ark of the covenant when they marched around Jericho each day. TRUE or FALSE
4. The LORD told Joshua to have the people make as much noise as they could by talking and yelling outside Jericho for six days so that they would scare the people inside. TRUE or FALSE
5. The LORD told Joshua to have the priests, the ark of the covenant, the soldiers and the people to walk around the town one time each day for six days. TRUE or FALSE
6. On the seventh day the priests were supposed to blow their horns one long note, and when the people hear that, they were supposed to yell as loud as they could. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Were the people supposed to talk when they walked around Jericho for the first six days?
2. On the seventh day when all the priests, soldiers and people walked around Jericho, what did the people do when the priests blew their horns one loud, long note? Did they yell as loud as they could?
3. What happened to the walls of Jericho when the people yelled as loud as they could? Did the soldiers knock down the walls? Did they just fall down?
4. What were the people supposed to do with everything inside the town, like all the people and animals? Were they supposed to kill everything?
5. What happened to Rahab and her family? Did they get killed too? Why not?

Lesson 58

Act out the story of The Battle of Jericho

It may be best to do this outside, weather permitting, because of the noise. If doing outside, you can mark off an imaginary border for the town of Jericho.

If inside, push the chairs up around the tables so they won't be in the way, then have the children stand up.

If there are enough children, choose some to be soldiers out in front, then the priests next, then the rest of the people.

Have the children march around the table one time, and make sure none of them make any noises with their mouths or talk! Only the priests should blow their horns, and the people blow their horns. Toot! Toot! Toot! Toot!

After marching around the table once, pretend that they all go back to their tents. Then have them gather together in order again and repeat the march and the priests and people blowing their horns... Do this a total of 6 times.

For the seventh time, tell the children they are getting up extra early... They are supposed to still be quiet, and this time they march around the table seven times, and on the seventh time, tell the priests to blow one long note on their horns – TOOOOOOOOOT! When the priests blow their horns one long note, tell the people to yell as loud as they can!

Then tell the children that all the walls of Jericho have fallen down flat! The LORD has given them the town!

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving that God is always on our side and will fight our battles for us. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.