

August 24
8:30am & 11:15am
Three and Four Year Olds
CONQUERING JERICO
(JOSHUA 2-4;6)

CHRIST CONNECTION: The Israelites kept Rahab and her family safe, and she joined God's people. Jesus has won against sin and death. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is safe and becomes part of God's family forever.

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KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: Who is the King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty. Psalm 24:8

STORY POINT: Joshua trusted God.

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Invite the children to join you on the rug for group time.

SAY *In today's Bible story we will hear about the city of Jericho. Jericho had strong walls around it, but God is stronger than the walls. Listen to the amazing miracle God did for His people at the battle of Jericho.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

If you have issues with the video, there is a teaching outline at the end of this guide.

3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Answers will vary.)*
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made you happy or sad? *(Answers will vary.)*
3. Who trusted God and led the people to follow the instructions God gave to battle Jericho? *(Joshua)*
4. How did the walls of Jericho fall down? *(God made the walls fall down after the Israelites followed His instructions to march around the city and shout.)*
5. Rahab trusted God to keep her safe. How has God kept you safe? *(Answers will vary.)*

6. Why can we trust God? We can trust God because He does what He says He will do.

SAY *Joshua trusted God and led the people to follow God's battle plan. The people did not have to tear the walls down; God tore the walls down after the people trusted and followed Him. We are not able to save ourselves from our sin. God saves us from our sin through Jesus when we trust that Jesus died for our sin and rose again.*

4. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY Repeat our big picture question and answer after me, **Why can we trust God? [Children repeat.] We can trust God because He does what He says He will do. [Children repeat.]** God said the Israelites would have victory if they marched around the city for seven days. He kept His promise. God tells us if we trust that Jesus died for our sin and rose again, we will be saved from the consequences of sin. God always keeps His promises!

5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Marker at Psalm 24:8. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. Encourage preschoolers to do the following motions when saying the key passage phrase: Who is the king of glory? (Pretend to place a crown on your head.) The LORD (point upward), strong and mighty (flex your arm muscles). Psalm 24:8. Say the key passage phrase together several times.

SAY God showed that He is strong and mighty in today's story by causing the walls of Jericho to fall down. He alone is worthy of our praise!

6. PRAY

SAY God, thank You for making a way for the Israelites to defeat Jericho, even though it seemed impossible. Thank You even more for making the way for us to be forgiven for our sin through Jesus. We love You. Amen.

ACTIVITIES

(PLEASE DO BOTH OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

PERFORM SEVEN ACTIONS

Lead preschoolers to perform seven actions with you. Example actions include stretching up to the sky, doing jumping jacks, touching your toes, or hopping on one foot. Adjust the movements based on the abilities of the preschoolers in your class.

SAY Each day for six days, God's people walked quietly around the city of Jericho one time. On the seventh day, they walked around the city seven times, and then they blew trumpets and shouted. What happened after they shouted? (The city walls fell down.) **Joshua trusted God**, and God gave them the victory!

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE (please send this home with parents)

As children color, **SAY** Joshua trusted God to help him win the battle. We can trust God too. God sent Jesus to win the battle against sin and death. When we trust in Jesus, He keeps us safe and invites us into His family forever.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
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