



The Battle of Jericho



The people of Israel came to Canaan. God had promised to give them this land. But wicked people lived in Canaan. They prayed to idols. They did not obey God.

Many of the wicked people lived in the city of Jericho. This city had high, thick walls all around it. The people of Israel came close to Jericho. The people of Jericho saw them coming. They locked the strong city gate. Guards sat on top of the walls. They were ready to fight.

God told Joshua, "I want you and your soldiers to march around Jericho. March around the city once a day. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times. Then blow your trumpets and shout."

Joshua told God's plan to

the soldiers. They marched around the city once each day. But they did not attack. The people of Jericho must have thought, What are the people of Israel doing? When are they going to fight?

On the seventh day, Joshua and his men marched around the city seven times. Then Joshua gave the signal. The men blew their trumpets. The soldiers shouted. And the walls of Jericho fell down flat!

The army of Israel ran into the city. They defeated the people of Jericho.

The people of Israel were happy. They said, "We love God, and we will serve Him always. He brought us out of Egypt. He brought us to this beautiful land. He kept us safe the whole way. He defeated our enemies. He is our God."

God wins over evil.



Parents: While your child builds a walled fortress out of blocks or boxes, roll up a sheet of paper into a cone shape to make a horn. Have your child march around the fortress seven times. Then say, "Shout! For the Lord has won the victory." Let the child break down the walls and blow the horn. Rebuild, identifying the blocks as troubles and temptations (such as thunder, arguments, etc.). Knock the blocks over, remembering that victory over these troubles comes from the Lord.