

- Let the children explain that the drama illustrates how God uses both his power and our obedience to knock down the bad walls that Satan puts around us.
- Let the older children help the younger.

Questions. If the children dramatize this story for the adults, then let them also ask the adults the same questions that are listed above.

Optional Activity. Show the collapse of Jericho's walls on the seventh day.

- Build a wall of small stones or blocks.
- Let an older child show the rest how to march around the wall.
- After they have marched around seven times, let them pretend to blow trumpets and shout, then knock over the wall.
- You might have candy or a prize hidden under the stones for the children to find.

Discuss: What are other examples of how God uses our obedience to do great things with his power? (Let the children or adults give examples.)

Poem: Have four children each recite a verse from Proverbs 3:5, 6, 11 and 12.

Memorize together John 14:23.

Let older children write poems, songs or dramas for the week's topic.

Prayer: "Lord, we love you. That is why we want to learn what you want us to do, and we want to obey you sincerely, from our hearts. Bless our leaders, so that they can help us to understand Your Word and obey it more and more each day."

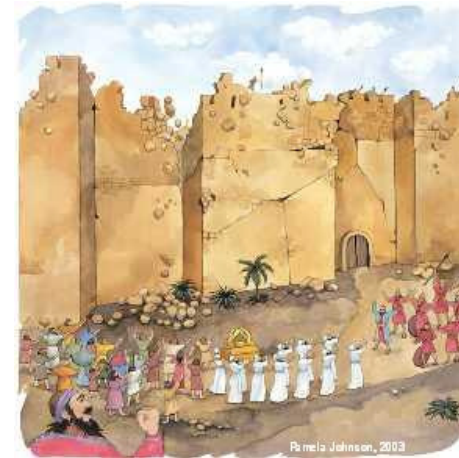
God Made a Bad City's Walls Fall Down

Prayer. "Lord, please help the children to obey you, because they love for you."

Choose any of these children's learning activities that fit their needs and ages.

Let an older child or teacher **read or tell** by memory about Jericho's Walls (Joshua 6:1-20).

- Joshua, a godly leader, led his people in obedience to God.
- First ask the children to listen and discover how God used both His power and the Israelites' obedience to bring victory in battle.



After telling the story, ask these **questions**. [*Answers follow the questions.*]

- To whom did God give his instructions for conquering Jericho? [See *Joshua 6:2*]
- What did God command the Israelites to do every day for six days? [See *verse 3*]
- What did God command the people to do on the seventh day? [See *verses 4-5*]
- What happened to the walls of Jericho, when the people obeyed God? [See *verse 20*]
- What made Joshua such a good leader? [He obeyed God's orders carefully.]

Dramatize parts of the story of Jericho's walls. Arrange with the leader of the main congregational worship to present this drama.

- Use your time with the children to prepare the drama. Let the older children help the younger ones.
- You do not have to use all the parts.
- Let **older children** or adults play these parts:
Narrator. Summarize the story and help children remember what to say and do.
Voice of God.
Joshua. Follow God's instructions.
- Let **younger children** play these parts:
Priests. Carry a big box as the Ark of the Covenant. Blow rolled up paper as trumpets.
Israelites. March around the walls.
People of Jericho. Laugh at the Israelites at first. Run when the walls fall down.
- Carefully set up a small pile of stones, explaining that these represent the walls of Jericho that were really very high.

Narrator: Tell the first part of the story, from Joshua 6:1-14. Then say, "Hear what God tells Joshua."

Voice of God: "Joshua! Tell the priests to march around Jericho every day for seven days, carrying the Ark before them. On the seventh day, blow the trumpets and the walls will fall down."

Joshua: Repeat God's instructions (that Voice of God spoke) to the Israelites.

Priests: Carry the ark and blow the trumpets, walking around the city of Jericho.

Israelites: Follow the priests around the city walls.

People of Jericho: "Keep walking in circles." "You will never get in unless you do."

Narrator: Tell the second part of the story, from Joshua 6:15-20. Then say, "Hear what Joshua tells the people."

Joshua: "When you hear the trumpet, shout with a great shout. The wall of the city will fall down flat. Then run straight ahead into the city."

Priests and Israelites: Walk around the pile of stones seven times. Count each time aloud. The seventh time blow the trumpets, yell and knock over the walls.

People of Jericho: Run away. Shout, "The God of Israel pushed over our walls!"

Picture: Let the children draw Jericho's walls falling, or simply draw a pile of stones.

- Let the children show their pictures to the adults during worship time, and to their parents at home.