

PRESCHOOL ACTIVITY GUIDE

TODAY'S STORY: Joshua and Jericho

TEACHING TRUTH: God wants us to obey

ACTIVITY 1: STORY REVIEW — Jericho is Falling Down

SUPPLIES: None

1. Have 2-3 people hold hands in a circle. They are the walls of Jericho.
2. Tell them, "The Bible tells us about an army that marched around a town surrounded by walls, Jericho. When the priests blew their trumpets, God made the walls fall down because God always keeps His promises."
3. Have the rest of your family walk around the walls, like the Israelite army.
4. Teach the following song to the tune of Mary had a Little Lamb: **Jer-i-cho is falling down, falling down, falling down. Jer-i-cho is falling down, God made it tumble down.**
5. When you finish the song, have them use their hands to make pretend horns to blow and tell the "walls" to fall down.
6. Continue playing until everyone has had a turn to be the "walls."

ACTIVITY 2: TEACHING TRUTH REVIEW — God wants us to obey

SUPPLIES: None

1. The children will play a variation of the quiet game and follow the leader.
2. Stress to them that during the seven days Joshua and his people marched around Jericho, they did not make a single sound until they were told to shout. The people listened to Joshua even when it looked silly.
3. Gather everyone and tell them that on the teacher's signal (raised hand) they are to shout, but when the teacher's hand is not raised, they are to be quiet.
4. While playing, have the children QUIETLY follow the teacher like they would in "follow the leader." (Examples: rub your tummy, pat your shoulders, clap your hands, give a high five, make a funny face).
5. Tell them to listen and obey even if it looks silly, but to be silent!
6. At various points in the game, raise your hand and let them shout.

ACTIVITY 3: MEMORY VERSE REVIEW – Joshua 1:9 – Rock Star

SUPPLIES: Memory verse song (on the Preschool Kids Kit page), something to use as a microphone

1. Sit in a circle on the floor.
2. Give one person a fake microphone. You could use a spatula, hairbrush, ice cream scoop, etc.
3. Play the memory verse song and have the entire group sing along. Whoever has the microphone gets to stand in the center of the circle and be the Rock Star.
4. When the song is over, pass the microphone to the next person.
5. Repeat until everyone has had a chance to be the Rock Star.