



Joshua Fights the Battle of Jericho

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What we learned today:

Story time (Joshua 6:1-27) Can you hear the battle horns blowing and the crowd of thousands shouting? That is what we heard today as we told the story of how Joshua and the Israelites fought at the battle of Jericho. God sometimes has crazy ways of answering our prayers and blessing us. Today's story is a good example. God told Joshua that he and his men were going to defeat the people of Jericho. Even though it was a well defended city with big walls, God said, "No problem." So you would think God would just give them all super human strength, but then the people might have thought THEY were the ones to win. God said to walk around the city once a day for six days. On the seventh day walk around it seven times and on the seventh time around shout and blow your trumpets. Doesn't sound like much of a battle does it? But the Israelites OBEYED and God BLESSED them. God made the walls fall down flat and the city was destroyed. God will ALWAYS give us victory if we obey his commands, however strange they may seem. He is awesome, so live your life God's way!

Playtime: It's a wooden block and big brick building kind of day. Even more fun, it's a demolition day too!!! With careful monitoring of those eager destroyers (so the soft-hearted builders would not be in anguish) we took turns building and destroying the walls of Jericho. We acted out the story and shouted at the appropriate times. We also played with musical instruments like the priests may have used on that seventh time around Jericho. For a quiet activity, we had books about the battle of Jericho and God's power in our reading corner.

Snack: We ate Bugles today. Before eating them, however, we pretended like we had just gone around Jericho for the seventh time and blew our "trumpet."

Craft: In the first and third service, we made a horn by rolling up some newspaper, taping it in place, and decorating it with crayons and stickers. In the second service we colored a Jericho walls activity page. For the walls we glued on mini-marshmallows.

Memory Verse: Proverbs 3:6

In all thy ways - left hand out, palm up. Start with your right hand (palm up) on top of your left hand. Move your right hand out from your body, under your left hand, and then return it to it's starting position on top of the left palm.

Acknowledge Him - finger pointing to the sky

And He will direct thy paths - pretend to make a straight road in front of you with your two hands