



**Jellyfish** (Toddlers)

Sunday June 28 2020

## The Battle of Jericho

**Reference:** Joshua Ch 6

**Main Point:** My God is so STRONG, he can do anything. He can even make giant walls fall down. Our God is a God who saves.

**Activities to do together:**

**Use blocks or LEGO to build a wall.**

Talk about how walls are to be strong and are built to keep things out. "Today we are going to read a story from the Bible about how God brought down the walls of Jericho for his people."

Get your child to march around the wall six times, and then on the seventh time, get them shout and blow a horn (use your hands or rolled up paper to make a cone shaped trumpet).

Ask them, Did the wall fall down? Can we make this wall fall down just by marching and blowing a horn?

The city of Jericho had a big strong wall surrounding it. The Israelites, God's people, wanted to get inside.

But the city of Jericho shut their doors to the God's people. They would not let them in.

And so God gave them special instructions.

God told them to quietly march around the walls of Jericho. God told them to do it everyday for six days. Get your child to walk around the wall six times.

On the seventh day, God wanted them to march around the city again, but this time he wanted them to shout loudly and blow their horns.

Get your child to walk around the wall shouting.

And then when they shouted, the big strong walls surrounding Jericho fell down.

Knock the wall you built with your child.



Ask your child, can we make this wall fall down just by marching and blowing a horn? No! But then how did they knock down the wall? OUR GOD. Our God is so STRONG, he can do anything. He can even make giant walls fall down.

Our God is a God who saves.

**Bible:** Read the story of Joshua and the fall of Jericho from your children's bible.

**Our God is big and strong. Our God is a God who saves.**

**What does God save us from? (Sin.) God sent his son Jesus, who died for our sin.**

**Pray:** Dear God, thank you that you are so big and so strong. Thank you that you made the wall of Jericho fall down, so your people could go into the land you promised. Thank you that you love to save. Thank you, that you saved Rahab and her family. Thank you that you sent Jesus to save us.

Amen

**Something for Sermon time:**

- Watch this week's video for under 5's if you have an extra device or watch at another time together.
- A [colouring page](#) to print
- A [trumpet template](#). Print onto thin card, cut and leave for your child to colour/decorate.
- Set out duplo/or wooden blocks and encourage your child to rebuild the wall.



# Starfish and Rainbowfish<sup>(3-5yrs)</sup>

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**Main Point:** My God is so STRONG, he can do anything. He can even make giant walls fall down. Our God is a God who saves.

**Activities to do together:** Build a wall together out of lego, wooden blocks or even cardboard boxes. Talk about how long, long ago in the times we read about in the Bible cities had big strong walls around them to protect them from being invaded. What do you think you would need to knock down a big, strong wall? 'We are going to read about a wall like that in the Bible today. This wall was around a city called Jericho, and it was stopping God's people, the Israelites from getting into the land that God had promised them. But God had a plan!

**Bible:** Read the story of Joshua and the fall of Jericho from your children's bible.

**Our God is big and strong. Our God is a God who saves.**

**What does God save us from. Sin. God sent his son Jesus, who died for us.**

### Discussion:

- What was the name of the city? (Jericho)
- Was it easy to get into? (No, it had a big wall all the way around it. Gates that were shut and guards to keep the Israelites out)
- What did God tell them to do? (March around the city once every day for six days) You could get your child to walk their fingers around the wall or use lego people or stuffed animals.
- What did God tell them to do on the 7th day? (Walk around the wall 7 times, priests blowing their trumpets and then all the people shout) Walk your fingers or toys around the wall 7 times as the child counts. Then all shout. (Note how your walls are still standing! )
- In our Bible lesson today who made the walls fall down? (God did!) God is great. God does things that only God can do. Only God could make the walls of Jericho fall down by people shouting and blowing trumpets! Our God is so Big and so strong and so mighty, there is nothing our God cannot do! The city of Jericho, that were trying to keep the Israelites out, couldn't. God made the walls fall down and gave the Israelites the city God always keeps his promises!
- Remember Rahab? What happened to her? (She trusted God, and God saved her!) Our God is a God who saves! (Now is a good time to practice our memory verse!)



- Many many years later, God kept his promise to send who? (Jesus) Jesus saves all who put their trust in him from our biggest problem of sin. God always keeps his promises and God saves those who put their trust in him.

**Pray:** Dear God, thank you that you are so big and strong and powerful. Thank you for always keeping your promises. Thank you that you are a God who saves. Thank you for sending Jesus to save us from sin. Amen

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- Encourage your child to continue to play with their 'block' wall, knocking down and rebuilding and reenacting the story.