
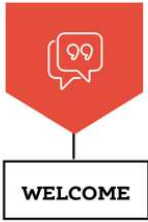





Morning At a Glance

	<p>God Defeated Jericho</p>	<p>BIBLE PASSAGE: Joshua 2; 6</p>
<p>BIG PICTURE QUESTION and ANSWER</p>		<p>What is a miracle? A miracle is something God does that usually cannot be done so that we can know He is all-powerful.</p>
<p>CHRIST CONNECTION</p>		<p>By faith, Rahab believed God would win the battle. When the Israelites attacked Jericho, Rahab and her family received mercy and became part of God’s people. Jesus has won against sin and death. Everyone who trusts in Jesus receives mercy and becomes part of God’s family forever.</p>
<p>MEMORY VERSE</p>		<p>“You are the God who works wonders; you revealed your strength among the peoples.” Psalm 77:14 CSB</p>

<p>8:45/10:45 - 9:13/11:13 OPENING ACTIVITIES</p> 	<p>SUPPLIES: Small Group Binder, Books of the Bible Cards, memory verse poster & cards, markers, crayons</p> <p>Offering Take Attendance Books of the Bible Memory Verse Review Coloring & Activity pages</p>
<p>9:15/11:15 – 9:55/11:55 LARGE GROUP</p> 	<p>SUPPLIES: Bibles, SG Binder</p> <p><i>Take your Small Group Binder with you – Attendance Roster is inside</i></p>
<p>9:55/11:55 - 10:15/12:15 SMALL GROUP</p>  	<p>SUPPLIES: timeline poster, Bibles,</p>
<p>10:15/12:15 PARENT PICK-UP</p>	<p>Connect with parents. Wipe the table with Clorox wipes, Put supplies away neatly. Erase white board.</p>



Be With Jesus

Read the Bible Passage: Joshua 2; 6 Joshua 2

1. How does the story in this chapter justify the statement in Heb. 11:31? Compare Rahab's words with the actual position of the Israelites at the time and note especially verse 11.
2. Observe how Rahab's faith kindled the faith of the spies. What stimulus does this give us in the life of faith? What parallel is suggested to you by the house protected by the scarlet thread? With verse 19, cf. Exod. 12:22.

Joshua 5 and 6

1. Before the conquest of Jericho come the events described in chapter 5. Note their order. What is their significance: (a) for the Jews; (b) for Joshua; (c) for us?
2. 6:1, 2; cf. Heb. 11:30. What can we learn here concerning the conditions and demands of conquering enemy strongholds by faith? Have you a faith that perseveres? Cf. Heb. 3:14; 6:11, 12; 10:35, 36.
3. Follow the rest of Rahab's life in 6:22–25 and Matt. 1:5, 6. Salmon may have been one of the spies. What truths does Rahab illustrate concerning God's ways of dealing with men?

Leader's Bible Study

In our Bible story today, we see not just mercy, but courageous mercy. Rahab by faith, courageously trusted God and hid the Hebrew spies. Mercy is not courageous until being merciful costs us something. Rahab's mercy was pushed to the testing point. She had compassion and, in doing so, risked her life. She showed mercy; as a result, she received mercy.

Mercy is compassion or forgiveness shown toward someone when it is within one's power to punish or harm that person. Mercy was a key mark of Jesus' ministry. He modeled mercy for us on earth, showing numerous times compassion and forgiveness to those who didn't deserve it.

Mercy often involves courage because you have the power—and often the right—to punish rather than forgive. In our world today, the act of forgiveness is often seen as a weakness. It's risky. Mercy that lacks courage will be sporadic in its application. We, like Pilate, will forgive until it costs us something. We will have compassion, but only from a distance. This is the beauty of Christ that we see in stories like Rahab.

The God we serve is lavish in His mercy and rich in His kindness. What Rahab experienced is a glimpse of God's mercy we see in Christ. Jesus is the full expression of the mercy and kindness of God. Jesus

isn't concerned from a distance; He took on human flesh and dwelt among us. Jesus didn't just act mercifully when it was convenient. He laid down his life so that we could be forgiven.

Rahab modeled for us what Jesus preached in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:7: "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy." Let us today be extenders of mercy to others because of the tender mercy of God in Christ we have received because of the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Christ.

PLACES TO KNOW – JERICHO: One of the oldest cities in the world and known as the "city of palms". It had rich soil, abundant water, and constant sunshine.



"God Defeated Jericho"
(The text of the Bible Story Video)

The Israelites finally arrived at the promised land of Canaan (KAY nuhn), but there was one problem: other people were living there. God's people couldn't just walk in and set up their tents; They had to go to battle against their enemies, and they had to win.

Joshua sent two spies into the city of Jericho to see what it was like. The spies stayed at the house of a woman named Rahab (RAY hab). Rahab had heard about God and believed in Him. She wanted to help His people. When the king of Jericho was looking for the spies, she hid the men on her roof.

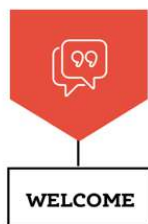
When it was safe for the spies to leave, Rahab said, "Please be kind to my family since I have been kind to you. When you attack Jericho, please don't kill us." So the spies promised to keep Rahab and her family safe. Rahab tied a bright red rope in her window so the Israelites would know where she lived.

When the Israelites arrived, the people of Jericho hid behind the city's strong walls. God told Joshua how to conquer the city. Joshua would lead the people to march around the city one time every day for six days. On the seventh day, they would march around the city seven times, and the priests would blow their trumpets. All the people would shout, and the walls of Jericho would fall down. Then the Israelites could go into the city and take over.

So, Joshua commanded the people to march around the city one time. The priests blew the trumpets, but not one of the Israelites spoke or made a sound. Then they returned to their camp. They did this every day for six days.

On the seventh day, the Israelites got up early and marched around the city seven times. On the seventh time when the priests blew their trumpets, Joshua said, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city!" So the people shouted, and the wall fell down flat. The Israelites went into the city and captured it. They kept Rahab and her family safe because she had helped the spies. Rahab and her family lived with the Israelites from then on. God was with Joshua, and everyone in the land knew of Joshua and what he had done.

Christ Connection: By faith, Rahab believed God would win the battle. When the Israelites attacked Jericho, Rahab and her family received mercy and became part of God's people. Jesus has won against sin and death. Everyone who trusts in Jesus receives mercy and becomes part of God's family forever.



Greet each student as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out the attendance roster, build relationships, and help new kids connect to your group.

8:45/10:45-9:10/11:10 OPENING ACTIVITIES

Choose one of the games on the **Books of the Bible** and **Memory Verse** game posters (on the classroom wall) to help your kids learn the OT Books of the Bible and this month's memory verse.

Opening Question: SAY Welcome everybody! I'm happy to see you. Have you ever done something that seemed impossible? Today, we'll learn about how God did something that seemed impossible. God defeated Jericho by giving the Israelites some very unusual instructions.

Plug-In #1 – Coloring Page: If your children like coloring, invite them to color the page. **SAY** Think about a time when God did something special in your life. What happened? What did you learn about God from this experience?

Plug-In #2 – Activity Page: Invite kids to complete the activity page "Make Some Noise". **SAY** If you were going to fight an enemy in Bible times, what weapons do you think you would use? Instead of weapons, God told His people to use trumpets and their own shouts to defeat Jericho. This might seem unusual, but God gave these instructions to show something true about Himself. Today we'll find out what it was!

Optional Activity – RED HOT POTATO: Invite the kids to form a circle. If your group is large, form multiple circles. The larger the circle, the more challenging the game will be. Give a ball to one player in the circle. Kids should toss the ball around like a hot potato **as they name items that are red**. If a player repeats an item or takes more than five seconds to respond, she is out. Continue playing until one winner is left.

Connect to the lesson: In today's game, you needed to think of things that are red. In today's Bible story, we will learn that Rahab used something red to keep her family safe. Listen closely to our Bible story in large group to find out what it was and what Rahab did with it.

Clean Up and Transition to Large Group – TAKE SG BINDER WITH YOU!



LEARN

3rd-5th before Large Group: Distribute Bibles and guide kids to open to Joshua 2-6. **SAY** Over the last few weeks we have heard how God chose Joshua to be the new leader of the Israelites, and how he helped the Israelites cross over the Jordan river by stopping the waters. Today we are going to hear what happened now that the Israelites are in the promised land. Will they be able to start settling into their new home or will there be more obstacles? Let's pay close attention to find out!

Please sit in the middle of your small group & help the kids remain quiet and engaged. If a child is disruptive, please have the Service Coordinator or staff call his/her parents.

9:15/11:15 - 9:55/11:55 LARGE GROUP (You may want to take notes during the teaching time to follow-up with your kids during Small Group).



9:55/11:55 - 10:15/12:15 SMALL GROUP

LOVE GOD by Applying the Story

BIBLE SKILLS & BIBLE STORY REVIEW (5 minutes)

Distribute Bibles. Guide boys and girls to open their Bibles to Joshua Chapter 2 and 6. Explain that the table of contents can help you find a book in the Bible. The Book of Joshua was written by Joshua, who led the Israelites after Moses died. Joshua is the first book of the Old Testament History division.

REVIEW THE STORY: Choose a volunteer to read aloud Joshua 2:1-2. **SAY** Jericho was a city surrounded by strong walls. The people of Israel could not have defeated Jericho on their own, so God worked a miracle to give them victory. Through His miracle—destroying Jericho’s wall—God showed that He is all-powerful. God also showed His great mercy by saving Rahab and her family.

Rahab had heard of God and believed that He would always be victorious, so she trusted Him and helped His people. In addition to saving Rahab from the destruction of Jericho, God welcomed her family into His chosen people and even made her a part of His plan to bring the Savior He had promised. In many ways, Rahab’s story reminds us of what happens when we trust in Jesus. Everyone who has faith in Jesus is saved from sin, forgiven, and adopted into God’s family.

GROUP DISCUSSION (10 minutes) Ask the following questions. Lead the group to discuss.

ASK Do you think God’s battle plan seemed strange to Joshua?

Point out that Joshua saw God’s miracles in the wilderness. Joshua knew that God uses impossible circumstances to bring about His purposes. God’s plans are perfect. We can trust Him even if we don’t understand His plans.

ASK Why do you think the people of Jericho were so afraid of the Israelites?

Lead kids to discuss that even though the people of Jericho lived in a strong, fortified city, they were terrified. They had heard about all the miracles that God had done in Egypt. They heard how God had defeated all of the Israelites’ enemies. They realized that God is all-powerful and knew that if God was fighting for the Israelites, He would definitely win. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Ps. 24:10.)

ASK What is a miracle God has worked in your life?

Give time for kids to share. Point out that if someone is already a follower of Jesus, the greatest miracle is that God has saved that person from sin and death. God continues to work all around us and through us to help build His kingdom. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read John 20:31.)

ASK Since God is all-powerful, how do you think we should respond or act toward Him?

Discuss how we can show God honor and reverence. The Bible says we should fear God, meaning we show Him respect. Because of who God is and all He has done, we can worship and praise Him. He deserves all the glory. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Prov. 9:10.)

P.(Pause) R. (Rejoice) A. (Ask) Y. (Yes to God's Will) (3-5 minutes – just before the kids leave)

Pass out the "ASK" cards. Then **SAY** Let's remember what **P – R – A – Y** stands for. **P** reminds us to **PAUSE** and be still and know that God is here and is listening to us. **R** reminds us that as we are praying, we can **REJOICE** in so many things – who God is, how He is ruling and in control of all things, how He provides for us every single day...**A** reminds us that God tells us to come to Him and **ASK** – to tell Him what is on our hearts and minds and give Him our requests, and the letter **Y** reminds us to **YEILD** (or say **YES**) to God. **SAY** This month we are back to using our **ASK** cards as we pray. Read aloud this month's new MEMORY VERSE and invite the kids to pray to God and **ASK** Him, by drawing or writing on the postcard, to continue to reveal Himself to them through His Word, and that the Holy Spirit would alert them, and remind them, of God's presence with them.

LIVE THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

Review what was shared in large group about **MISSIONS MONTH**.

10:15/12:15 PARENT PICK-UP

Try to connect with each parent as they arrive. Mention something their child said, how they answered questions, learned part of the memory verse, etc.

***Wipe the table with Clorox wipes. Check lids are on markers.
Neatly return all the supplies to the appropriate bin. Erase the whiteboard.***

THANK YOU FOR DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION!