

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **August 1, 2021** Family Theme | **God Honors Obedience** Study Text | **Joshua 6:1-27**

Objective: Help children understand God provided the Israelites an unusual battle plan that required them to trust Him for an incredible victory over Jericho. We obey God's Word, trusting that He knows what is best.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set a few days after the spies returned from Jericho with a good report. God had stopped the flow of the Jordan River so His people could cross and begin to take the land God had promised them.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer each day this week and work with family members to do so as well. What does the Sixth Commandment mean? Answer: The Sixth Commandment (Exodus 20:13) teaches us human life is sacred. We should use all lawful means of preserving human life, both ours and others. It is wrong to commit murder.

Read the Word: Joshua 6:1-27

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that it is always best to do what God says, even when it doesn't seem to make sense or goes against what we feel like doing.



Key Truth: God's Ways Might Not Always Seem to Make Sense (Joshua 6:1-5)

God's instructions to Joshua began with the simple assurance that victory was already secure. Israel had only to: 1) March around the city one time with the entire army, and repeat the march for six days. 2) Configure the procession according to God's instructions: seven priests continually blowing trumpets in front of the ark. 3) On the seventh day, march around the city seven times. At the end of the seventh tour, signal the attack with a long horn blast. 4) With trumpets and shouting, attack straight ahead, from all sides, as the wall collapsed. These instructions surely seemed very strange and called for great trust. The Israelites would never have developed this plan.



Key Truth: Doing Things God's Way Leads to Success (Joshua 6:6-21)

For six days, the people did as instructed. On the seventh day, Joshua issued a reminder that they were not to loot the city. They were to destroy any and all, saving only Rahab and her family in her home. As instructed, the trumpets sounded and the people shouted. The wall collapsed, spilling enough rubble that the soldiers could charge straight into the city. Everything in Jericho was killed and burned. This destruction was the judgment of God because of Jericho's abominations (Deuteronomy 18:9-14).



Key Truth: God Keeps His Word and So Should We (Joshua 6:22-27)

God had kept His promises, now Israel kept theirs to Rahab and her family. The spies brought her and her family safely out from their home. Verse 24 repeats the destruction of the city and the setting aside of precious metals to the Lord. It also reminds us, via the example of Rahab, of how God spared the lives of those who trusted Him. God would continue to keep His promise to give Israel the land as they obeyed His instructions (chapters 8-12).

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- Where do we go to find out what we are to do, and not do, as believers?
- When is it difficult to do what God has instructed?
- What are some of God's instructions that don't seem to make sense to our fallen sinful natures?
- What are some promises God has made for those who trust and obey His Word?
- Why is it important for us to keep the promises we make?
- **For Elementary:** What was the result of Joshua's obedience to God?
- **For Elementary:** In what way do you need to demonstrate obedient faith this week?

Everyday Extras

Demolish a box of doughnuts together — but first hang a scarlet thread from one of them. No one can eat that one (at least not today!).

If you were making a movie about Rahab, the spies, and the fall of Jericho, which character would you want to be? What would be the most exciting part? How would you make all of the wall fall down except for the part with Rahab's house? Get out the play dough or blocks (or vegetable cans!) and build the city — complete with Rahab's scarlet cord — for a reenactment.

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned a leader named Joshua obeyed God's unusual plan to defeat the people of Jericho. He and the others walked around a great wall for seven days. **I Can Live by Faith** like Joshua by always trusting and obeying God's plan.