



The Israelites had traveled in the desert for many years. Then God helped them cross the Jordan River into Canaan, the land he had promised to give them.

But God's people still needed to capture the cities of Canaan to make the land their own. One of these cities was Jericho. The people of Jericho knew the Israelites were going to attack, so they closed the city gate. No one went out, and no one could get in. The people of Jericho thought they were safe behind the wall that went around their city.

But God told Joshua, "Jericho is yours." Then God told Joshua how to take the city. God said, "Tell your men to march around Jericho one time each day. Have seven priests carry trumpets and blow them. Have other

priests carry my special gold chest. Do this for six days. On the seventh day, march around Jericho seven times. Tell the priests to blow the trumpets for a long time. When the people hear this, they should shout loudly. I will make the wall around Jericho fall down. Then your men can go in and take the city."

Joshua told the people what God wanted them to do. He also told them not to say a word until he told them. On the first day the people marched around Jericho one time. The priests blew their trumpets, but no one spoke. Then the people went back to their camp for the night. The next morning they again marched around the city one time. The priests blew their trumpets, and the people were quiet. Then they all went back to camp. They did these same things each day for one, two, three, four, five, six days.

On the seventh day, things changed. The people marched around the city seven times, just as God had told them to do.

They marched without talking for one, two, three, four, five, six times. And only the trumpets sounded. But on the seventh time around Jericho, the priests blew the trumpets for a long, long time. Joshua told the people, "Shout! The Lord has given you the city. Save all the gold and silver and the things made from special metals. These things are to be saved for the Lord."

When the people heard the long blast of the trumpets, they shouted. Suddenly the wall around Jericho fell down! The Israelites ran right into the city and destroyed it. God gave them Jericho in a very special way.

God had Joshua save just one family from Jericho. He saved a woman named Rahab and her family. Rahab had helped two Israelite men who had come into Jericho as spies.

Then the Israelites burned the city of Jericho. They put all the gold, silver, and other metal things into the tabernacle—the special tent

where they worshiped God. The Israelites loved and obeyed their wonderful God. He had made the wall around Jericho fall down.



God made the wall around Jericho fall down and helped his people destroy the city. God helps us do many things, and we give him glory and praise in all that we do.

1. Have your child point to the number that answers each question.

- How many times did the Israelites march around Jericho each day on days 1 through 6?
- How many times did they march around Jericho on day 7?

1 6 7

2. Take turns telling whether you would rather have been an Israelite marching quietly or a priest blowing a trumpet. Remember that both groups were giving glory to God by obeying him. Then discuss some ways your family can give glory and praise to God in the things you do.

Pray Together

We praise and thank you, God, for the many things you help us do. We also thank you for sending Jesus to be our Savior. Help us give you glory in all that we do each day. Amen.



1 Corinthians 10:31