

## Unit 8 • Session 2 The Battle of Jericho

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Joshua 2; 6

**STORY POINT:** God made the walls of Jericho fall down.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Deuteronomy 31:8 The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.”

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** How can we glorify God? We can glorify God by loving Him and obeying Him.

**ACTIVITY: Find the spies** (supplies needed: two people figures)

Choose a child to stand in a corner with her eyes closed while you hide two people figures together in the room. Invite the child to turn around and find the figures. Lead the rest of the group in saying hot or cold to indicate how close the child is to the figures. Choose another child to find the spies and play again. **say** • Rahab lived in Jericho, but she had heard about God and wanted to help His people. She hid the spies on her roof so the king of Jericho could not find them. **God made the walls of Jericho fall down.** When the Israelites attacked Jericho, Rahab and her family were safe and they joined God’s people. Jesus has won against sin and death. Everyone who trusts in Jesus is safe and becomes part of God’s family forever.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Why did Rahab help the Israelite spies? *(She had faith that God is the one true God and He would give Israel victory, Josh. 2:10-12)*
2. What was God’s plan to defeat Jericho? *(The Israelites would march around the city for seven days playing trumpets. They would finally shout, and then the walls would fall; Josh. 6:3-5)*
3. Did God’s plan work? *(Yes, His people conquered Jericho and Rahab’s family was spared; Josh. 6:21-23)*
4. Why do you think God’s strategy was so different from human battle strategies? *Guide kids to discuss the idea that when God does things in a way that no human could do without Him, it proves His power and might. God does things we cannot to remind us that we need Him.*
5. Why do you think Rahab’s story is included in the Bible? *Guide kids to think about the fact that God loves all people, not just Israelites. Rahab had faith that God is the one true God and would give His people victory. God saved Rahab and her family and even used Rahab to be a part of Jesus’ family line.*
6. How can we practice trusting God and having faith in Him? *Guide kids to talk about some of the scary, sad, or frustrating situations they may face. Remind them that we can face those situations by trusting in God and remembering the hope we have through Jesus. Help them see that we can pray for help and have faith that God is working things for His glory and our good.*

### QUESTIONS FROM KIDS VIDEO DISCUSSION:

Prompt kids to think about whom God will forgive. Guide them to discuss God’s incredible love. Whom can they invite to be a part of God’s family?