

Journal Page

- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?



The Battle of Jericho

Joshua 2: 6

STORY POINT: GOD BROUGHT DOWN THE WALLS OF JERICO.

The Israelites finally arrived at the promised land, but there was one problem: other people were living there. God's people had to go to battle against their enemies, and they had to win.

Joshua sent two spies into Jericho to see what it was like. The spies stayed at the house of a woman named Rahab. Rahab wanted to help God's people. Rahab said, "Please be kind to my family since I have been kind to you. When you attack Jericho, please do not kill us." So the spies promised to keep Rahab and her family safe, and they left Jericho.

God told Joshua to lead the people to march around the city one time each day for six days. On the seventh day, they would march around the city seven times, and the priests would blow the 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. On the seventh day, they marched around the city seven times. 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.

Christ Connection: By faith Rahab believed God would win the battle, and she asked the spies to show mercy to her family and keep them safe. 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.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Who knocked down the wall of Jericho?
- Write down one or two ways you could show surprising love to someone this week. Then follow through!
- What are some ways God has taken care of your family?