

# The BIBLE Story

## The Battle of Jericho

*Joshua 2; 6*

The Israelites finally got to 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 the people, and they had to win.**

Before God's people went into the land, **Joshua sent two spies into the city of Jericho. The spies stayed at the house of a woman named Rahab (RAY hab). 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.**

When it was safe for the spies to leave, Rahab said, "Please be kind to my family because I have been kind to you. When you attack Jericho, please keep us safe." So **the spies agreed, and they left Jericho. Rahab tied a bright red rope in her window so the Israelites would know where she lived.**

**Jericho had strong walls on every side, and nobody could go in or out. God told Joshua how to win against the people of Jericho. "March around the city one time each day for six days," God said. "On the seventh day, march around the city seven**



times. The priests should blow the trumpets, and all the people should shout. Then the walls of Jericho will fall down.”

**Joshua obeyed God.** He commanded the people to carry the ark of the covenant and march around the city. The priests blew their trumpets. They marched around the city one time. The Israelites were very quiet so no one inside the city would know they were there. On the second day, they marched quietly around the city again. They did this every day for six days.

**On the seventh day, the Israelites** got up early and **marched around the city seven times.** **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 destroyed everything in the city, but the two spies kept Rahab and her family safe.

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

## Bible Storytelling Tips

- **Make a model:** Use blocks and people figures to set up a model of the city of Jericho and its surrounding walls. Invite volunteers to help “walk” the priests and Israelite army (additional plastic people) around the walls as the other children count to seven with you. After the seventh time around, knock the walls down. Save Rahab and her family.
- **Act it out:** Invite the children to act out the second half of the Bible story, where the priests march around the city one time for six days, then seven times on the seventh day. Include the blowing of trumpets and shouting. Set up blocks so that you can knock them down after the children shout. Keep block walls low so children will not be hurt by falling blocks.