



3rd – 5th

August 8-9, 2015

DATE

Joshua and Jericho

LESSON TITLE

Numbers 22; Proverbs 3:5-6

WHERE TO FIND IT

God is in control

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (20 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (30 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (10 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

Remember, this month we're talking about some crazy Bible stories to help spark kids' interest in the Bible (not to mention showing them some great truths about God). We're calling the series "Believe It or Not!"

check-in/out

When parents arrive to pick up kids, show them the wall you've built!

large group heads up

Today, we're talking about how Joshua faced a huge problem that only God could help him with. God told Joshua exactly what to do and Joshua did it, even though it didn't make sense. God helped Joshua in an amazing way because God is in control and can do anything!



connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

CRAZY SIMON SAYS

**You can do this as a large group or break into smaller groups.*

- Play a game of Simon Says.
- Everybody in your group (or the room if you're playing together) should stand up.
- Lead them in a series of actions and they should follow you if you say "Simon Says" before the directive. If you don't and they do what you say, kids have to sit.
- Lead them in some "normal" actions like:
 - Jump up and down
 - Spin around
 - Do three jumping jacks
 - Run in place
 - Etc.
- Then let kids take turns being "Simon" and coming up with the activity. But their goal is to see if they can be **crazier** than the last person!
- Break into small groups (if you haven't already) and ask kids to tell you the **craziest** thing that happened to them this week!

Before you go to Large Group, you can also remind kids of the expectations for Large Group behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) retell the story of Joshua and Jericho and (2) understand that God can do anything because he is in control

Why? When we realize how powerful God is, we want to obey him, even when it doesn't make sense.

Tip: If you have a lot of extra time, walk around and look at other small groups' walls.

small group

REVIEW THE STORY

1. Why was Jericho so hard to fight? (strong wall surrounded it)
2. Tell me the crazy way God helped his family. (March around the city every day for six days; on the seventh day, march around seven times; then the priests will blow trumpets and everyone should shout)
3. What happened to the walls when the people obeyed? (they fell)
4. Why did the wall fall? (God is in control)
5. What does it mean for us if God can do anything? (Help give kids ideas like: we are braver because we know he can help us, we ask him for help more often, etc.)

MAKE IT PERSONAL

- Give each kid **1 paper "brick"** (colored paper rectangle).
- Have them write/draw ONE way life would be different if they believed God could do anything. You can give them hints/examples:
 - This might be **something they want God to help them with** (they can refer to the ideas they came up with during Large Group; also give them hints like tell the truth, make a new friend, love an enemy, etc.).
 - This might be **something they now have bravery to do**, like stand up to a bully or tell a friend about Jesus.
 - This might be **some way they want to get to know this amazing God more** like spend time with God each day or plan one way to obey him.
- Share ideas.
- Then begin to build a wall by **taping** the "bricks" to one of the walls/tables or on the floor. Use the space in your room that works best for you. (This will be a 1D wall.)
- Give each kid **another brick** and **write/draw** another way life could be different when we believe God is in control. *TIP: If kids need ideas, they could also draw/write how*

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life was for the Israelites (they obeyed God, they stayed safe from their enemies, etc.).

- Build your wall as tall as you want, with **up to 5 bricks per kid**.

***Then stand in front of the wall and pray together, asking God to help kids this week. Ask kids if they want to pray too!**

Extra time? Play crazy Simon Says again!

(Walls will have to be removed for the following service! Let kids take their bricks home or throw away any unclaimed bricks before you leave today.)

LARGE group



special notes

There's a spot for you to have kids reenact marching around a few blocks while you play a trumpet sound byte. Feel free to adapt this to fit your room (you can get more kids involved, just do it yourself, etc.).

presenter tips

To help with pacing, each section has been assigned an approximate time. This will vary slightly per person/room but try to use it to make sure you allow time for all the Large Group components, including worship.

You should be leading about 29 min. from beginning to end, which means Large Group takes a little over 30 minutes when you include transitions.

script

WELCOME AND CONNECT TO CONNECT TIME (6 min.)

Hi everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you here. Your game of Simon Says looked like a lot of fun. Before we begin, let's try it together. Raise your hand if you think you came up with the "craziest" thing for your group. (Choose three kids to come up.)

OK, everybody else, stand up! Let's see if we can do it. (One by one, let each kid lead the group in one round of Simon Says. After each kid has had a chance, let them be seated.) Wow, great job! That was a lot of fun.

And it sounds like some of you did some really crazy things this week too. Who wants to share something really crazy or silly that happened to you? (Let 3-5 kids share.) Those are pretty silly. Want to know the craziest thing that happened to me? (Share the craziest part of *your* week.)

BELIEVE IT NOR NOT! INTRO (2 min.)

Well there are lots of crazy things in this world and some of them are hard to believe, even when they're true. Today, we're going to watch a video of a chimp who can do something pretty cool. Let's take a look: as you watch, see what he can do!

Video: Skateboarding Chimp (1 min. video)

Whoa, he can skateboard better than I can! Does anybody in here have a pet who can skateboard? (Let kids respond.) I didn't think so! (Or marvel at their story if they do share something crazy a pet does.)

JOSHUA AND JERICHO (6 min.)

Well, the truth is we're not the only ones who can do fun or crazy things. There are actually some stories in the Bible about times God has asked people to do things that seemed pretty crazy or silly. But even when it doesn't make sense, should we obey God? (Let kids say: Yes!)



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Yes. Think about how we obeyed when “Simon” said to do something. God is WAY more important. Today we’re going to talk about why it’s OK to do something crazy or silly when God asks us to!

(Show image of desert.) We’ve been talking about God’s family. They were stuck as slaves in Egypt and God sent Moses to lead them out of Egypt and toward an amazing land he promised them, called Canaan. For forty years, they wandered in the Sinai desert, which is the desert in the picture. God took care of them though, and eventually they got ready to get into the Promised Land.

God chose a new leader, Joshua, to lead the Israelites. The problem is, when they got to the Promised Land, there were people living there already. And these people had a BIG city with BIG walls. There was no way to knock these walls down and live in the home God had for them. They were going to need God’s help.

For awhile, they waited, camped out and wondered what to do. But one night, Joshua heard from God. We’re going to watch a video about what happened. As you watch, see if you can figure out the crazy way God helped his family.

Video: God’s Story / Jericho

Wow, so how did God help his family? (Let kids respond. They may have several responses. Then summarize for them.) That’s right, He came as a soldier and actually met Joshua! Then He told Joshua how to tear down those walls. The thing is...He wanted them to march around the walls, then when priests blew trumpets, the people were supposed to yell....hm.

GOD IS IN CONTROL (5 min.)

Let’s think about that for a second. First, let’s consider just *how* crazy that must have seemed. To do that, I need three volunteers to be priests. (Choose three kids to come up.) Everybody else is the Israelites, God’s special family. (*Stack the blocks.*) You guys need to knock these down but you can NOT touch them. We’re going to try doing what Joshua did. I’m going to show you what kind of trumpet Joshua used—what it looks like and sounds like. It’s a trumpet made of ram’s horn, called a shofar. I’m going to show you and then you can mimic it. Ready?

Click to play ram’s horn slide with sound effect and have the “priests” mimic it; then ask the “Israelites” to shout as loud as they can. Hm, nothing. That’s strange. This isn’t even a strong wall! Thanks for trying, guys. (To “priests”:) You can have a seat.

Why didn’t marching, blowing trumpets and yelling work for you guys? (Let kids respond.) Yes, it’s not normally how we knock down walls, even flimsy ones like this.

But why DID it work for the Israelites? (Let kids respond.) Yep, because God wanted it to. God tore down those walls! God is in control which means he can do ANYTHING he wants to do. If He tells us to yell at a wall to get it to fall, we should obey and trust him.



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FOLLOWING GOD VERSE (2 min.)

Our verse for this month can help us remember that we can trust God because he's in control. It's Proverbs 3:5-6 and it says this:

Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

Let's say that out loud together. (Lead the kids in repeating the verse. Shout it out again, if you want, or say it in a high voice, low voice or whatever silly voice you want.)

Great job, everybody! If Joshua had depended on his own understanding, he would have known that shouting and blowing trumpets does NOT knock down walls. But instead he obeyed God, and since God is in control, the walls fell down.

PRAY AND RESPOND (5 min.)

If God is in control, nothing is too hard for him. Let's take a minute and talk to God, which is called praying. In your head, think of something you want His help with. (Give kids a moment to think.) Now, while the next song plays, ask God to do it and ask him to be all that you need. Use this time to talk to Him.

Song: KC Acoustic / All That You Need

(Midway through, if kids seem restless, you can encourage them to start singing along or stand up!)

WORSHIP (3 min.)

Now let's tell God we love him, which is called worship. One way to worship God is by telling him we trust him. We all have things that scare us and things we need help with. Let's tell God that his love is bigger than any fear and we believe HE is in control!

Song: Love Beats Fear

**Dismiss kids to small groups*



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PREP needs



connect time supplies

Crazy Simon Says game – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid

5 colored paper bricks (please cut paper into 4 rectangular pieces; use a variety of colors; 8.5" x approx. 2.75")

Per group

Markers
1 Bible
painters tape or masking tape

large group supplies

Bible

3 brick blocks (or something comparable)

a/v needs

1. Slide: Believe It or Not! loop
2. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
3. Video: Skateboarding chimp (<https://vimeo.com/28025948>)
4. Image: desert
5. Video: God's Story: Joshua and Jericho
6. Image/sound: ram's horn with trumpet sound (trumpet sound should be 2:06-2:19 of this video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vL9sFkoAfcQ>)
7. SLIDE: Proverbs 3:5-6: Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend

on your own understanding. Seek his will in all you do, and he will show you which path to take.

8. Music Video: All That I Need KC Acoustic (<https://vimeo.com/106958575>; please cut off the first 1:11!!)
9. Music Video: Love Beats Fear (<https://vimeo.com/113716523>)
10. Slide: Believe It or Not! loop

connect questions

Tell me about Joshua and Jericho.
How did the walls of Jericho fall down?

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