



Twos

February 6-7, 2016

DATE

Joshua and Jericho

LESSON TITLE

Beginner's Bible (pp.132-135)

WHERE TO FIND IT

We can obey God.

MAIN POINT

schedule

Every classroom is different, so you can adjust this schedule to fit your needs. Just make sure you have time for Large Group and Small Group activities.

15 minutes	Check in and play time
5 minutes	Clean up toys
10 minutes	Snack time
10 minutes	Large Group lesson
10 minutes	Small Group activity
10 minutes	Play and clean up time

tips

It's Super Bowl Weekend, which means we've got a super-sized lesson! Since the service will be longer than normal, we've included extra content in both Small Group and Large Group. Adapt the amount of activities you do to fit your needs!

check-in/out

As you check in kids, be sure to ask parents if their kids are potty-trained or are working on it. And so you know - if there is an "accident" we've got some clothes available to send them home in.

Not sure where to find clothes? Call the Info Center to have someone help you. The number should be posted in your room.

large group heads up

We'll be finding out how we can obey God no matter what, just like Joshua and his army did! They obeyed God, and he did the miraculous for them—he brought a giant wall crumbling down, so that they could get to their new home.

CONNECT
time



connect time

No connect time



instructions

Goal: Help kids understand God's story in a language they understand.

Why? We want kids to believe that God loves them, and a great way to do that is to help them experience stories about how much he loves us!

Tip: There are three activities in Small Group today. If you have time, you can do all three, or just a few. Adapt it to fit the needs of your class!

small group

ACTIVITY 1

- **Supplies needed: Set of 3 pictures**
- Retell the story while showing the picture cards as kids sit in their seat and eat their snacks.
 - (Show the **city with walls** image) Joshua and his army were on their way to their new home, when they were stopped by a city with a big wall around it!
 - (Show the **marching** image) God told Joshua and his army how to get past the wall. They had to blow horns, and march around the wall 7 times!)
 - (Show the **walls falling down** image) When Joshua and his army did what God told them to do, the walls came crumbling down! They were able to get to their new home.

ACTIVITY 2

- **Supplies needed: Dixie cups** (*these will be reused for subsequent services)
- Give each kid 5 Dixie cups, and show them how to stack the cups on top of each other to create a "wall", just like the wall of Jericho (see picture below.)
- Let kids knock over their wall! Remind them that God helped Joshua and the Israelites knock down the big wall, so they could get to their new home.
- If some kids finish early and others want to play more, let them use more cups to make as big of a wall as they can!

ACTIVITY 3

- **Supplies needed: coloring page and crayons**
- Hand each kid a coloring page. As kids color their page, ask:
 - Did God help Joshua knock down the big wall? (Yes)
 - Can we trust God? (Yes)

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Stacking Dixie cups like the wall of Jericho:



special notes

Today's lesson is very active! Be prepared to get up and move a little, as well as use dramatic sounds and motions to animate exciting parts of the story.

presenter tips

The most important thing to repeat throughout the story, and the rest of the lesson, is this: **We can obey God. When we obey God, we do what he tells us to do.**

script

INTRO

Hi everybody! It's so good to see you today. This is the Bible, and it's a very special book! (*Show the Bible to kids*) It's all about God, and how much he loves us. God loves me (*Point to yourself*) and God loves you! (*Point to kids*)

We're going to hear a story about God's special family, and how they obeyed God. **When we obey God, it means we do what he tells us to do.** God loved his special family very much, and he wanted them to be safe. Let's read about it in the Bible!

Read pages 132-135 in the Beginners Bible.

THE BIG WALL

Joshua was leading his army across a big desert. There was lots of sand and hills; they had to walk a really long time! I bet they got tired. One day, they came to a city with a big wall! It was in the way of their new home. Can you reach your hands up as high as you can, to show how big the wall was? (Let kids respond.) Good job! This wall was SO big, that they couldn't climb over it. Can you pretend to climb up a wall? (Let kids respond.) They couldn't dig under it either. Let's pretend to dig through the dirt. (Let kids respond.)

GOD TELLS JOSHUA WHAT TO DO

The only way to get past the wall was to ask for God's help! So God told them what to do, and they did it. First, God told them to march around the wall and blow their horns for six days! Let's all put our hands around our mouth, and make a horn noise, just like they did. (Demonstrate for kids and let them respond. Have some fun for a few minutes making loud noises through your pretend "horn") Great job!

Next, God told Joshua and his army to march around the wall seven times! Let's all get up and march just like Joshua and his army did. (Lead kids in marching around the room a couple



script continued

times. Let them follow behind and copy your actions.) Everybody, stop! (Let kids stop.) After they did what God told them to do, the wall came crumbling down! Let's all fall to the ground, just like the wall. (Let kids respond.) Good job everybody!

We can obey God too, just like Joshua did. We can do what he tells us to do.

PRAY

Dear God, we love you so much. We want to obey you, and do what you tell us to do. Thank you for everything you do. Amen!



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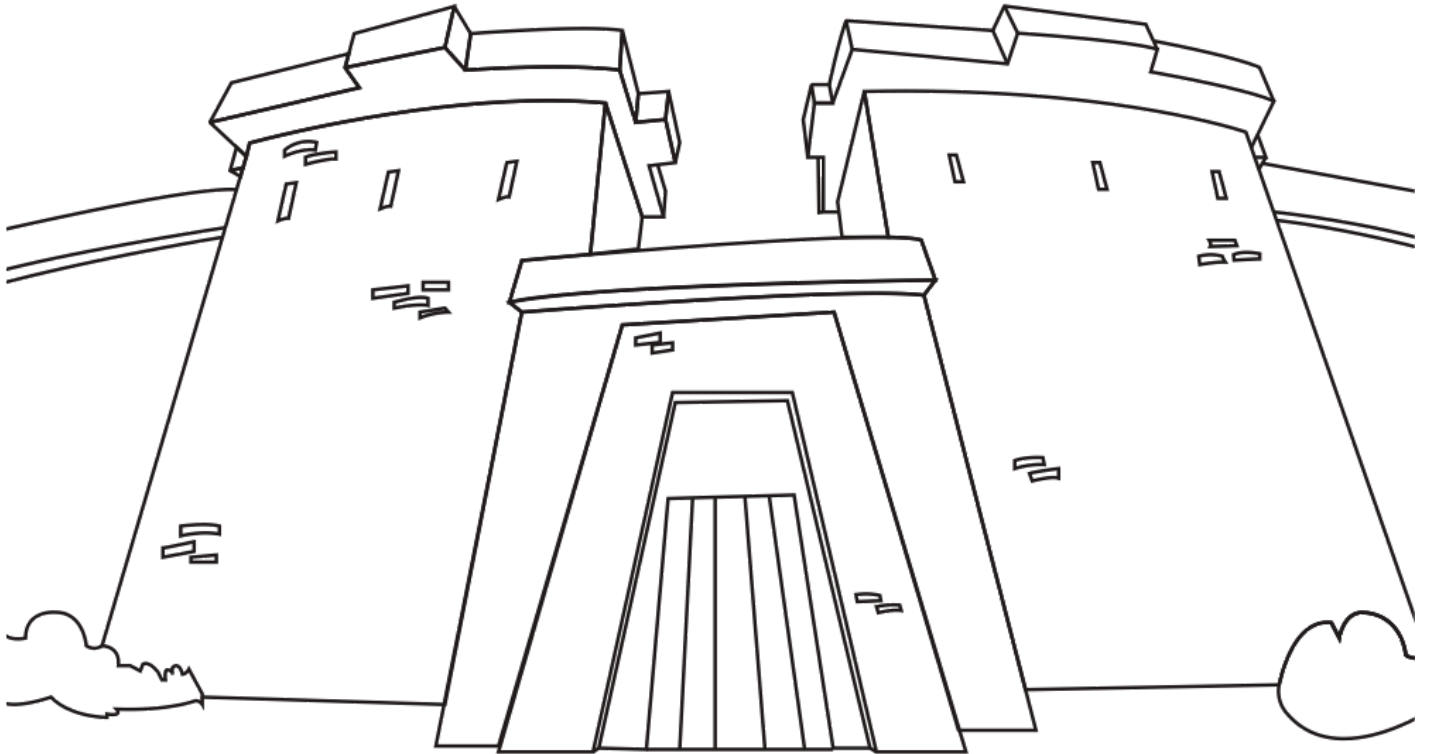
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This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9



PREP needs



connect time supplies

No Connect Time – no supplies needed

small group supplies

Per kid: coloring page, 5 Dixie cups (<http://www.walmart.com/ip/Dixie-Bath-Cups-3-oz-200-count/21777840>)
(cups can reused each service)

Per group: crayons

One set of 3 images:

City with walls image (printed in color, 8.5x11 cardstock)

Marching image (printed in color, 8.5x11 cardstock)

Walls falling image (printed in color, 8.5x11 cardstock)

large group supplies

The Beginner's Bible

a/v needs

Working CD player and any Kids' Club CD

connect questions

What did God tell Joshua to do?

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