

## **At Home Lesson** **The Walls of Jericho** **(Joshua 2 & 6:1-23)**

Gather your family together. Start off in prayer. Pray for each other, the church, the leaders around the world, and people who you know are in need. Ask God to teach your family something during this time together. Tell the Bible story and discuss. Stay open and make sure kids are invited to participate however, they are comfortable.

### **BIBLE STORY**

Today's lesson comes from Joshua 2 & 6:1-23. You can read the verses from the bible you have at home, watch the video on <https://jcbc.org/jcbc-kids-online/>, and/or retell the story like this:

"The Israelites were camping near the Jordan River. They were close to the land of Canaan, the land God promised them. They were waiting for God to tell them how to get into Canaan and defeat the Canaanites.

Joshua, the leader of the Israelites, sent 2 spies into the city of Jericho. The spy stayed in the house of a woman named Rahab. The king of Jericho found out the spies were with Rahab and sent soldiers to find them.

Rahab knew about God and the Israelites. She wanted to help the spies, so she hid them when the soldiers came looking for them. Once the soldiers left, she helped the spies escape by letting them climb down a scarlet (or deep red) rope out of her window. Before the spies left, she told them "I know the Lord has given you this land. Please be kind to my family since I've been kind to you.

When you attack Jericho, don't kill us." The spies said they would help keep her safe, because she believed in God. When they left, Rahab tied her scarlet rope in her window so the Israelites would know which house was hers.

There was a great big wall around Jericho, so no one could get in and attack the city. God told Joshua, "Jericho is yours. March around the city once each day for 6 days. Tell the priests to carry the ark of the covenant. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day, march around the city 7 times. Then, have the priest blow the trumpets. All the people will shout, and the walls of Jericho will fall down and your people can take the city."

The Israelites did what God said. They marched around the city every day for 6 days. On the 7<sup>th</sup> day they walked around it 7 times and then blew trumpets and shouted praises to God. When they did this, the walls came crumbling down!

The 2 spies hurried to Rahab's house. They brought her out, with all her family. Rahab was saved because she believed in God. Then, the Israelites destroyed everything in the city and took it as their own."

## **CONNECT AND DISCUSS**

Ask these questions and explain these things to your children. Break it down on their level and adapt to their age group. The older your kids are, the more they can explain and think outside the box. Instead of defining words, ask them what it means. For younger kids, make sure to explain in the simplest terms. No matter the age, let them answer before you do. Accept their answers and make sure they know you are proud of how hard they are thinking, even if they don't get the "right" answer.

### Bible Story Questions

- Who fought the battle of Jericho?
- How did the Israelites knock down the walls just by marching and cheering? (God did it!)
- Who was Rahab? What did she do to help God's people?
- God kept the promise to the Israelites and to Rahab and her family. God gave the people the land they were promised, and saved Rahab and her family. This shows us that God is faithful. Being faithful means keeping promises and consistently taking care of the people we love. God is faithful because God keeps promises and always takes care of us.
  - What promises has God kept to your family?
  - How do you know that God is faithful?
  - How does God take care of you?

## **CLOSE IN PRAYER**

Pray and thank God for being faithful! Thank God for promises kept. Ask God to keep taking care of your family. Tell God what you need.

## **WORSHIP, CREATE, & PLAY TOGETHER**

- **Act** out the story! Build a wall or some building out of blocks or legos. March around the structures you create 7 times, then sing loud praises to God. Knock over what you built! Repeat as your kids want to. Don't forget to leave one building standing for Rahab!
- **Create** by doing one of the crafts below!

Sing and dance along to some of our kids' favorite songs!

[My God is so Big](#)

[Red Sea Road](#)

[The Way](#)

## Rahab and the Spies Craft



What you need:

- Scissors
- Crayons/colored pencils
- Print the page below

What you do:

- Cut along the dotted lines.
- Color the picture
- Slide section of spy on rope through the cut out.
- [Watch this](#) for instructions!

## Priests' Trumpet Craft



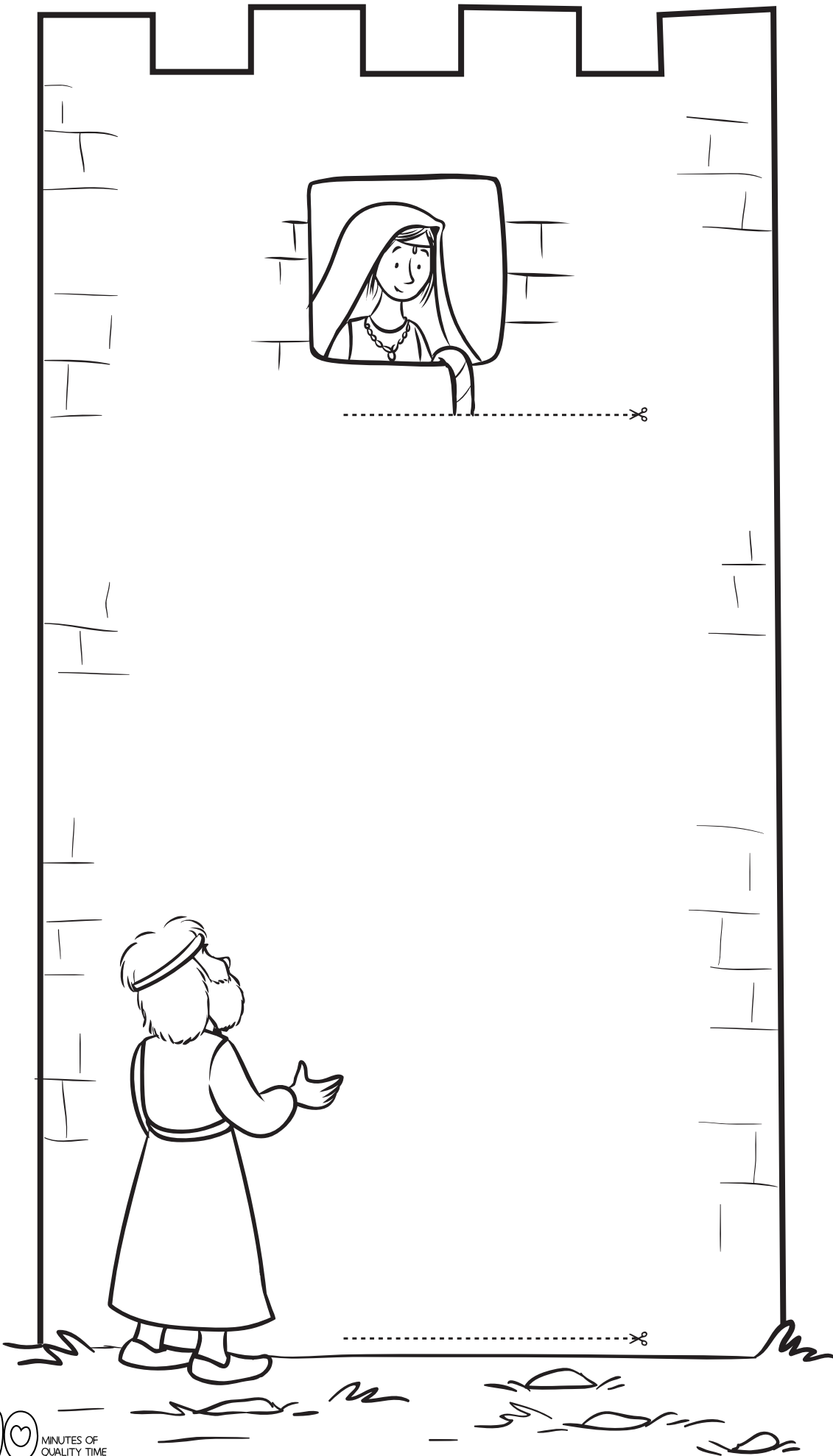
PAPER HORN CRAFT for  
Joshua and the BATTLE of  
Jericho

What you need:

- Scissors
- Crayons/Colored pencils
- Stick glue or tape

What you do:

- Color the horn template, create designs as desired
- Cut out the horn
- Roll into a horn shape and tape/glue together
- Hold horn up to your mouth and make a trumpet sound





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# Joshua and the Battle of Jericho

## God Calls His People

With my help, you and your army will defeat the king of Jericho and his army, and you will capture the town.

Joshua 6:2



Joshua 21:45

“There failed not ought of any  
 good thing which the <sup>2C 5C 3D 4A</sup>  
 had spoken unto the house  
 of Israel;

<sup>1A 2C 2C</sup>

<sup>3A 1A 3C 5A</sup>

<sup>5D 5C</sup>

<sup>1D 1A 4D 4D</sup>”

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