

JOSHUA AND THE BATTLE OF JERICHO

Memory Verse

Then the Lord said to Joshua, “See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days.

Story Characters

Narrator
Joshua
God
Priests
Israelite Soldiers

Narrator:

When God promises a miracle, God delivers a miracle. All we have to do is follow His instructions. Joshua and all of the Israelites discovered this at the Battle of Jericho.

Joshua:

Lord, the city of Jericho is surrounded by a huge, thick wall. The gates to the city are shut tight and guarded closely.

God:

Joshua, I have handed the city of Jericho over to you. I have also handed its king and its fighting men over to you.

Joshua:

What shall we do, Lord?

God:

March around the city once with all of your fighting men. In fact, do this for six days. Have seven priests get trumpets made from rams' horns. These priests will carry the trumpets in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times. On this day, have the priests blow the trumpets as you march. When you hear a long blast on the trumpets, tell all of the men to give a loud shout. The wall of the city will fall down and the whole army will go into the city.

Joshua:

Yes, Lord, we will do as you have commanded.

Joshua:

Priests, go and get the ark of the covenant of the Lord. We are going to march with the ark around Jericho. And, I want seven of you to carry trumpets in front of the ark.

Priests:

We will do what you tell us, Joshua.

Joshua:

Soldiers, you will move out! March around the city. Some of you will march in front of the ark of the Lord. Some of you will march behind the ark. The ark must be guarded by all of you.

Soldiers:

Yes, sir, Joshua.

Joshua:

Do not give a war cry. Do not raise your voices. Do not say a word until the day I tell you to shout. Then you will shout!

Soldiers:

Yes, sir, Joshua.

Narrator:

The soldiers did as they were told. They marched around Jericho for seven days. Then Joshua said:

Joshua:

Okay, men. For seven days have we marched around the city of Jericho. Today, we have marched around the city six times. Now we will march around the city wall one more time. But this time, priests, you will blow a long blast on the trumpets.

Priests:

We will do this, Joshua.

Joshua:

Soldiers, shout! The Lord has given you the city! Shout to the Lord!

(Sounds of a long trumpet blast, loud shouting.)

(Sounds of walls falling.)

Joshua:

Israelites, the Lord has given us the city of Jericho. Let us praise the Lord. Lord God, we have done as you have told us, and the city of Jericho is ours. We will set this city apart to the Lord.

God:

I will be with you, Joshua.

Narrator:

*If you want to read more about Joshua, the battle of Jericho, and how Joshua led the Israelites into the land God had promised to them, read all about it in the book of **Joshua** in the Old Testament part of the Bible.*

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