

TIGARD COVENANT KIDS'
Sunday School Online Lesson Plan
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And the Walls Came Tumbling Down (Literally)

Dear Parents,

This lesson is about trusting God to tear down *walls* in our lives that keep us from the peace of God. The foundation of *my walls* are worry and/or regret, and I've discovered the more I fixate on the past or the future, the less peace I have. I'm working on trusting Jesus more every day. It's not always easy, but I definitely want the peace of God to rule my heart. And so if I trust Him more, my walls will come tumbling down, as they did in Jericho. *(Read below to learn the how archaeologists confirmed this biblical account)*

<https://biblearchaeologyreport.com/2019/05/25/biblical-sites-three-discoveries-at-jericho/>

To God be the Glory!

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References: The Word of God; Amazing Stories for Young Believers by Dave Strehler

Materials Needed: Tablet/Computer and Bible

BEFORE WE GET STARTED, GOD WANTS ME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING:

"I love you with an everlasting love because you are a part of me. I created you and breathed life into your lungs. You are not an accident. I know everything about you... when you sit down, and when you stand up, when you laugh and when you cry. You are more important to me than you will ever know, and I have great plans for your future. I will never stop doing good to you. I am for you and never against you. I loved you so much that I sent my only son Jesus to be your savior. You are my special child and your names are stamped on my heart for all eternity." Love from your father in Heaven.

INTRODUCTION:

Have you ever heard the story of Jericho and how Joshua brought the walls down around the city? Well, after the Israelites survived 40 YEARS in the desert, God allowed them to enter the Promised Land (a land of beauty and wonderful things to eat), but their troubles were far from over. Joshua and God's army had to conquer many cities to remove the kings and soldiers that did not follow God. Jericho was the first of many cities they would have to overcome.

Let's watch a video about how they conquered Jericho! https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BAkwWE2UGLo&index=11&list=PL5aPdmniG3y_n7hXEKTV4qQnleCe-p6Ws

For older children, ask them to read JOSHUA 6:15-27

QUESTIONS:

1. Who was the woman who helped the Israelites conquer Jericho? (Rahab)
2. Who was the man who stood in front of Joshua with a sword? (The Commander of the Lord's Army).
3. Who do you think sent the Commander? (God)
4. What did the Commander tell Joshua to do? (to march around the gates for 6 days with his soldiers).
5. Was the Ark of the Covenant supposed to be carried by priests around the gates for 6 days as well? (Yes)
6. How many priests were told to walk around the gates blowing rams' horns for 6 days? (7)
7. How many times did they walk around the gates during those 6 days? (One time a day)
8. What happened on the 7th day? (the soldiers and the priests walked around the gates 7 times then started SHOUTING AS LOUD AS THEY COULD.)
9. What happened next? (the walls of Jericho came tumbling down!)

When the walls came down, the Israelites charged into the town and captured it. They were told to burn the city and everything in it. Only the things made of silver, gold and bronze and iron were saved. So the Lord was with Joshua, and his reputation spread across the Promised Land.

CONCLUSION: Every story in the Bible is written to teach us a lesson. In this story, God wants us to remember that life is not always smooth. Sometime we worry about things and feel like our problems are too big for God to solve. God is ALWAYS with us and hears all of our prayers. Continue to pray about your problems, and sooner or later, they will move out of your way, just like the walls of Jericho did for Joshua. **And always tell your parents about your problems so they can pray with you!**

Be strong and courageous.

Do not be afraid. Do not be dismayed.

For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

Let's pray together. Repeat after me.

Dear God,

Thank you for your awesome love.

Thank you for the ways you look out for us and protect us.

Show us the plans you have for our lives,

and keep your loving hand on me and my family always.

I've learned today that I can pray when I am worried and have a problem.

You are always with me and will hear my prayers

and if I continue to pray, sooner or later

my problems will go away.

In Jesus' Name

Amen

Activity Below

JOSHUA 1:9



For the LORD your GOD is with you wherever you go.

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