



God Talk At Home

This Week's Kingdom Quest Lesson:

Walls of Jericho Tumble Down

Take Home Point:

God helps us break down walls that keep him away

Drive Time Home

Tickler Question: Show me the cross bookmark you made. What victory did God win for us? (*Kids can tell about the Battle at Jericho or the victory Jesus won on the cross for our forgiveness.*)

God Time at Home

Select questions and adapt for your family.

FOR STARTERS: Lean playing cards or index cards against each other to build card houses. As each person builds discuss the following: "Sometimes people make walls in their lives to keep God away. These are not walls made of cards (or bricks). These walls are built when we refuse to obey God or ignore him. Who can think of examples of ways people build walls to keep God away?"

READ THE BIBLE: Joshua 5:13-6:27 Victory at Jericho

KEY VERSES: 1 Corinthians 15:57, "Thank God that he gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

TALK ABOUT IT: Who met Joshua to give him the battle orders? (*Joshua 5:13-14. A man with a sword, the commander of the Lord's army.*) The army was to march one full circle around the city for how many days? (*Joshua 6:3. Six days.*) On the seventh day they were to march how many times? (*Joshua 6:4. Seven times.*) What did the priests carry around the city? (*Joshua 6:4. The Ark of the Covenant and trumpets.*) What were the people to do on the seventh day when they heard all the trumpets? (*Joshua 6:5. Shout.*) Whose family was saved from destruction and how? (*Joshua 6:22-23. Rahab and her family. Joshua 2:18. The scarlet cord she tied at her window was the sign of the promise to spare her house.*)

What do you think it meant to have the Ark of the Covenant march around the city? (*The presence of God was with the people and represented God's agreement to rescue.*) Rahab and her family were saved because of a scarlet rope that hung from her window and marked her house. What other rescues did God perform using the color red? (*The blood on the doorposts during the Passover from Egypt, the blood of Jesus who rescues us.*) God wants to knock down walls in our lives that might keep us from getting closer to him.

PRAYER POWER: Close with a prayer that confesses sin and the walls we put up. Thank God for breaking down those walls by giving us Jesus.

Family Time Option

One day this week, try...

FAMILY TIME OPTIONS: God's forgiveness breaks down walls between people and God. Sometimes walls can be built between people when they refuse to forgive each other. Give each family member a blank index card. Write or draw a picture of something another person has done that has caused hurt and unforgiveness. Each person can then tear up that card and throw it away as they also throw away any desire to get even or harbor bitterness. In so doing, they are choosing to forgive and to knock down the bricks that build the wall of unforgiveness.

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