

# HEROES OF THE FAITH

## JOSHUA

Today we will be exploring Joshua's story together.

You can find it in your Bible in:

### Joshua 6

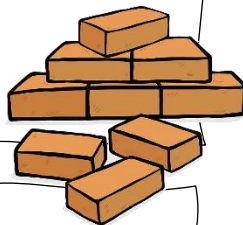
We're going to focus on the story of Joshua and God's people the Israelites and the battle of Jericho!

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



Here is a link to a great summary video.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruqGz1480uc>



### A prayer to say together

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Joshua who followed your instructions and praised you even before the walls had fallen.

Help us to trust you and be faithful to you even during these difficult times knowing that you are the God who gives us the victory.

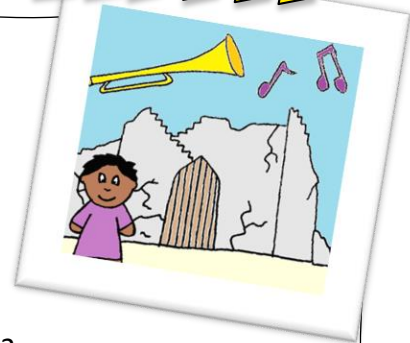
Help us to be faith carriers in our communities and share the hope we have in you with others.

Amen

### Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

*What instructions did God give to Joshua to follow?  
How do you think the Israelites felt following God's instructions?*

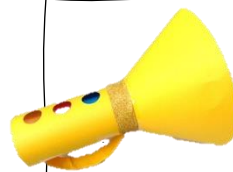
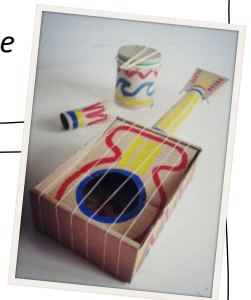


Joshua and the Israelite army had to march around the walls of Jericho and blow their trumpets once a day for six days, on the seventh day they had to do this seven times, blow their trumpets and then give a loud shout! Only after they had done all these things would God bring down the walls and give them the city.

It must have been difficult doing the same thing every day and trusting that God was going to give them the city. The people inside the city would probably have been watching and maybe even laughing. God's people knew however that God always keeps his promises and they kept going, doing exactly what God had told them.

Some questions for children to ask adults

*Can you think of a time when you had to be patient and wait for something?*



### Family Activity 1

#### Sound the trumpets!

You will need: any craft materials or empty cartons/boxes from around the house.

Make your own musical instruments from things you have around the house... here are some suggestions:

- A shaker using rice or beads and an empty bottle or container.
- A trumpet from a cut-down empty milk bottle
- A guitar by stretching elastic bands across an empty container or box.

**Joshua 6 v 16**  
"Shout, for the Lord  
has given you the  
city."

## A verse to remember

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week.

## Family Activity 2

### Joshua Stones

The Israelites had come a long way to get to Jericho, out of slavery in Egypt, through the red sea, into the wilderness for forty years and then finally through the river Jordan and into the promised land.

As they passed through the river, the tribes of Israel collected rocks and placed them at the point where they crossed, as a reminder of all that God had done for them in the past and all his promises for the future.

You can read this story in **Joshua Chapter 3.**

Just as the Israelites built a pile of rocks to remind them of how God had looked after them.; why not start your own rock collection in your home?

Collect some rocks from your own garden or street, or just use some Lego or Jenga blocks if you have some in the house.

Take it in turns to place one in the pile and remember a good time you have had together as a family or a time when you know that God has been with you.



## Family Activity 3



"Our God, You will tear down the walls  
Our God, You are invincible  
The strongholds crumble like castles of sand  
As we shout loud our Jericho song"



The Israelites did not wait until the walls had fallen to praise God, they blew their trumpets and shouted loud to God knowing that He would keep his promise.

Why not spend some time together as family worshipping God, singing, dancing and marching today! This song by 'Rend Collective' is all about singing our own 'Jericho song' and celebrating that God gives us the victory.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QKxQsGADalk>



## Active Prayer

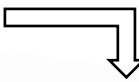
Why not set your own wall-breaking challenge. Think of any area in which you want to pray for breakthrough – it could be praying for a friend who doesn't yet know Jesus or an end to the coronavirus pandemic. Commit to praying for it each day for a week – praising God just like Joshua did.

You could make it the focus of a daily prayer walk around your area or if you are unable to leave your home plan to walk laps of your garden or house.

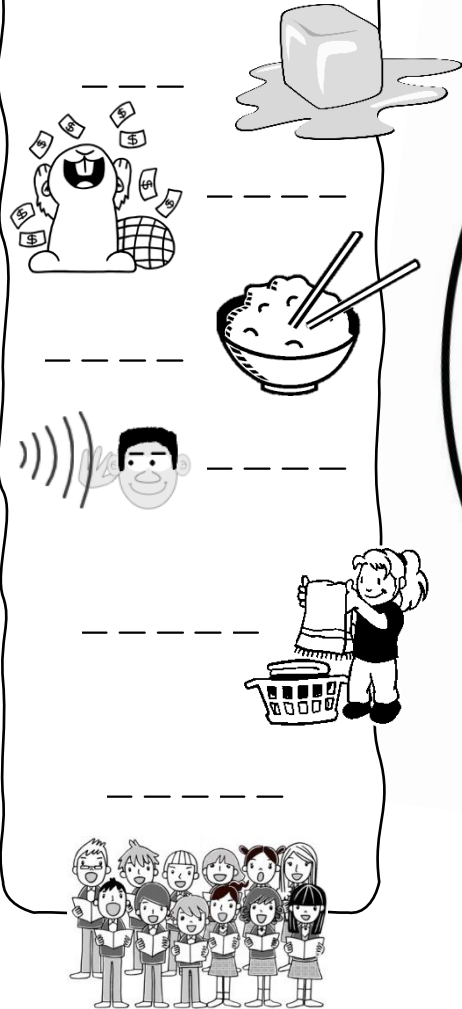
# PUZZLE SHEET

Joshua and the Israelites went round and round the walls of Jericho.

Can you find your way through this maze? Try not to get dizzy!

Start 

Can you work out the missing words? Each one is made from the letters of the word Jericho!



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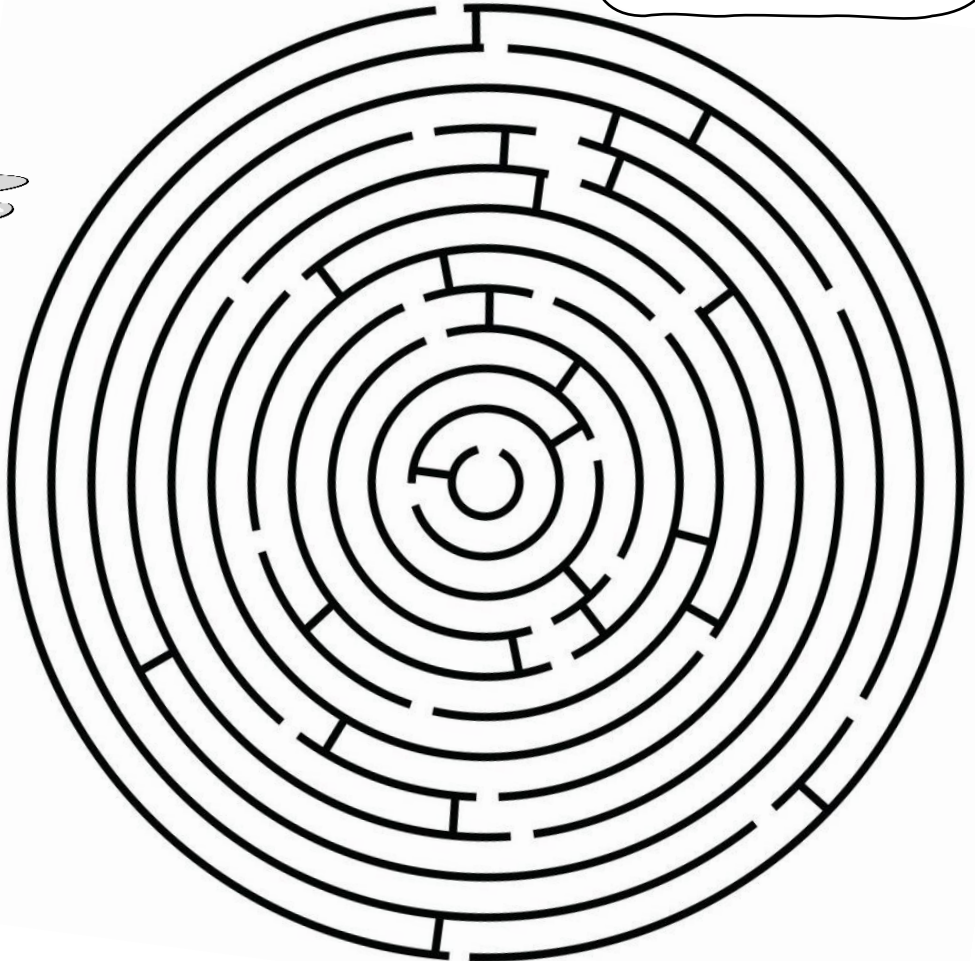
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All the letters have fallen out of the wall, can you put them back in order to spell out part of Joshua's story – we have made a start for you.

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H N J E I O O  
Y E H A I E I L O E K  
T I O H A V H E G C H O D  
~~J~~ ~~Q~~ ~~S~~ ~~S~~ ~~U~~ T D R T L V R N



Answers: ice, rich, rice, echo, chore, choir

# COLOURING SHEET



“Shout, for the Lord has given you the city.”