

Lesson 91: God Gives Victory Over Jericho

[Joshua 6:1-27](#)

Youtube Link: <https://youtu.be/92HR3tc-ayQ>

Children's Bible Story Video: <https://youtu.be/xmr8ooTKTrI>

Worship Theme: God always wins.

Memory Verse: "You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world." (1 John 4:4)

Songs (Youtube links):

1. Our God Is So Strong <https://youtu.be/VvrF94VKKHA>
2. Our God Is Awesome <https://youtu.be/TU6HfxJXLvQ>
3. In the Name of Jesus <https://youtu.be/0b41QksexPE>

Prayer

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: Small but Strong!



1. Have an adult sit on a chair with feet directly in front of them.
2. Call out a small child to stand in front of the adult and press their index finger against the middle of the adult's forehead.
3. Tell the adult to try to stand up without using their hands or moving their head forward. (Their back has to be straight.)
4. Ask the rest of the children who they think is going to be the winner - the small child or the big adult?
5. It's highly unlikely that the adult will be able to get up. Here's why: To stand up, the adult will have to shift his or her weight to the feet by moving his or her head forward—which will be difficult with the child's finger pressing against it. Even if the adult manages to stand up, it'll take a lot of effort!
6. After the game, remind the children that before the game started, they didn't think the small child would win. But when the child followed the instructions, it was easy. It's like that with God. Sometimes what seems to be an impossible situation is not impossible at all. If we follow God's instructions, we'll be winners. He gives us power through Jesus.

Introduction

Who do we fight against in this world? We may think that we have to fight against people who hurt us. But our true enemies are not people. Our true enemies are things that cause people to hurt us: anger, envy, jealousy, bitterness, and resentment. When people feel that way, even if it's not toward you, they might take it out on you. Maybe you have yelled at your brother or sister when you were really angry at your parents.

Or maybe you were mean to your friend when you were really jealous that he seemed to be having more fun with other friends. Or maybe you were rude to your parents when you were really afraid they would get a divorce. But God wants you to know that he is bigger than all of these things that hurt you. Today's memory verse tells us that, "the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world" (1 John 4:4). God is bigger and stronger than the devil and any of our enemies. God always wins. Today, we're going to hear a story about how God won in an impossible situation.

Bible Story:

The Israelites were ready to enter the Promised Land. But it was not going to be easy because they had to fight against many strong enemies. The first city that God told Joshua to capture was the city of Jericho. That was a hard thing to do because the city had a double wall built around it. (See below to print and show the children the picture of the walls of Jericho.) Joshua didn't know how they would get into the city with such a strong wall. But God had a way. He told Joshua to have his army march around the city wall once a day for six days. They were to play trumpets while they marched.

On the seventh day, God told Joshua to march around the city seven times. The seventh time, the Israelites were to give a long trumpet blast and then give a great, loud, and long shout. Though they didn't know why God told them to march around the city, the Israelites obeyed God. And they won! That wall came tumbling down—the wall of the city flattened!

Remember, it's important to obey God. Then we'll be winners because God always wins! When we have situations in our lives that seem too big to overcome, we need to trust God and know that he's on our side.

Questions to discuss:

1. What was the name of the city the Israelites had to capture? (Jericho)
2. Why was it hard to capture this city? (They had a thick double wall)
3. What did God tell the Israelites to do to capture this city? (For six days, march around once and play the trumpet; on the seventh day, march around seven times and everyone yell)
4. What happened when the Israelites obeyed God for 7 days? (The walls came tumbling down on its own)
5. What can you do when you are having problems in your life? (Trust and obey God because God is always a winner)

Game: "What Did You Say?" - Telephone Game



1. Line up the students to play the telephone game.
2. The teacher will say a sentence to the first child secretly, and this child will tell the next person in line what the teacher said.
3. Once it reaches the last person, the last person will say the sentence out loud.

The rest of the children can check if the sentence is correct or not. Play this game again with a different sentence.

4. Once the game is finished, explain to the children that they have to listen carefully, especially to God, in order to be successful like the Israelites.

Memory Verse:

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Craft: Prayer Wall

Material Needed: Bricks (print from below), pens, tape



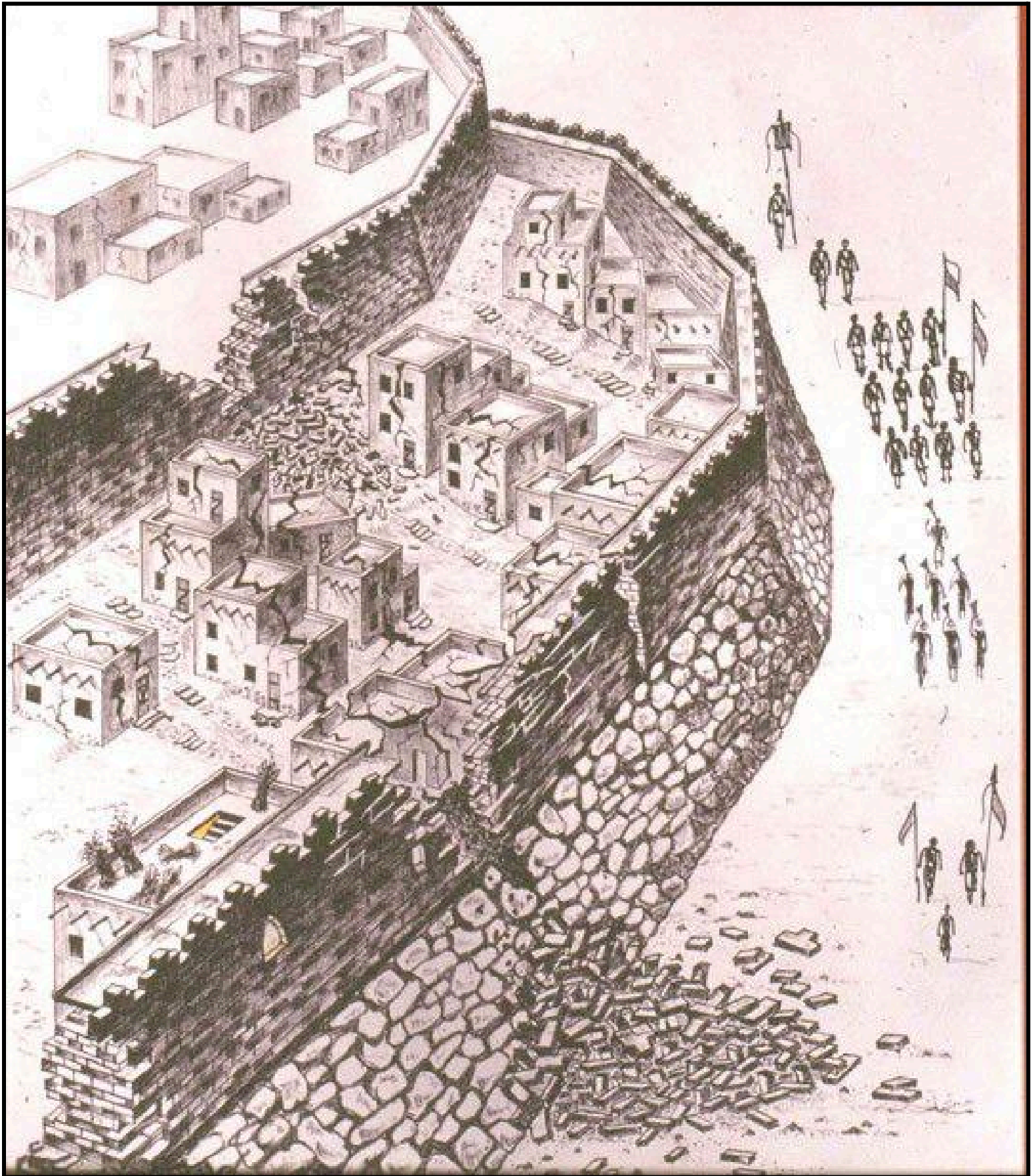
1. Give each child a prayer brick (print from below).
2. Explain to them that they might have a situation that seems impossible to overcome. Maybe someone they love is very sick. Maybe they're worried about family members who are always fighting. Maybe they know their friend has a bad habit but they're not sure what to do about it. Those are like walls because it's something big that we need God's help with.
3. Ask each child to write or draw their concerns on the brick (they don't have to write their name or every detail of the problem).
4. One by one, a child can come out and tape their prayer brick on the wall.
5. Once everyone is done, have all the children stand in front of the prayer wall and yell three times, "God always wins!" (Teacher should pray for the children.)

Song: Select songs from the list above

Prayer

Teacher's Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.) Take a few minutes to write down as many words as you can that show the character of God: powerful, patient, creative, and faithful, to name a few. After the list is complete, save it and use it as a daily devotion. Each day, meditate on one of these characteristics and how God has shown that characteristic in your life. Give God praise, and acknowledge his mighty work in your life.

The Double Walls of Jericho



Prayer Bricks

