



Joshua and the Walls of Jericho

BIG IDEA: God's instructions for us are good, so I can follow them right away.

BIBLE BASIS: Joshua 1, 6

KEY VERSE: "Be strong and brave. Make sure you obey the whole law my servant Moses gave you. Do not turn away from it to the right or the left. Then you will have success everywhere you go." Joshua 1:7 (NIV)

★ BIBLE STORY

Watch the "Journey Today Show" on JAM Family Church. Have your Bible ready to look up the story!

★ APPLICATION ACTIVITIES

COLORING OR ACTIVITY PAGE & QUESTIONS

As you color, use the questions to unpack the story.

1. What were the instructions God gave to the Israelites for defeating Jericho?
2. What do you think would have happened if the Israelites didn't follow God's instructions?

FOLLOWING GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS (Application Activity)

Print off the "Following God's Instructions" airplane template. Follow the instructions together...one step at a time...slowly and carefully!

Step 1: Hold the paper with the arrow facing away from you. Then flip the paper over so that you cannot see any of the folded lines. **Step 2:** Fold the top edge down toward you so that line 1 becomes visible. Crease along the dotted line. **Step 3:** Fold the top edge down again and crease along fold line 2. **Step 4:** Fold the top edge down once again and crease along fold line 3. **Step 5:** Fold the top corners down along fold lines 4. **Step 6:** Tuck the corners under the front flap and crease along fold lines 5. **Step 7:** Fold the plane in half along fold line 6 so the outside edges of the wings line up. **Step 8:** Fold the wings down along fold lines 7. **Step 9:** Fold the winglets down along fold lines 8. In the end, the wings should be tilted slightly upward like a "V" and the winglets should be tilted slightly downward.

Now line up and throw the planes all at once. Try 2 or 3 times.

Question: What do you think would have happened if you didn't follow the directions?

Question: Did any of you have to look at what I was doing to follow my example?

Following God's instructions is kind of like following the paper airplane instructions. When we follow God's instruction for how to live our lives we can soar. But when we don't, we crash and burn! In other words, following God's instructions helps us to live a good life. It's when we decide to ignore God's instructions that we get into trouble, we make bad choices, and we hurt ourselves and others. Sometimes following God's instructions for us can be easy and sometimes it's hard.

PRAISE PRAYER POSES (Prayer Activity)

When we pray to God, there's no right or wrong way to position our bodies. What matters the most is that our hearts are in the right place. But sometimes praying in different positions helps us to remember the different ways we can pray to God. We're going to practice praying in one of those positions right now...with our hands raised in the air toward God. Explain that this position is a way of reaching out to God and praising His name. Let everyone pray a prayer of praise!

