



Joshua & the Walls of Jericho

BIG IDEA: God is always with me.

BIBLE BASIS: Joshua 6

KEY VERSE: “Be strong and brave. I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.” Joshua 1:9

★ SINGING & BIBLE STORY

Watch and participate in the singing and story on JAM Family Church.

★ APPLICATION ACTIVITIES

COLORING AND QUESTIONS

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

1. Do you think the people of Israel could have shouted the wall down if God was NOT with them? Why or why not?
2. Do you think God is with you when you do bad things? (Answer: Yes! God doesn't want you to do bad things, but He's still with you when you do.)

STORY CUBE (Bible Story Review Activity)

Print off and assemble the Story Cube for this week's story. Take turns rolling it. If the cube lands on a picture from the story, ask the children to tell you what happened in that part of the story. If the cube lands on the action, have everyone perform that action. If the cube lands on Topher the Gopher, have the children make little chomping sounds and dig holes like a gopher. If the cube lands on the same picture more than once, re-roll the cube. When all of the story pictures have been rolled, put the story in correct order.

FALL DOWN (Review/Application Activity)

In today's Bible story, Joshua and the soldiers marched around Jericho one time every day for six days. But on the seventh day, how many times did they march around the city? (Answer: 7 times.) We're going to play a game that reminds us how God helped the people of Israel knock down the Jericho walls.

Have two or three people form a “wall” by standing side-by-side. Have the others be the “marchers.” The “marchers” begin marching around the “wall.” As they march, have the “marchers” repeatedly say, “When I laugh or when I cry, God is always by my side.” After each time around the wall, stop and call out the number. Continue for seven laps, then have the “marchers” shout, “Hey wall, it's time to fall!” The people forming the “wall” fall down to the ground. When finished, switch roles and repeat.

Question: How does it make you feel to know that God is always with you?

THE BIG WALL

Using wood blocks or duplo, build a wall. Be careful not to knock the wall down before you say it's time. When all the blocks are used and the wall is as tall as it can get, count to 3 and knock it down.

In today's true Bible story, God helps the people of Israel knock down a big, strong wall. It was way bigger and stronger than ours. Have everyone say “God is Always with me” as you knock over the wall.