

Oct 4, 2026

The Walls of Jericho Joshua 5 & 6

Story: Read the story ahead of time. Practice it. For the younger grades, feel free to summarize, if needed. It's okay to reference the story as you are telling it, but the goal is to know the story well enough that you don't have to read it word for word. :) And, we encourage you to have your Bible open during the telling of the story, so the kids know where this story came from.

★ Introduction & Story:

Quick Recap - We have finished our quick tour of the first five books of the Bible. God made the world. Mankind sinned. Sin is anything we think, say, or do that displeases God. When we sin, we are separated from God. But God still loves us and wants to be with us. He told us that He would send a Savior. But the Israelites (God's chosen family) had to wait until the New Testament for Jesus to show up! While they waited, God showed them how He has a plan and He loves them even though they are not faithful to Him. Last week, we talked about how Moses led the people out of Egypt. This week, we will talk about Joshua – the man God used to take the Israelites into the Promised Land.

Joshua went to see the city of Jericho. He looked at the tall stone wall that surrounded the city. He was probably wondering how his army was ever going to take this big city with its strong walls. The people of Jericho knew that the Israelites were going to attack and they were afraid. They had heard how the Israelite's God had helped them since they left Egypt. They probably had locked all the gates and made the city as secure as possible.

As Joshua looked around, he suddenly saw a strange man who was dressed like a soldier and carried a sword. Joshua asked the man if he was for the Israelites or the people of Jericho.

Joshua 5:13-14

When Joshua was near Jericho, he looked up and saw a man standing in front of him with a drawn sword in his hand. Joshua approached him and asked, "Are you for us or for our enemies?"

“Neither,” he replied. “I have now come as commander of the Lord’s army.” Then Joshua bowed with his face to the ground in homage and asked him, “What does my lord want to say to his servant?”

The man told Joshua what God wanted him to do so that the Israelites could conquer the city of Jericho.

Joshua 6:2-5

The Lord said to Joshua, “Look, I have handed Jericho, its king, and its best soldiers over to you. March around the city with all the men of war, circling the city one time. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry seven ram’s-horn trumpets in front of the ark. But on the seventh day, march around the city seven times, while the priests blow the rams’ horns. When there is a prolonged blast of the horn and you hear its sound, have all the troops give a mighty shout. Then the city wall will collapse, and the troops will advance, each man straight ahead.”

So, Joshua got his army ready. The first day, they marched around the city one time. The priests blew their horns, but the men in the army said nothing. Each day for the first six days, they did the same thing.

On the seventh day, they marched around the city the same way, but seven times. After the seventh time around the city, the soldiers all shouted.

Joshua 6:15-16

Early on the seventh day, they started at dawn and marched around the city seven times in the same way. That was the only day they marched around the city seven times. After the seventh time, the priests blew the rams’ horns, and Joshua said to the troops, “Shout! For the Lord has given you the city.”

When the men shouted, the walls collapsed. The army was able to enter the city.

Joshua 6:20

So the troops shouted, and the rams’ horns sounded. When they heard the blast of the ram’s horn, the troops gave a great shout, and the wall collapsed.

Joshua told the two spies that he had sent to Jericho earlier to go get Rahab and her family so that they would be saved from the destruction.

Joshua 6:22

Joshua said to the two men who had scouted the land, “Go to Rahab’s house and bring the woman out of there, and all who are with her, just as you swore to her.”

The Israelites conquered the city of Jericho. They took all the valuable things and put them in the Lord’s treasury. Rahab and all of her family were saved as the spies had promised her.

Joshua 6:24

They burned the city and everything in it, but they put the silver and gold and the articles of bronze and iron into the treasury of the Lord’s house.

★ **Connection to God’s Overall Story/Plan:**

Jericho was the first city that the Israelites conquered as they pursued God’s plan to give them the Promised Land. God would do many more marvelous things as the Israelites would conquer each city along the way. This was all part of God’s plan. He did this to show that He loves us and that we can trust Him. He promised them the Promised Land and He gave it to them. The most marvelous thing God has done is giving us His son Jesus.

Other Connections:

- Rahab - a lady saved from Jericho before the walls came down - is one of the few women we know about in Jesus’ family tree!
- Jericho was a real city. They have found it!

Follow Up: As a church, we are encouraging disciple makers to practice the REAP method as it is one useful tool in learning to read the Bible on your own. Retell, Examine, Application, Prayer. Now this may not be everyone’s preference, but it is an easy and consistent way to teach children to pull the meaning out of a passage and not just read it or rely on others to teach them what it means. Trees & Mountains - this is a station.

★ **Retell:** Have kids share what they recall from the story. Fill in any major holes they missed.

★ **Examine:**

○ Comprehension Questions:

- Do you think that Joshua was afraid when he saw the man who looked like a soldier?

- The people of Jericho must have been very curious about why the Israelites were marching around their city every day. What do you think they were thinking?
- Do you remember how the spies were going to find Rahab's house? Why would it have been difficult? (The house was built into the wall, and it would have been difficult to know which window was hers.)
- Ask, "What do we learn about God from this story? What does He do?"
 - God promised the Israelites the Promised Land. He delivers that here.
- Ask, "What do we learn about humans from this story? What are humans doing?"
 - We can be obedient and trust God – even when it seems impossible. The Israelites trusted God and walked around the wall even though that didn't seem like a good way to knock a wall down.
- ★ **Application:** Ask, "What is Jesus asking us to do through this story? Why did God include this in the Bible?"
 - Jesus is asking us to trust Him.
 - If you have already trusted Jesus to save you from your sins and have told Him - keep trusting him to take care of you.
 - If you haven't trusted Jesus or told Him that you believe in Him and His forgiveness - that is your next step!

★ **Prayer**

Memory Verse: Have the kids use the Bible. They should either share or each have one. If kids have their own Bibles, we can encourage them to use it, but sometimes you may just need to use the class set. Trees & Mountains - this is one station.

- ★ **Verse:** "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down after being marched around by the Israelites for seven days." -Hebrews 11:30

Memory Verse Practice:

Verse Look Up: Explain the address of the verse (Book Chapter:Verse). Explain whether it's in the Old Testament or the New Testament. Read and explain the verse.

- Rainbow Tip: Not necessary until we split classrooms.
- Fireweed Tip: Put Post-It notes on the book of the Bible for the memory verse. Then have them find the chapter and verse.

Practice the Verse:

- Rainbow: Not necessary :)
- Fireweed: Have the kids read it with you several times. Since they are learning to read, group practice is the focus.
- Trees & Mountains: Kids should be learning the verse and saying it on their own. We will provide activities - pick one to have the kids practice. We will PM provide: fill-in-the-blank verses, phrases for the kids to put in order, lines for the kids to write the verse out, and a worksheet for the kids to say the verse based on just the first letter of each word in the verse.

Books of the Bible:

- ★ If there is time or if kids have mastered the verse, have the kids practice the Books of the Bible. When we are doing Old Testament stories, have them practice the Old Testament; when in the New, practice the New Testament. We will have some activities for them to practice with.
 - Trees/Mountains currently have pencil cases with sets of cards/bookmarks in them.

Sticky Activities: No need to do all of these! Pick which ones work best for your teaching style and time frame! For the Trees and Mountains - there is enough time for two of the stations to do activities.

★ **Sensory:**

Category	Activity 1	Activity 2
Experiential	Trust Walk: Pair kids together. One child closes their eyes while	March Around Jericho (experiential, visual, &

	the other gives simple verbal directions through an obstacle course. Talk about how Israel had to trust God's instructions even when they didn't understand them.	movement): Build a "wall" from boxes or cups. Have the children experience the story by marching around it six times quietly, then a seventh time with trumpets and a shout.
Visual	Show Jericho "Map": Show the reconstructed map of Jericho with the walls built around the entire city. Talk about how difficult it would be to attack a walled city.	March Around Jericho: See Experiential
Touch	Build Jericho: Give groups blocks, cups, or cardboard pieces and have them construct their own city wall.	Texture Wall: Provide rocks, smooth stones, cardboard, and blocks for kids to feel and discuss what a city wall might have been made from.
Movement	Joshua Says: Play Simon Says with Joshua-themed commands: "Joshua says march," "Joshua says freeze," "Joshua says blow the trumpet," etc.	March Around Jericho: See Experiential
Sound	Trumpet Sounds: Use kazoos, paper horns, or simply voices to make trumpet sounds.	Quiet -> LOUD!: Practice being completely silent and then shouting together. Explain why the contrast would have made the final shout so memorable.
Crafts	Joshua and the Wall of Jericho: Color, cut, and glue attached activity page.	Joshua Blows His Horn: Activity Page. Cut along the dotted lines and arrange the puzzle pieces. Color when complete.

Send Home Page: Please send home with parents. They are sized 4 to a page.

Lesson Activity Pages

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Walls of Jericho Craft

Color, cut, and glue the activity page.

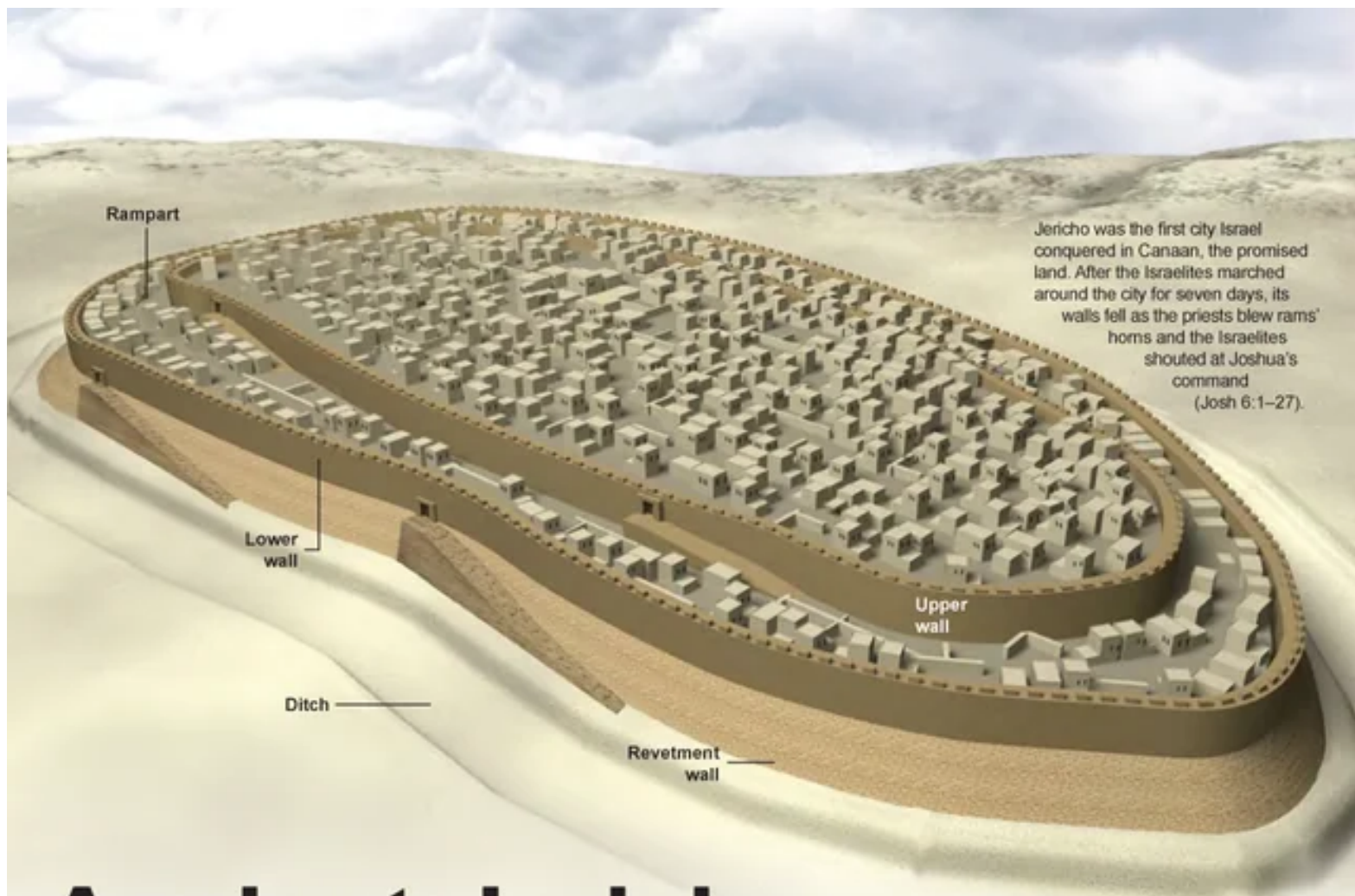
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QUALITY TIME





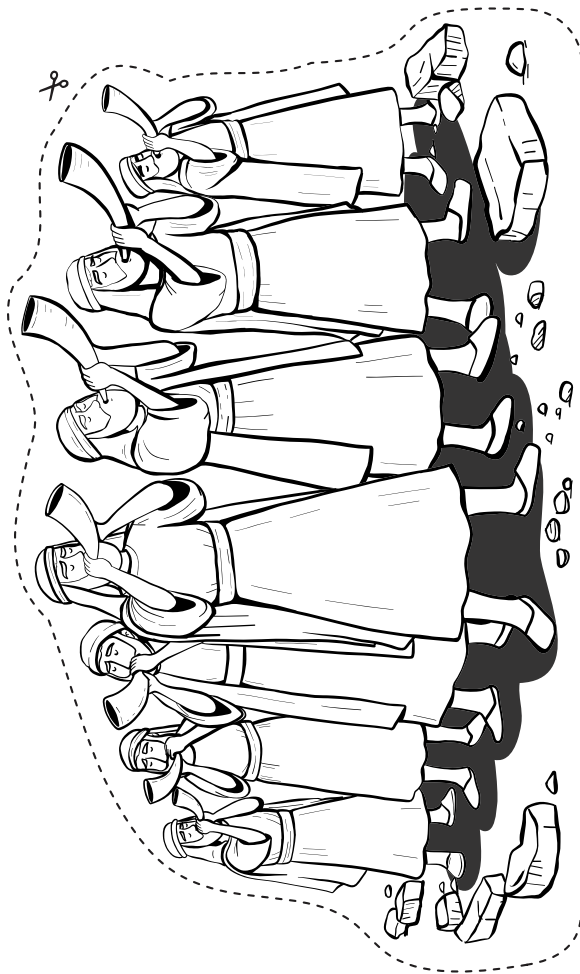
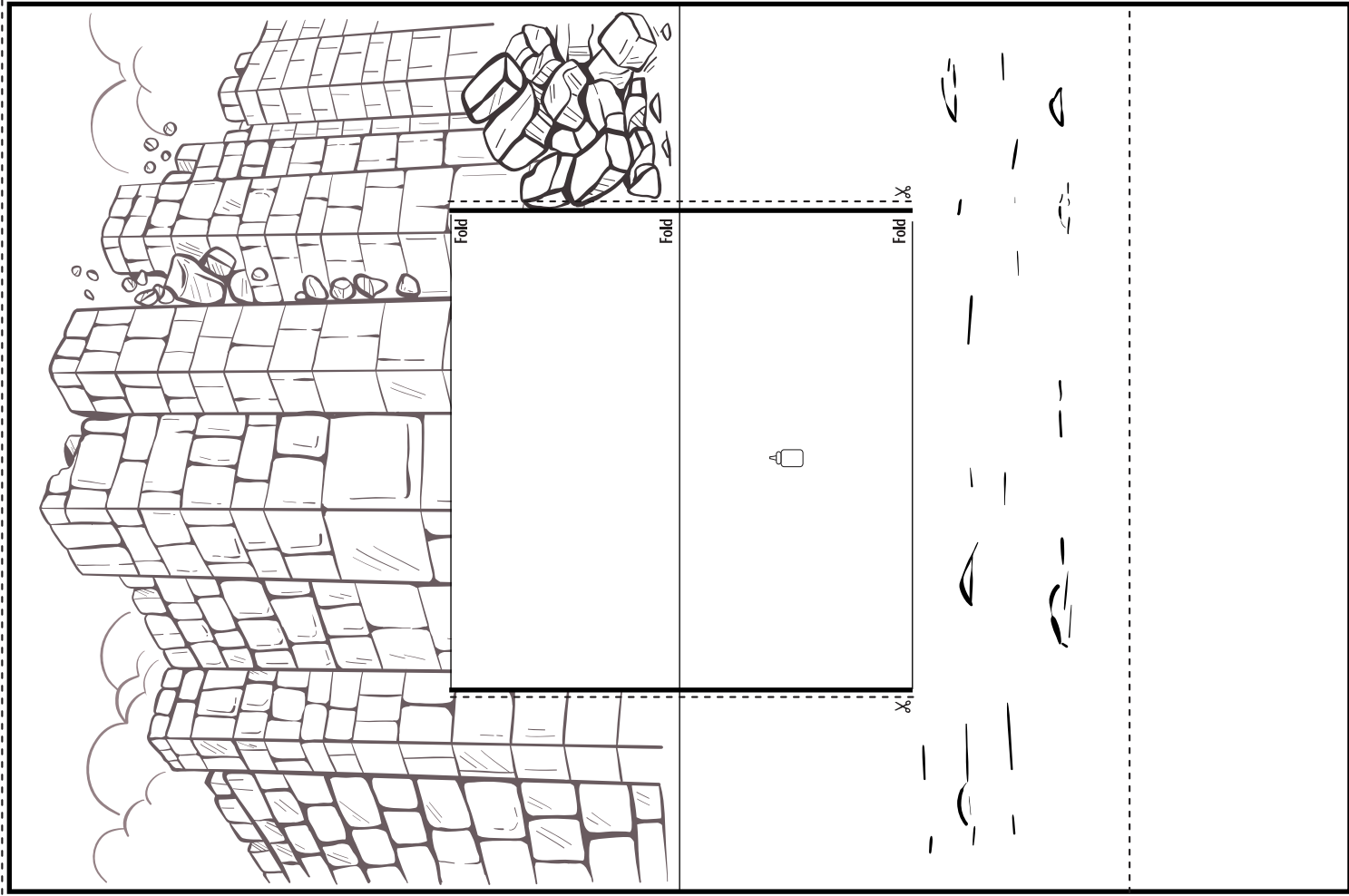
Ancient Jericho

Toward the end of the Bronze Age

Archaeological excavations reveal that Jericho was violently destroyed sometime toward the end of the Bronze Age. The walls seem to have been thrown down by sudden force, as if by an earthquake. Charred wood shows that what was left of the city was burned. Excavators have also found food supplies buried in the destroyed city, which shows it was not captured by siege.



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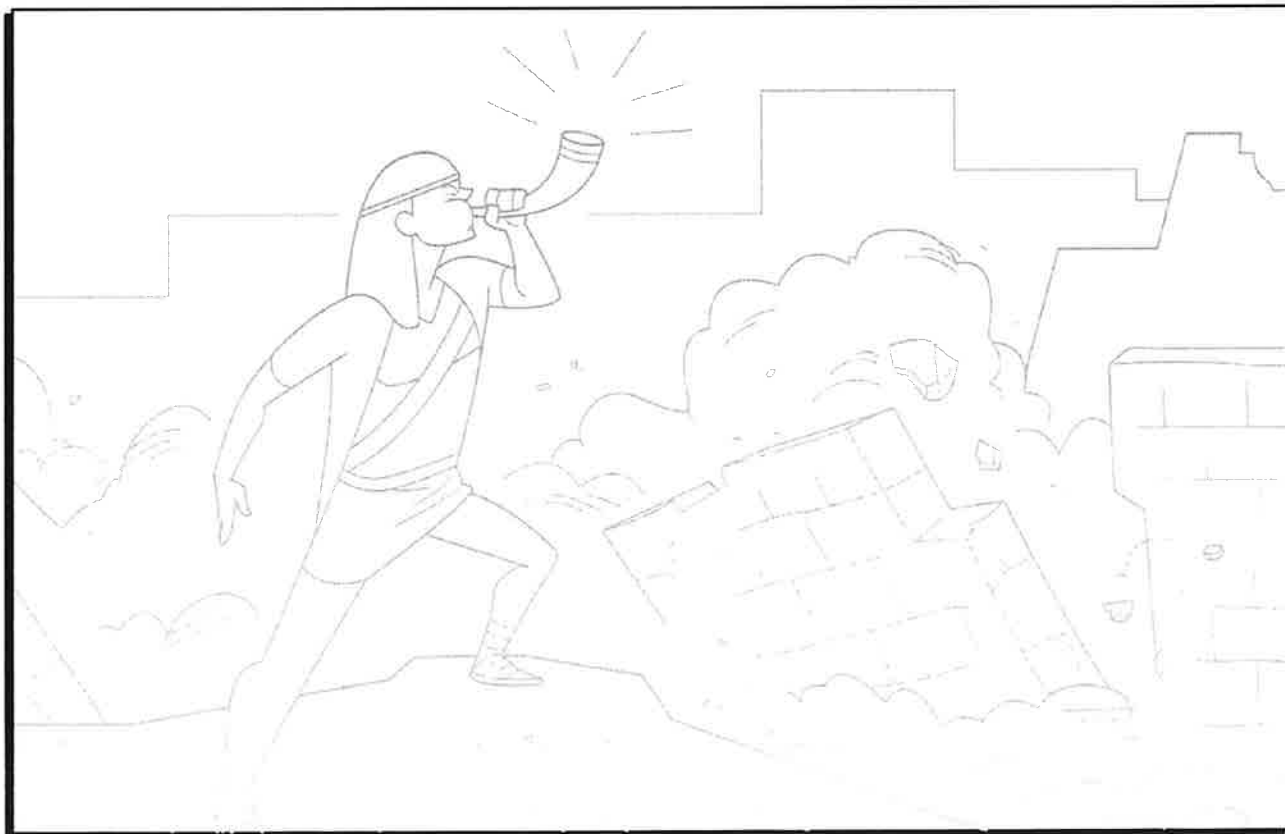
Cut-Paste-Color!

Cut along the dotted lines & arrange in order below.



Joshua blows his horn.

Joshua 6



Mighty Men of God: Joshua

But if you refuse to serve the Lord, then choose today whom you will serve. Would you prefer the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates? Or will it be the gods of the Amorites in whose land you now live? But as for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.” Joshua 24:15 NLT



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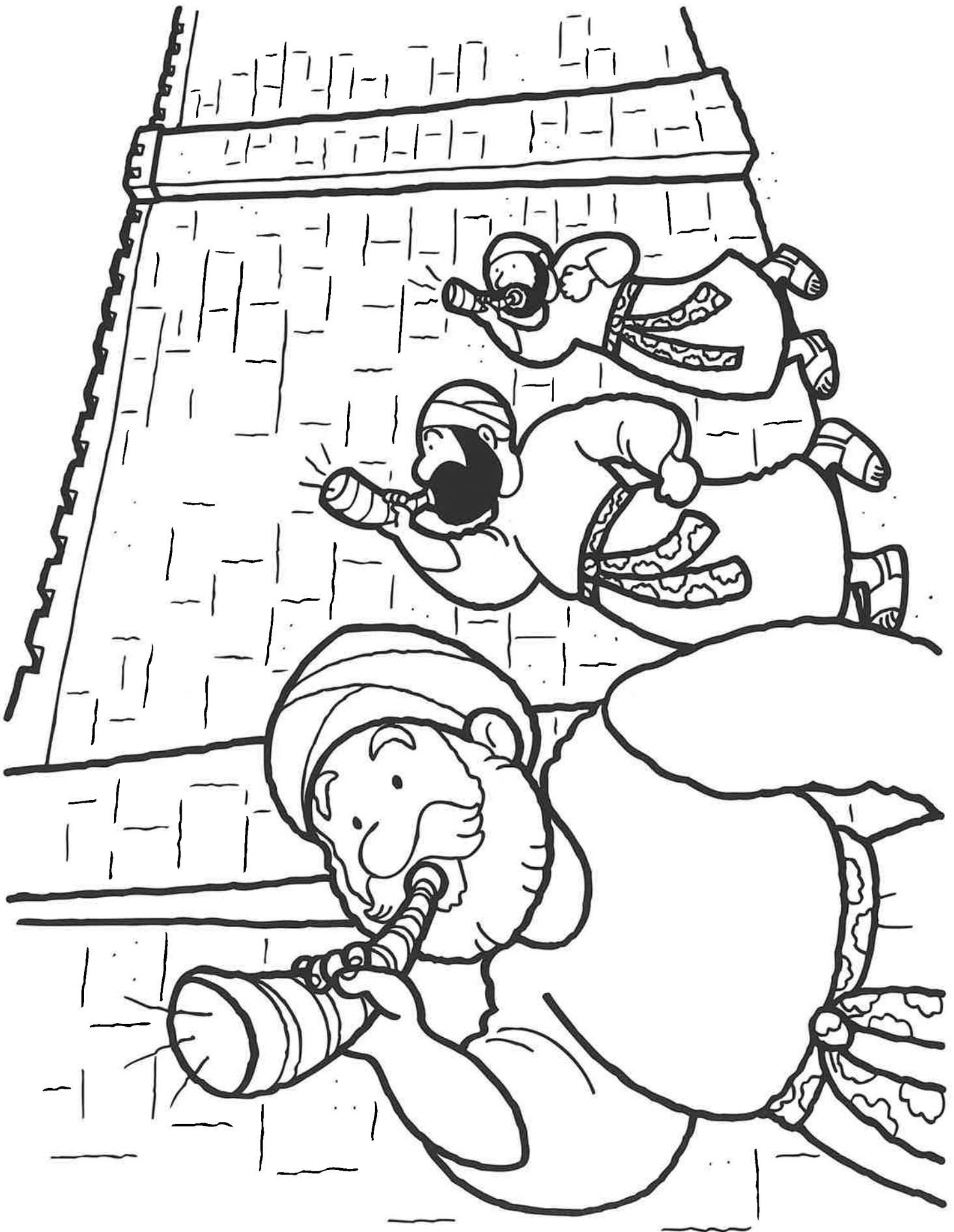
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Joshua 6:1-20

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Jericho's Wall Falls Down

Joshua 6:1-20

Joshua and the Israelites were in the land God had promised them. They were camped outside the city of Jericho. All around the city there was a huge wall made of rocks. The people of Jericho closed the gates to their city. They did not let anyone in or out. They were afraid of the Israelites, but they felt safe behind their city's big wall.

God told Joshua that the Israelites would take over the city of Jericho. God told Joshua what to do. Joshua and the Israelites did just what God said.

All the Israelite men marched in a long line near the city wall. Some of the priests marched with them. The priests carried the

box that held God's laws. Other priests blew horns as they marched. They marched one time all the way around the city wall. That's what they did every day for six days!

Then on the seventh day, the Israelites marched around the wall seven times. Then they stopped. The priests blew the longest, loudest blasts they could make on their horns. And Joshua led the people to shout with loud voices!

As the Israelites shouted, *CRASH!* The wall around the city fell flat to the ground! The Israelites marched straight into the city. God had helped the Israelites take over Jericho, just as He had promised.

MEMORY VERSE:

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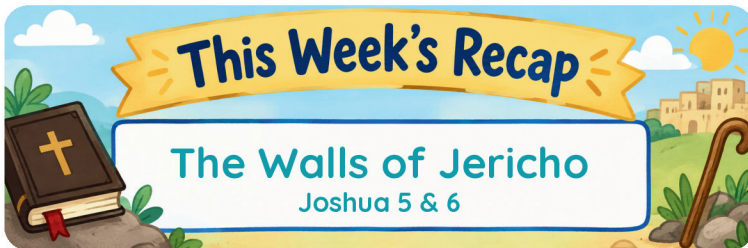
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