



## Lesson 7: *Joshua + Jericho* (Condensed)

### Objectives: To explain that:

- God kept his promise and led his people into their promised land.
- Canaan was filled with people who did not follow God but Joshua's obedience led to Jericho's fall. The blessing of the promised land was fulfilled.
- Obeying God leads to blessing both now and in the future.

### "I Wonder" Questions:

What do you see in this poster? (City walls, trumpets, people etc.)

I wonder why the people are blowing trumpets.

I wonder what is happening to the city walls.

Let's find out in our story....

### Lesson Summary:

After Moses died, God chose Joshua to lead the people into Canaan, the Promised Land. It was a beautiful land! But there was a big problem. The people who lived in Canaan worshipped many false gods and didn't know or obey God. They did evil in the sight of the Lord.

The first city in Canaan that Joshua came to was called Jericho. Jericho was built with strong, high walls and the people trusted in their walls and idols to protect them. In today's story we hear how God's people trusted in God and how God kept his promise to his people by giving them a land to live in. God told Joshua to have the Israelites march around the city of Jericho for seven days. On the seventh day, they were to blow on their trumpets and shout out loud. Joshua and his men were obedient to all that God told him. On the seventh day the strong walls of Jericho came tumbling down! Through God's power Jericho was conquered and God's people entered the land that God had promised to Abraham. God is faithful to all his promises.

**Suggested Questions: What does this story tell us about God?** (He has a plan, he values obedience, he provides for his people, he judges evil, he is trustworthy and faithful)

- What was the name of the land area that God promised the Israelites? (Canaan) What were the Canaanites like? Did they do good or evil? (they worshipped many false gods and did evil things)
- Why did God want to give this land to his people? (He promised it to Abraham so that God's people could be a blessing...to have a place where God could teach them his ways, his laws and his saving love)
- How did the walls of Jericho come down? (God's plan to have the Israelites march around Jericho and sound their trumpets) How did trusting and obeying God bless the Israelites? (God gave them victory and their land)
- How does trusting and obeying God and your parents give a blessing to you? (peace in your heart, makes you *and* them happy)

### Bible Memory Verse:

"The Lord is faithful to all his promises and loving toward all he has made." (Psalm 145:13b - NIV)