



## Lesson 7: *Joshua and Jericho* (Condensed Version)

### 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.
- The name Joshua is another form of the name Jesus. The story of Joshua points to how Jesus leads us into the promised land of life with him.

### "I Wonder" Questions: What do you see in this poster? (City walls, trumpets, people etc.)

I wonder why the people are marching and blowing trumpets.

I wonder who is leading the procession. (Joshua – the name Joshua is another form of the name Jesus. The story of Joshua points to how Jesus leads us into the promised land of life with him.)

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 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. Joshua reminded the people to obey God's word and God would bless them.

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

- 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 God help Joshua bring down the walls of Jericho? (God told Joshua to have the people march around the city and blow their trumpets and shout aloud. It was God's plan, his strength, and the people's obedience to God's plan that brought the city walls down)
- Are the names Joshua and Jesus connected? (Yes, Joshua is another form of the name Jesus)
- How does the story of Joshua point to Jesus? (The story of Joshua points to how Jesus leads us into the promised land of life with him.)

### Bible Memory Verse:

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