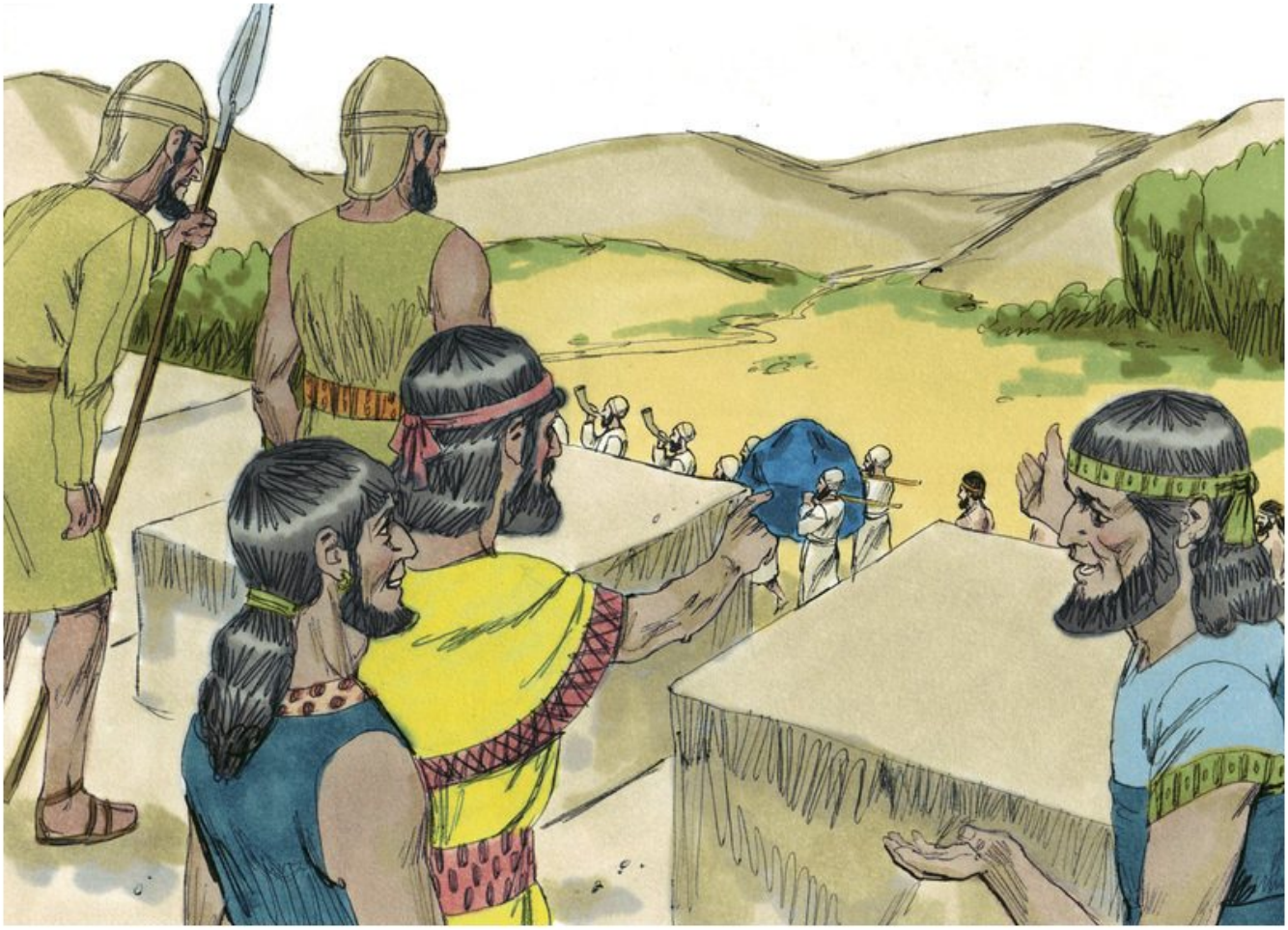
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The Walls of Jericho

Joshua 6:1-25



YOUR BIBLE READING

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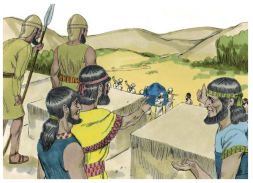
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EXTENDED ENGLISH READING • PAGE 1 OF 2

Walking Around Jericho

Joshua 6:1-25



Jericho's gates were tightly closed because of Israel. No one was going in or out. God told Joshua that he would give the city into Israel's hands. The instructions were unusual. The army was to march around the city once a day for six days. Seven priests would carry seven trumpets made from rams' horns before the ark of the covenant. On the seventh day, the marching would be different.

Joshua called the priests and told them what to do. The armed men would go before the priests, the ark would follow, and a rear guard would come behind it. Trumpets would sound, but the people's voices were to remain quiet. They must not shout until Joshua gave the command. The account describes a carefully ordered group, with different people given different places and with the shout reserved for the appointed moment.

The first day, they marched around Jericho once and returned to camp. Joshua rose early the next morning, and the priests took up the ark again. The priests with the trumpets went before it as the armed men and rear guard kept their places. They circled the city and returned. This pattern continued for six days. Walking and returning were the repeated actions before the day when the wall would fall.

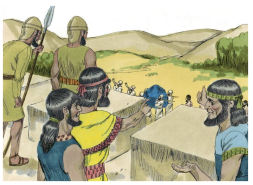
On the seventh day, they rose at dawn and went around the city seven times. Only on that day did they make so many circuits. At the seventh time, the priests sounded their trumpets, and Joshua prepared the people to shout. He also gave a serious instruction about the city and its contents. Israel was not to treat everything they found as something they could take for themselves during the coming capture.

Remember: God remembers promises of mercy.

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The Wall Falls and a Promise Is Kept

Joshua 6:1-25



Joshua said that the city was devoted to God and would be destroyed. Silver, gold, and objects of bronze and iron were to go into God's treasury. He named an exception to the destruction: Rahab and those with her in the house were to live, because she had hidden Israel's messengers. The army's instructions included both judgment on the city and a remembered promise concerning a particular household within it.

The people shouted, and the priests blew their trumpets. The wall fell, allowing the people to go straight into the city and capture it. Jericho was destroyed. People of different ages and animals died in the attack. This is a difficult and sorrowful part of the account. A faithful retelling can name the loss without describing injuries, pretending the battle was only a game, or replacing what happened with a happier invented ending.

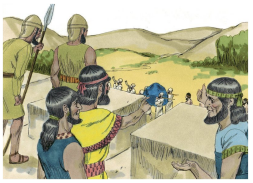
Joshua then sent the two men who had explored the land to Rahab's house. They were to bring her and everyone belonging to her out, just as they had sworn. They brought Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and her relatives to safety outside Israel's camp. The promise was not forgotten when the city was taken. People with a specific duty went to carry it out for the household they had promised to protect.

The city was burned, while the metals were placed in the treasury as commanded. Rahab and her father's household were kept alive, and she came to live among Israel. The passage explains her preservation by recalling that she had sheltered the messengers. The ending keeps that act and the promise attached to it in view. Alongside the city's terrible destruction, the account also records people being brought out and a sworn commitment being honored.

Pause and think: How can keeping a promise require a specific action rather than only remembering the words?

THINK, NOTICE & GROW

Read a Difficult Story with Care



A drawing of marching and trumpets can show the order of the account without making war look like a cheerful game. Which details could you include: the ark, the seven trumpets, the quiet march, or the return to camp? If you add colors or patterns, explain that they are your artistic choices. Careful art can help tell the story while respecting its serious ending.

Rahab's household is protected because a promise is remembered and acted on. Think of an ordinary promise you can reasonably keep, such as returning a borrowed item. What action would show that you remembered? It is better to make a small, honest commitment than promise something beyond your control. If circumstances change, a truthful conversation is part of treating the other person with respect.

This ancient account is not permission to harm people, destroy property, or call another group your enemy. If the deaths disturb you, talk with a trusted adult. You may ask difficult questions and care about the people who suffered. The Bible's serious stories can be read with compassion rather than used to silence questions or encourage cruelty in the present.

A SMALL STEP FOR TODAY

Jericho falls in a serious account of judgment, and the promise protecting Rahab's household is carried out.

How can keeping a promise require a specific action rather than only remembering the words?

Read, Remember & Create

Name: _____ Date: _____

1 Think about the reading

1. What did Israel do before the walls fell?

2. Whose household did the messengers bring out safely?

2 Put the ideas in order

Write 1, 2 and 3 for the order these ideas appear in the reading.

- ☐ The messengers brought Rahab and her family to safety.
- ☐ On the seventh day, the people shouted and the walls fell.
- ☐ Israel marched around Jericho for six days.

3 Draw a meaningful picture

Draw the priests carrying the ark as Israel walks around Jericho.

Tell someone how your picture connects to the reading.

Read & Grow Together

Read and learn with context

This English edition is designed for ages 6-10 with an adult. Read both extended readings together, or enjoy one each day. Pause at unfamiliar words, invite questions and use the reflection page to connect the story with everyday life. These are retellings and lessons with explanations; read the listed Bible passage for context. Poetry, parables, letters and symbolic visions are identified by type.

Remember this

God remembers promises of mercy.
Original memory thought, not a direct Bible quotation. Related passage: Joshua 6:22-25

A thoughtful conversation

This is an ancient account of war and judgment, not permission to harm others. Acknowledge that many died without describing violence; emphasize the kept promise to Rahab.

Activity answers

1. They marched as God instructed; then the trumpets sounded and the people shouted.
2. Rahab and her household.
Sequence boxes, top to bottom: 3, 2, 1. Personal responses and drawings will vary.

Optional prayer

God, help us keep our promises and care about people. Amen.

Print and share

Each pack has 6 pages. Print on A4 at Actual Size (100%). The worksheet is page 5. You may print just that page, or use the separate 150-page activity book. The collection contains 150 packs in Bible book order, 15 volumes and one ZIP. Catalog pack IDs stay the same when new readings are added.

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