

Power

Bible Story • Jericho Falls • Joshua 6

Teacher & Parent Connection

The story of the conquest of Canaan can be difficult to present to young children because of the violent series of battles recounted. Even most adult readers struggle with God's instructions to destroy all the inhabitants of the land. As a teacher approaching this section of Scripture, it is important to keep several things in mind:

1. For many long centuries, the people of Canaan were notorious for their wickedness. Their idolatrous worship and immoral manner of living were called "detestable" by God and were the cause of God's stated intent to rid that land of such evil (see Leviticus 18:24-28 and Deuteronomy 18:12-14). God specifically instructed Israel to drive out all the Canaanites (see Deuteronomy 20:16-18).
2. It had long been God's intention to establish a place where His good purposes would be carried out by His people. This land and its inhabitants were to be a beacon to the surrounding nations, standing in sharp contrast to the degradations of the previous inhabitants.



God's Word

"With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26

For Younger Children:

"With God all things are possible."

God's Promise for Me

God promises to give us the power we need to obey Him and to live according to His plan.

When the Lord told Joshua the battle plan for Jericho, Joshua didn't protest; he simply obeyed. God's Word may call us to obey Him every day. Commands in Scripture may tell us to do things that we shy from because they are difficult. But remember the obedience of Israel at Jericho. God longs to bless us with the powerful results of His promises if we choose to be like Joshua and simply obey.

The walls of Jericho fall down. Joshua 6

Who do you obey?



