



Lesson
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1st-4th

GETTING TO THE PROMISED LAND (JERICHO)

January 18 & 19

**GOD IS PROMISE
KEEPER**



LESSON GOAL:

Background: Jericho was part of the land that God had promised the Israelites. Joshua and the Israelite army marched around Jericho for seven days. On the 7th day, the priests blew the trumpets, the whole army shouted, and the walls of Jericho came crumbling down. God kept His promise to the Israelites that they would conquer Jericho and other cities on the way to the promised land!

Lesson Goal: For kids to understand that throughout the Bible, God made promises to His people, and all of those promises were fulfilled in Christ Jesus. We can count on God to always keep His word, both in the past and now!

Joshua 6:1-20

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Parent & Leader Equipping: Dr. Jeff Meyers
Jan 24 @ Rockrimmon • 6-8 PM

Faith Foundations Class
Saturdays, Jan 25 - Feb 8 • RR & MO
Sundays, Jan 26 - Feb 9 • WH



KEY VERSE:

Be strong and brave...I am the Lord your God. I will be with you everywhere you go.

Joshua 1:9, NIRV

MISSION FOCUS:

Serving by Praying
(New SW Campus Building)

We're excited to share an incredible opportunity with you! As we prepare for the transition of our Southwest campus into their permanent building, we invite you to partner with us through prayer.

This new building is more than just a space—it's a tool for reaching those within our city by sharing God's love. Together, let's pray that this new campus building will be a place where lives are changed and people can come to know the hope of Jesus!

THEME FOR THIS SERIES:
Basketball



10 min

after the start
of service

CHECK-IN

The goal of check-in is to greet parents/guardians and children by name and help them feel known and welcome.

SAY:

I'm so glad to see you today, **(insert child/parent name)**! Do you have any offering to put in our offering bin? *(Direct child to offering station)*

When you're done, grab today's **Lesson Card**. Look up the Bible passage in your own Bible or a classroom Bible and leave your card there as a bookmark. Then, you can play with the classroom activities until we begin Explore time.

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EXPLORE

The goal of Explore is to help kids connect relationally and think about the Bible story. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



DISCUSS: God is Promise Keeper!

Help kids connect relationally by asking them about their week, then discuss the lesson topic for the day and read the Bible passage together.

SAY:

Let's take turns sharing 3 words about our week. I'll go first!
Share your 3 words then invite the next child to share.

SAY:

Today, we are learning about how **God is Promise Keeper**. This story comes from the Bible in **Joshua 6:1-20**. Can you open your Bible to the passage with me so we can read it together?

DO:

Read the Bible passage aloud or pick a child to read it aloud.



CONNECT: Why Does It Matter?

Help kids prepare for the lesson by thinking through the Big 3 questions and how the lesson relates to them, personally.



SAY:

Let's answer **THE BIG 3** questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

Joshua & the Israelites

2. What was the problem?

The Israelites needed to conquer the city of Jericho on the way to the promised land.

3. What did God do?

God gave them orders and promised they would conquer the city, and God kept his promise!



MAKE: Jericho Book

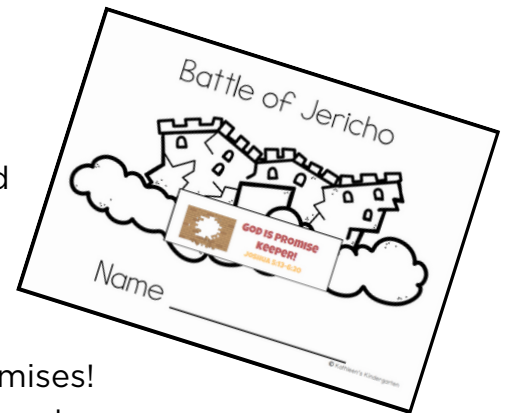
Help kids think about the lesson further and have fun by doing this activity!

Supplies: Coloring book, crayons/markers, God statement sticker



DO:

Pass out one book per child. Allow them to color their books while you read it page by page. When finished, have them place the God statement sticker on their craft.



SAY:

Today we are learning that God keeps His promises! It may not always look the way we expect or want it to, but God keeps His promises. Let's color a special book to get us ready for the lesson.



CLEAN UP: Transition to Large Group

Ask kids to clean up the activity or save it to finish for the end of class. Then, ask kids to line up and/or transition to Large Group.



Craft Example



Battle of Jericho



Name _____

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LARGE GROUP

The goal of Large Group is to help kids grow in their relationship with God through Worship, an engaging Bible story and a time of response.



EXPECTATIONS

As kids transition to Large Group time, play the expectations video.



HOST MOMENT

After the Large Group expectations video is finished, the Host should welcome the kids in an engaging way and share the daily host content.



SAY:

Welcome! We're so glad you're here today! Let's take a few minutes to look at our Missions project for the day and our Key Verse.

MISSION FOCUS

Introduce or share an update about the current mission focus.

KEY VERSE

Introduce the key verse then have the kids watch the Key Verse video.

PRAY FOR WORSHIP & BIBLE LESSON



WORSHIP

Invite your Worship Leader to come up and play the worship song videos. Encourage kids to participate and be respectful to others.

SONG 1: Egypt

SONG 2: Famous For



LESSON VIDEO

Play the daily Bible lesson video.



WORSHIP RESPONSE

Lead the kids through a quiet time of responding to what God is teaching them.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.

May you believe that God always keeps His promises, just like He kept His promise to send Jesus to save us from our sins! God loves us!



TRANSITION

After the blessing, the Host should dismiss the kids to return quietly to their classroom (if applicable) and transition to Respond.

WORSHIP RESPONSE



REFLECT: God is Promise Keeper!

Help kids reflect on the lesson by providing a quiet space for the Holy Spirit to work in their hearts as they think about how it applies to them personally.

Worship Response Station

Supplies: “I Could Sing of Your Love Forever” worship song in powerpoint



SAY:

God promised the Israelites that if they trusted and followed His directions, they would conquer Jericho, one of the cities in the promised land. It may not have looked like a typical battle, but after seven days of marching around the city, God’s people shouted and blew their horns and the whole city crumbled - just like God said it would! Throughout the Bible, God made many promises to His people, and every promise was fulfilled.



DO:

- Ask the kids to quietly participate in the following activity. Say:
 - ***The greatest promise God kept was sending His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sin!***
 - ***We all sin! Sin is anything we think, say, or do that makes God sad.***
 - ***Maybe you disobeyed your parent, maybe you were mean to someone in class, maybe you said something hurtful.***
 - ***Our sin separates us from God. We all need saved from our sin.***
 - ***But the good news is that God made a promise to send His Son, Jesus, to save us from our sin... And God always keeps His promises!***
 - ***We can count on God to always keep His Word because God is promise keeper!***
 - ***Let’s take some time now to praise God for being promise keeper and for sending Jesus to save us from our sins!***
 - Invite kids to stand up and sing worship song together.
- Close the time by praying over the kids.



BLESSING

As Large Group ends, speak this blessing over the kids.



SAY:

May you believe that God always keeps His promises, just like He kept His promise to send Jesus to save us from our sins! God loves us!

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RESPOND

The goal of Respond is for kids to think about the lesson and how it applies to them. It should be completed in small groups of 5-7 kids per one Ministry Partner.



APPLY: Why Does it Matter?

Help kids process what they learned in the lesson by answering the Big 3 questions you asked at the beginning of class.



SAY:

Let's answer THE BIG 3 questions for today's lesson & talk about how it applies to our lives!

1. Who was our story about today?

Joshua & the Israelites

2. What was the problem?

The Israelites needed to conquer the city of Jericho on the way to the promised land.

3. What did God do?

God gave them orders and promised they would conquer the city, and God kept his promise!

4. Why does this matter to me?

I can count on God always to keep His Word, both in the past and now!

5. How can I apply this to my own life?

Example: I can read Bible verses about God's promises - like His promise to love me always and send Jesus to save me from my sins.



PRAY: Connect Relationally

Help kids understand the power of praying together. Use the Prayer Tags from Check-In to write down prayer requests to take home and pray for during the week.



SAY:

Does anyone have a prayer request they'd like to share? You can also share with a leader privately, if you don't want to share aloud.



DO:

Invite kids to pray for each other, then the leader closes in prayer.

As parents
arrive after
service

CHECK-OUT

The goal of check-out is to re-connect kids with their parent and communicate any upcoming events or announcements as families leave.



DO:

Encourage kids to finish their activities or play classroom games until their parent comes to pick them up.

As kids get picked up, mention any announcements while handing them the announcement card and ensuring they take their weekly **Lesson Card**.