

## APPLICATION

The story of Jericho shows us that God gives victory in amazing ways! It reminds us that we can trust God with big problems, because He is powerful. Think about a time when you had a really hard problem. How did God help you with it? Why is it important to remember that God is the one who helps us win, not just our own strength? (If you don't know, go ask!)

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### Let's take a moment to talk to God.

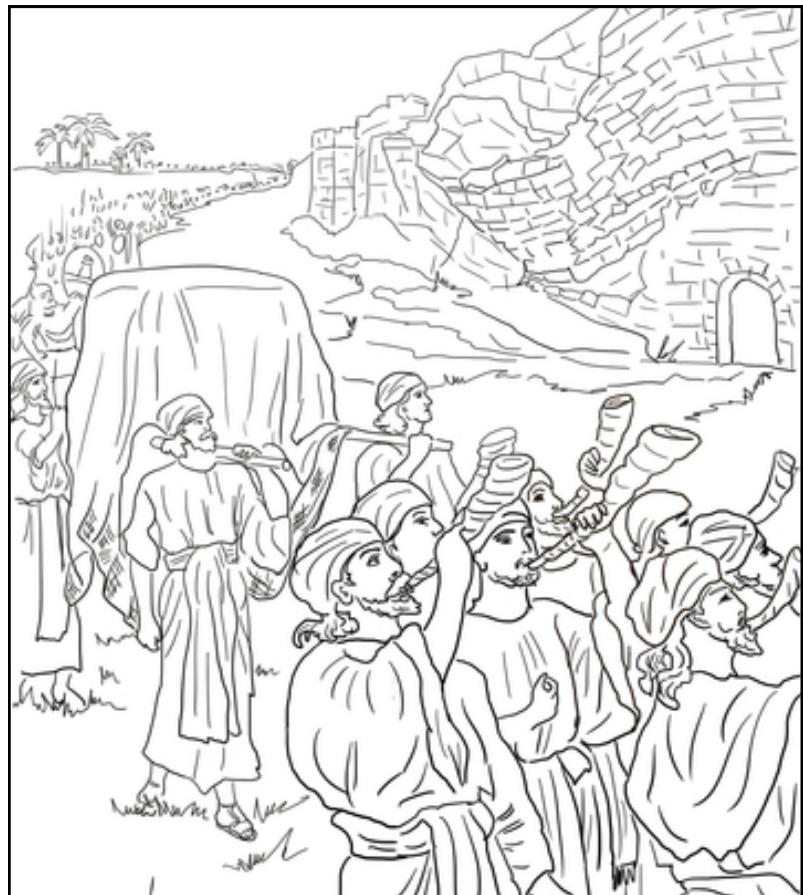
Thank you Lord for being the God who helps us win our battles.

Help me to trust you with all my problems, even when your way seems difficult or hard.

Help me to do what you tell me to, because I know that true victory in life comes from you alone.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

# V Victory



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**“...victory belongs to the  
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**Proverbs 21:31 NLT**

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**Instructions:** Read the story, then go back and reread the story and answer the questions.

### Joshua 6:2-4, 16, 20, ESV

The Bible tells us about a mighty city named Jericho, which had strong walls around it. God’s people, the Israelites, led by Joshua, were ready to conquer it. But how could they defeat such a powerful city?

God gave Joshua very specific and unusual instructions. God said: "...<sup>2</sup>See, I have given Jericho into your hand, with its king and mighty men... <sup>3</sup>You shall march around the city, all the men of war, going around the city once. Thus shall you do for six days. <sup>4</sup>Seven priests shall [hold] seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. On the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets." **(?1) (?2)**

The Israelites did exactly what God commanded. For six days, they marched silently around Jericho once each day. On the seventh day, they woke up early and marched around the city seven times. **(?3)**

When the priests blew the trumpets the seventh time, Joshua commanded the people: "<sup>16</sup>Shout, for the Lord has given you the city! ... <sup>20</sup>So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city." **(?4)**  
**(?5)**

The strong walls of Jericho fell down flat, not because of Israel’s power, but because God made them fall! The Israelites won a great victory. This story clearly shows us that victory belongs to the LORD! It wasn’t about their strength, weapons, or clever plans, but about their obedience and God’s mighty power. **(?6) (?7) (?8)**

### QUESTIONS

**1.** How was the city of Jericho closed off before the Israelites came?

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**2.** What did the Lord tell Joshua He had given to him?

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**3.** How many days did the Israelites march around Jericho, and what was special about the seventh day?

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**4.** What did the seven priests carry and blow while marching?

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**5.** What did Joshua tell the people to do on the seventh day when the trumpets blew?

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**6.** What happened to Jericho's walls when the people shouted?

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**7.** The story of Jericho shows us that

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belongs to the — — — (one word).