

## Q7 – GOD IS GOOD AT VICTORY!

## PARENT TEACHING GUIDE

God wins the victory! We are studying Old Testament battle stories. These stories show us over and over again that God has the power and God wins the victory for His people when they follow His commandments (have faith in Him). We will study Jesus' triumph over death, which brings us the victory of salvation. We can be victorious if we remain faithful to God and to the sacrifice of His son. God never promises that our lives will be easy. He does promise us victory through Christ if we trust Him.

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# LESSON 7. JOSHUA DEFEATS JERICHO; GOD GIVES ISRAEL THE VICTORY!

**Memory Verse: Psalm 77:14** "You are the God who did miracles. You showed people your power."

**Text: Joshua 6-10**

Joshua defeats Jericho by walking in circles. God gives Israel victory at Ai and Gibeon. God told Joshua to be strong to do all that He commanded and God would fight the battles for him. The people would take the land promised to the First Fathers. Through the weakness of man, God showed that his power was strongest. God used the forces of nature to show His power in winning victories. God gave the people victory when they followed His battle plans. We will have victory too if we follow God's instructions.



### FACTS TO KNOW

**WHERE:** JOSHUA; Jordan River, Jericho, Ai, Gibeon, Jerusalem, Hebron, Jarmuth, Lachish, Eglon, and Gilgal

**WHO:** GOD, Joshua, Achan, Gibeonites, Adonizedek

**WHEN** (Purple Card): **Joshua and Judges**

**PRAISE & PRAYER** Show pictures of sun, moon, stars, and planets. Praise God who made the sun and moon and who can stop the rotation of the planets any time He chooses.

Praise Passage: **Psalm 18:29** Have your child write the verse down into a small notebook of their own ("Praise Journal"). Praise God & discuss the meaning as they write it down. The point of the praise passage is for your child to learn how to praise God – learn how to say nice things about God and to God in prayer.

**Victory Psalm: Psalm 136\*** Gradually read this psalm together so that your child knows it by heart.

**Victory Songs: The Battle Belongs to the Lord\* & Faith is the Victory\***

**WHEN WALL/ TIMELINE** Use the "**When Wall – Purple Cards Key**"\* to do the When Wall cards at home. Review the Historical Heading cards ("purple cards") that tell the story of the Bible. For Kindergarten and up add in the Famous People cards (white cards) and for 2nd grade and up add in the Books of the Bible cards (yellow cards).

**LESSON** As you introduce the lesson, talk about where in the Bible timeline this lesson occurs (which purple card this lesson falls under). See the **Victory-When Wall\*** answer key for guidance (a copy is also provided in the student folder). "Joshua defeats Jericho..." goes under the "Joshua and Judges" purple card. Tell carefully or read dramatically today's lesson using the Bible, your child's lesson folder, or the preschool family story within this guide. Here are the **lesson 5 visuals\*** created by Renee to help you teach this lesson. *Remember to emphasize how God is the hero of the story!*

**ACTIVITIES** Use the activity packet for lesson 5 provided in your child's student folder. Students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> grades have a cover page for the packet where they can begin learning their memory verse by writing it down and writing what they are thankful for and what they will pray for this week.

*Open my eyes that I may see....God can deliver Victory to me.*

Additional Activities:

1. Bible Fun for Kids – [Joshua and the Battle of Jericho](#)
2. [Joshua flap book](#)
3. [Victory Marching Drill\\*](#)

**SING** *The Walls Came Tumbling Down*; [Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho](#); *My God is so Big*; [The Lord's Army](#), *Soldiers of Christ Arise, Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus*

*\*All underlined items are links to teaching resources*

## **FAMILY/PRE-K STORY:**

### **Joshua** Joshua 6-10

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*This is the Bible, God's written word. It tells how God made us and it tells how God loves us. Listen carefully and keep God's words in your heart so that you will never forget how good and wonderful our God is. God loves us and takes care of us....*

*Jehovah is my shepherd; and I shall not want. He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters. He restores my soul; He guides me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake. Psalm 23:1-3*

*Oh give thanks unto Jehovah for He is good; for His loving kindness endures forever. Oh give thanks unto the Lord of Lords; for His loving kindness endures forever: To Him who alone does great wonders; for His loving kindness endures forever. Psalm 126:1-4*

Joshua took over as the leader of the Israelites after death of Moses. God chose him to lead the people into the land that was promised to Abraham. God told Joshua, "As I was with Moses, I will be with you. I will not leave you. Be strong and of good courage, for to this people you shall divide the land as an inheritance as I swore to their fathers." God would give His people victory over the evil nations that lived in the land. God promised that if they were careful to keep all His commandments, to love the Lord, and walk in all His ways and hold fast to Him, then they would conquer the greater and mightier nations. If the people were willing to love and obey they would have victory.

The word of the mighty victories that God gave the Israelites came before them and made the nations tremble. God again caused the waters to part and the people walked across the Jordan River in to the Promised Land. They came to Jericho and God gave Joshua specific plans to conquer the city. After the people marched around the city as God said, the walls fell down. God gave Israel a victory. The people were not to take anything for themselves. Gold, silver, and bronze would be put into the Lord's treasury. But when the people went up against Ai they lost the battle. What had happened? Joshua tore his clothes and fell on his face before the ark. He cried out to God asking why. God told him that there was sin in the camp. Someone had hidden something from Jericho in their tent. Someone loved possessions more than God and his instructions. Joshua discovered that Achan had stolen something from the ruins of the Jericho. Achan and his family were punished. They were killed to show the people how great the sin was before God. Then Joshua won the battle over Ai.

Then Israel met some people who claimed that they were from a far away land and that they wanted to make peace with them. They were afraid so they told Israel a lie. God's people made a mistake in that they did not ask God about this. They quickly made peace. Three days later they discovered that the Gibeonites were really people of this land. Because they had made a covenant or promise, they could not break it. So Joshua made the Gibeonites their servants to carry the water and the wood for their cook fires.

When the king of Jerusalem and the five Amorite kings decided to attack the city of Gibeon, God let Joshua protect them. When they fought the battle, God sent giant hailstones and he made the sun and moon stand still. God gave His people victory. He will give us victory too when we trust Him and follow His instructions. God is Good at Victory!

## Family - Teen & Adult Questions:

### Read Joshua 6-10

1. Your praise verse is Psalm 18:29. It is a very vivid description of the power we can have through God. Write out this verse and draw a sketch to go with it.
2. Psalm 136:21-22 describes the Promised Land as a heritage. What does heritage mean here?  
What is a synonym for heritage?
3. Psalm 77:14 has two great wonderful "praise phrases" that you might want to include in your prayers. Write your favorite of those phrases.
4. God had specific instructions for the Israelites in this week's battles. Describe the battle plan for Jericho.
5. What did Joshua say to the people in Joshua 6:16?
6. Joshua 7:1 tells us that Israel had been \_\_\_\_\_ to God's instructions about Jericho. How many people had disobeyed? \_\_\_\_\_ What was his name?
7. What did God say was the reason why Israel lost this battle? (Joshua 7:11)
8. After Israel followed God's plan for "cleaning up the camp," they fought against Ai again. Who was fighting for them this time? (Joshua 8:1, 18)
9. Did God have a specific battle plan for them to follow this time? (Joshua 8:2-9)  
What were they to do?
10. In the battle with the mighty Gibeonites, what secret weapons did the Israelites use? (Josh. 10:11-13)  
Who fought for Israel again?
11. In these battles, when the Israelites obeyed God, God fought for them and gave them physical victory over their enemies. When the people disobeyed God, like Achan did, God took their victory away.  
  
Ephesians 6:10-18 says we are in a spiritual battle with Satan and God has provided us with the armor we need to fight this battle. But, what do we need to do to have the victory? (Eph. 6:13)  
  
We must obey and arm ourselves with armor God has provided for our battles. He has the plan. If we obey, He will fight for us, and we will have the victory. Fill in the blanks of the very familiar passage below.  
  
Be \_\_\_\_\_ until \_\_\_\_\_, and I will give you the \_\_\_\_\_ of life.  
(Revelation 2:10b)