


Joshua 6:1–6, 6:15–17, 6:20, 6:23, 6:25



Memory Verse

Fill in the commands God gave to Joshua in the memory verse.

Have I not commanded
you? Be **strong** and
courageous. Do not be
frightened, and do not
be **dismayed**, for the
LORD your God is with
you wherever you go.

Joshua 1:9

I. Be _____
and _____.

2. Do not be

3. Do not be

Answer: God always fulfills his promises

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God gave the Israelites victory over Jericho through an unusual battle plan.
- God was faithful to his promises to give victory to Israel and to save Rahab.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

What if you heard a friend say that the Bible's account of Jericho is just a story—a fairy tale. **What could you say?**

We can trust the Bible's historical accounts to be true. The Bible is God's Word, and God can't lie. There have also been many archaeological digs in the area of Jericho. In fact, archaeologists found the city! Their findings confirmed all the details in the biblical account of Jericho. The city's walls fell just like the Bible says. And the ash and debris found there also fit with the Israelites' destruction of the city by fire. These findings, and more, confirm what we know from the Bible to be true about Jericho.



HomeWord *For Parents*

The battle for Jericho began with strange instructions from the Lord to Joshua. The army of Israel was told to march around the city once each day for six days, with the priests carrying the ark of the covenant and blowing trumpets (Joshua 6:3–4). Then on the seventh day, the Israelites would circle the city seven times. At Joshua's command, the Israelites would shout, and God promised that he would miraculously destroy the city, leaving a path for them to march directly in and take the city (Joshua 6:4–5).

No other battles had been fought by Israel in this manner, and no others would be. God had a particular purpose to mark this victory, the first in the promised land, with a miraculous triumph. God desired to conquer Jericho in a way that could not be attributed to Israel's military skill. Israel would have had every reason to doubt whether God's directions for the battle would be successful. Yet, the Israelites knew the faithfulness of God's care for 40 years in the wilderness. They had heard from the previous generation of their great deliverance from Egypt, and they had been given victory in their battles against the Amorite kings Sihon and Og (Deuteronomy 2:26–3:11).

The Israelites were convinced that God's promise was to be trusted, and they obeyed his seemingly strange commands. They marched around the city as commanded, and on the seventh day, they shouted. The walls of Jericho fell, and the Israelites went straight into the city and destroyed it. Just as God had promised, Rahab and her family were spared (Joshua 6:25) because she protected the spies (Joshua 2:15–16). God rewarded the faith and obedience of Joshua, the Israelites, and Rahab.

