



Family Worship Guide: Lesson 13

Joshua and Jericho

Main Idea

Joshua was chosen as Moses' successor to lead the Israelites into Canaan because he had military courage and also spiritual courage. He trusted and obeyed the Lord, and the people of Israel followed his lead. As a result, the Israelites successfully conquered Jericho.

Parents Read Ahead of Time

Read *Joshua 5–6*, noting especially Joshua's encounter with the Commander of the Lord's Army (5:13–15) and Israel's obedience to God's unusual instructions for conquering Jericho. Emphasize for your children that victory belongs to the Lord alone and that God calls His people to trust Him even when His ways seem surprising or difficult.

Read Together Aloud

✠ *Joshua 6:1–5, 15–20*

Lesson Review

Q Who led Israel into the land after Moses died?

A *Joshua.*

Q What made Joshua a good leader?

A *He trusted and obeyed the Lord.*

Q What strange instruction did God give Israel to conquer Jericho?

A *March around the city for seven days, then shout and blow trumpets.*



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Q How did the walls of Jericho fall?

A *God caused them to fall when Israel obeyed Him.*

Q What does this teach us about victory?

A *Victory belongs to the Lord; we must trust and obey Him.*

Catechism Connection - Baptist Catechism 1693

Q Did God leave all mankind to perish in the estate of sin and misery?

A *God, having out of His mere good pleasure, from all eternity, elected some to everlasting life, did enter into a covenant of grace to deliver them out of the estate of sin and misery and to bring them into an estate of salvation by a Redeemer.*

Q Who is the Redeemer of God's elect?

A *The only Redeemer of God's elect is the Lord Jesus Christ, who, being the eternal Son of God, became man; and so was, and continues to be, both God and man in two distinct natures and one person forever.*

Connection: Just as God saved Israel not by their strength but by His grace and power, so He saves sinners through His Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ. Victory—both physically in Jericho and spiritually in salvation—belongs entirely to God.

Family Devotion Questions

Q Why do you think God chose such an unusual battle plan?

A *To show that the victory came from Him, not from Israel's strength.*



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- Q How does Joshua show us what faithful leadership looks like?
- Q Have you ever faced something that seemed impossible unless God helped you?
- Q What does Jericho teach us about trusting God even when we don't understand His ways?
- Q How does Jesus give us a greater victory than Joshua ever could?

Prayer

Father, thank You for showing Your mighty power at Jericho. Help us trust You like Joshua did, obey Your Word even when it is hard, and remember that victory belongs to You alone. Thank You for sending Jesus, our Redeemer, who saves us from sin and leads us safely home. Make our family courageous and faithful as we follow You. Amen.