

This resource is designed to allow your family to have time in God's Word **BEFORE** your children attend church. Because God's plan is for **parents to be the primary spiritual nurturers** of their children's faith, *we want YOU to be the one to introduce* this part of The Big God Story to them.

**HomeFront Magazine: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** is a monthly resource that gives your family ideas for creating fun, spiritually forming times in your home—setting aside sacred space in the midst of your active, everyday lives. Visit [www.HomeFrontMag.com](http://www.HomeFrontMag.com) to subscribe to the print or digital copy.

## GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES

### Joshua and Jericho

Numbers 13; 14:26–33; Joshua 5:13–6:27

God led Joshua and His people into the Promised Land.

## JUST FOR FUN

Gather items (couch or bed pillows, etc.) to represent the walls of Jericho. Allow your children to build the “walls,” arranging items in a circle so you’ll be able to march around them. **Read Joshua 6:1–16.** March around the pillows each time the passage talks about marching around the city. At verse 15, march around the “wall” seven times and give a loud shout! Talk about how important it is to listen for and follow God’s instructions, even when they don’t always make sense to us.

## REMEMBER VERSE

*We praise you, God, we praise you, for your Name is near;  
people tell of your wonderful deeds.*

*Psalm 75:1*

## DID YOU KNOW?

- The Israelites were about to enter the land of Canaan that God promised to Abraham many years before. Upon first inspection, they feared what awaited them: giants, strong armies, fortified cities, and potential hostility—all of which the people of Israel felt ill-equipped to handle.
- After the death of Moses, God appointed Joshua as his successor.
- God gave specific instructions to Joshua for successfully taking Jericho. None of the priests, God’s people, or Joshua had to pick up a weapon to fight. God gave the city over to His people just as He said.

## DEVELOPMENT

Your child is learning to develop friendships with peers. Teach him the value of showing love and respect to his friends.

## TEACHABLE MOMENTS

After reading the Scripture passage, discuss the following together:

- **Who made the walls fall down?**
- **How do you think the people of God felt when they saw God keep all of His promises?**
- **What’s a promise that God has made to us?**

## BLESSING

A blessing can be a spoken prayer of commission, a portion of Scripture, or words of encouragement and guidance over your child. For more information about blessing your child, see the Blessing section in **HomeFront: A Spiritual Parenting Resource** @ [HomeFrontMag.com](http://HomeFrontMag.com).

### A blessing to pray over your child:

(Child’s name), **may you always know God’s great love for you and remember that God will always keep His promises.**