

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.

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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.

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.**