THE BATTLE OF JERICHO

Bible Reference: Joshua 6

Date:

1st Service

Age: 2's/3's

Memory Verse:
Philippians 4:19 "And God will meet your needs according to his glory in Christ Jesus"

Theme:
God Helps People

Schedule

- Arrival/Attendance/Directed Play.....8:55-9:10
- Clean Up and Gather For Story.....9:10-9:15
- Bible Story.....9:15-9:30
- Craft/Coloring Page:.....9:30-9:40
- Friends from Afar.....9:40-9:50
- Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer.....9:50-10:05
- Snack Time at Tables.....10:05-10:15
- Free Choice Play.....10:15-10:40

Notes and Reminders

Happy November! With the Christmas season just a few weeks away, our 2's/3's and 3's/4's classes are continuing to look at stories about God helping His people. As we look toward Christmas, help the kids to think about the amazing help we have experienced in Jesus!

SHEPHERD BIBLE STUDY

Do you know what a shofar is? It's a ram's horn trumpet used by the ancient Israelites when they engaged in battle. Though you wouldn't guess it from its simple shape, the shofar gives a sound like the piercing call of a bugle.

God commands the people of Israel to destroy Jericho, the first city they encounter in the promised land. They march around the city for six days, and on the seventh day, when the Israelite army hears the blast of the shofar, they all shout. Then the walls of Jericho come crumbling down, and the Israelites charge in and take the city.

As you read about this, don't picture a huge, terrifying, well-trained army outside the walls. They were few, weary and weak. The people of Jericho were probably laughing at them—until the walls crumbled. This event was meant as theater, an announcement. God was making something dramatically clear: these were his people, and he alone was giving the land to them.

As we march toward Christmas, we see that the ultimate fulfillment of God's promises is not in military triumph. In Jesus, God's promises expand beyond Israel to include all people. The victory is over sin and death, and the Lord of this victory is the Prince of Peace, the peace of God that surpasses all understanding.

Father in heaven, battle cries rage in the world around us. Give us the peace that surpasses all understanding through the Prince of Peace, our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Devo from: Kurt Selles
https://todaydevotional.com/devotions/fall-of-jericho

OUTLINE

Arrival/Attendance/ Directed Play 8:55-9:10

Welcome the children and mark them as present on the attendance sheet on the clipboard by the door. Set up the activities and introduce the children to the lesson through these activities. Encourage the kids to participate in both activities as they play together. You may need to ask the kids to come to the different areas so all of them have the opportunity to participate.

Counting to 7

- Give each child an "I can count to 7!" page. Place a large pile of pom-poms, a bin of crayons, or other various objects in the middle of the table. Encourage children to place items one by one into each box and count to seven as they go.
- SAY You all did a great job counting to seven! The number seven is very imprtant in our story today. Has anyone heard of the Battle of Jericho or a man from the Bible named Joshua? (Allow children to answer) We are going to hear this story today! We are going to learn why the God said the number 7 was so important to Joshua in the Battle of Jericho! We will see how the number 7 helped Joshua learn to trust God!

Build and March

- Use Blocks or legos from your room to construct a wall around the edge of one of the tables in your room. When you are done building guide all of the children to march around the table together seven times. Then push the walls over together.
- SAY What a big wall that we knocked over! This reminds me of our Bible story today. God told His people that He would help them win the battle of Jericho if they listened to Him. They trusten in Him and walked around Jericho's walls seven times. But they didn't have to push the walls over- God knocked the walls down for them! Let's put these blocks away then get ready to listen to our Bible story to hear what happened!

Clean Up and Gather for Story 9:10-9:15

Invite the children to begin cleaning up toys and putting away their activities at 9:10. Then remind them to meet at the carpet for Bible story time. Remind the children that we are going to do our best to be good listeners.

Bible Story 9:15-9:30

Welcome Song

- Welcome all the children by singing their welcome song
- (Tune of Twinkle Twinkle Little Star)
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
- First let's clap our hands like so
- Then reach down and touch our toes
- Welcome, Welcome Everyone
- Now you're here Let's have some fun
    - You can call a group of children names to welcome them and they can stand up and wave if you'd like.

The words from today's story are written below. They are taken from pages 132-135 in the Beginner's Bible (2005/2016 edition). Feel free to use the printed images in your bin or the physical Bible in your room to tell the story.

The Battle of Jericho (Joshua 6)

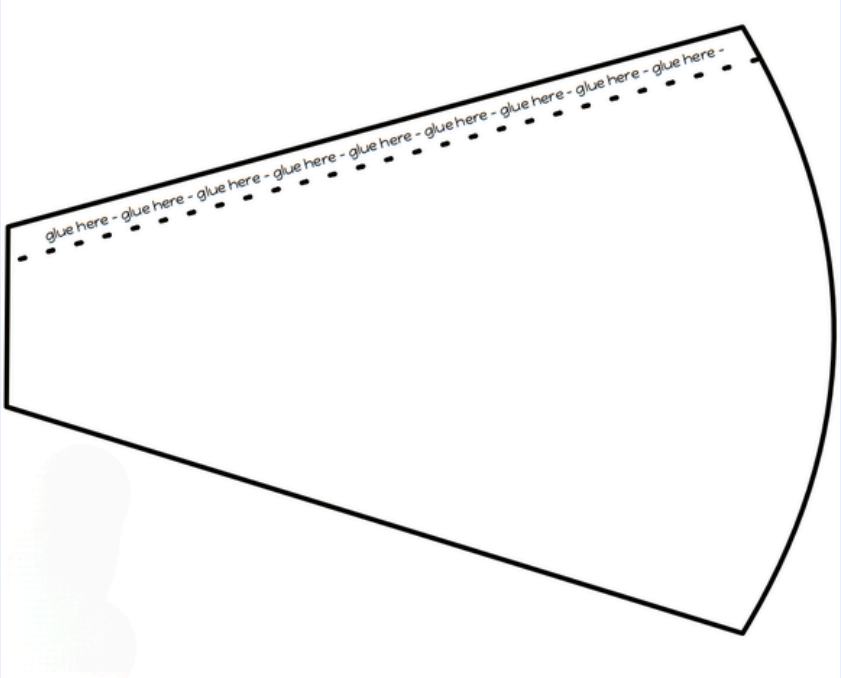
- After the spies were safely home, God told Joshua, "March your army around Jericho with the priests blowing their horns. Do this once a day for six days.
- "On the seventh day, have your army march around the city seven times." Joshua did exactly as God said.
- The priests blew their trumpets. The soldiers shouted as loud as they could. Then the great walls of Jericho came tumbling down!
- The Israelite army rushed in and took over the city. The spies kept their promise to Rahab. Her whole family was saved!

Craft/Coloring Page 9:30-9:40

After the story, have the children go to their tables and prepare for a craft to go along with the lesson. Our BIG IDEA of the week is: God Helps People!

Pass out the trumpet for the children to decorate. Pass out markers, crayons, and stickers for children to use. Tape together when they are finished!

As children finish, distribute the coloring page with today's story on the back for children to complete. Have the children place both the craft and coloring sheet in their bin when they are finished.



Friends from Afar 9:40-9:50

You will find today's activity for Friends from Afar in the Binder on the counter. The information for this month's Global Partner family and an activity to learn about where they are serving are included. Necessary supplies are located in your bin.

Songs/Memory Verse/Prayer 9:50-10:05

There is a list of songs for today's lesson on the TV. Use the directions located with the remote to access them.

Prayer (Use these words, or your own, to pray about today's Bible lesson. Take time to listen to prayer requests from the children and pray for them as well!)

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Memory Verse

- Philippians 4:19 "And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus"
- This is the children's second week learning this verse. Remind them that we can trust God to help us with problems just like he helped the people in our Bible story! The best help we have ever received from God is His son, Jesus!
    - My God- Point both index fingers up toward heaven.
    - Will supply- Bring hands together, palms up (like receiving a gift).
    - All your needs- Sweep with your arms to show "all" or everything.
    - According to his riches- Rub thumb and fingers together like money
    - In glory- Raise your hands and wiggle your fingers like shining light
    - In Christ Jesus- Cross your arms over your chest
    - Philippians 4:19- Hold up four fingers for chapter 4, and nine fingers for verse 9

Snack Time at Tables 10:05-10:15

Prior to serving the snack have the children use hand sanitizer before choosing a seat at the table. Each child will have veggie straws on a napkin and a small cup of water. NOTE: some children with allergies will have their own snack or drink...parents usually remind shepherds of this at drop off. If a question, please contact Kid Min Staff in hallways. Thanks.

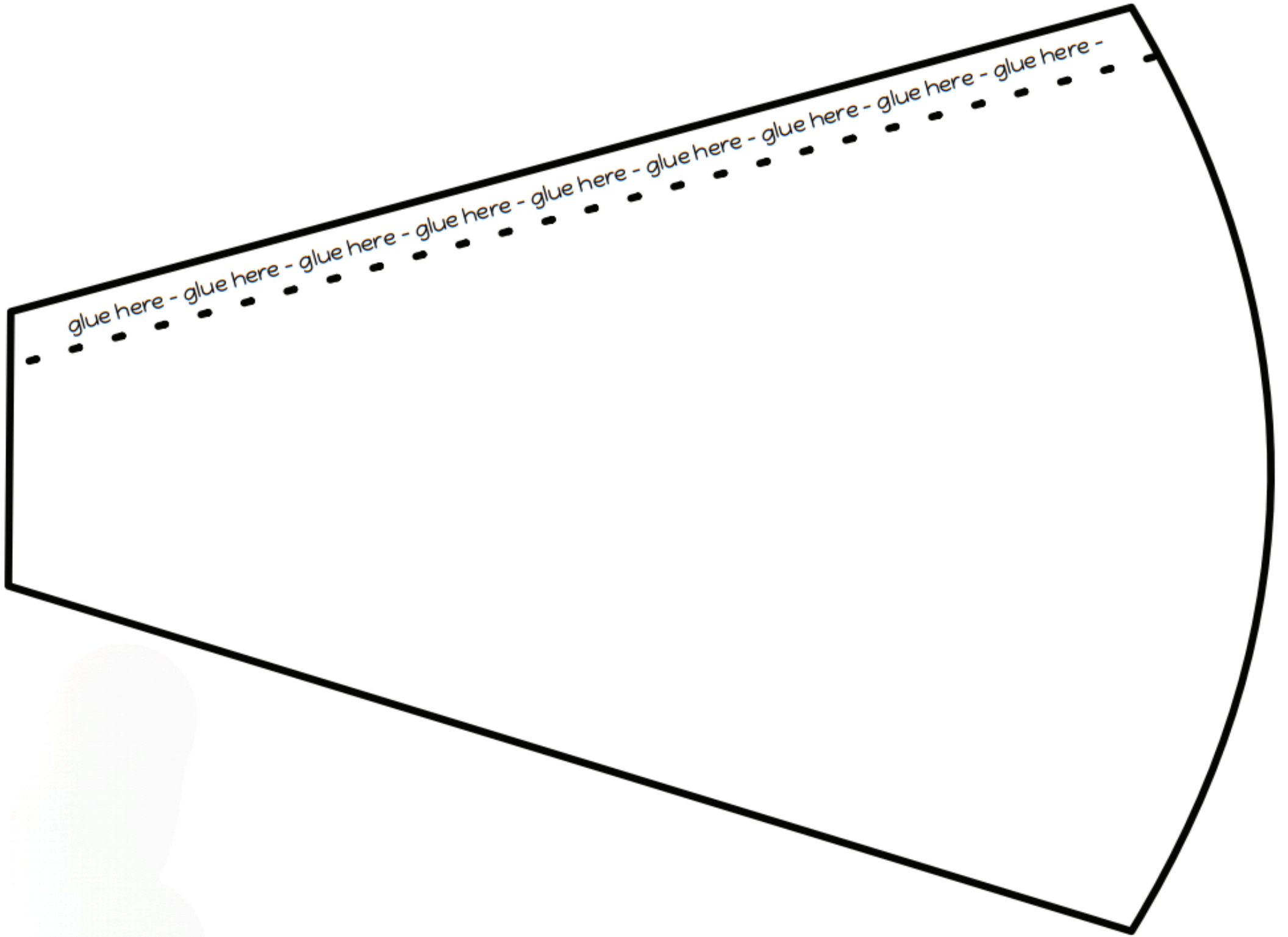
While the children are eating their snack, please read the read aloud book that is in the bin labeled Read Aloud book for snack time. Thanks.

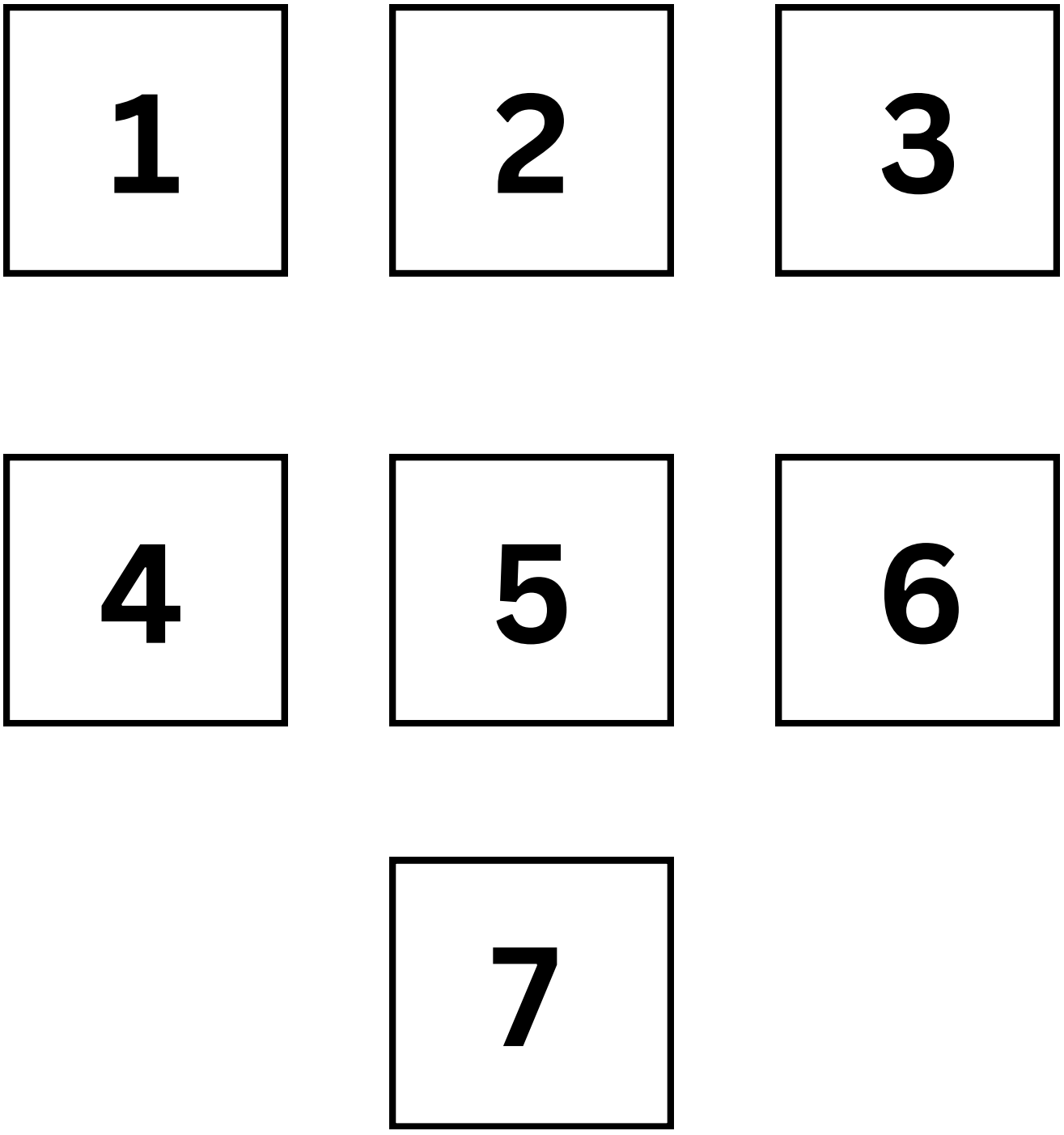
Free Choice Play 10:15-10:40

Once the snack and read aloud are finished, the children may choose free play until their parents come to pick them up.

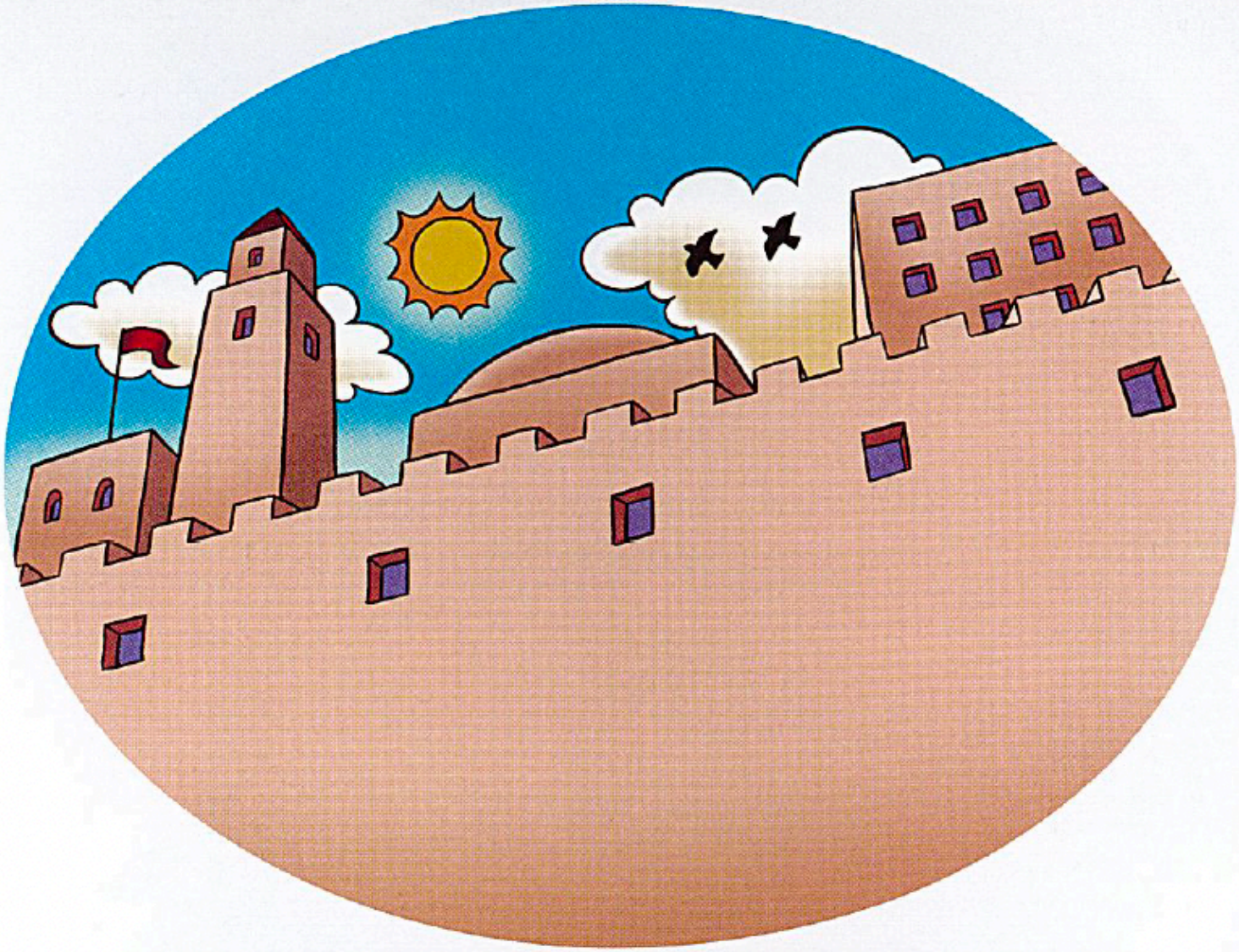
At dismissal, please make sure to check the child's tag number to match the parent's tag. Have the children take home any papers from their bin. Finally, check them off the attendance as being picked up (the last column for the date).

Thanks so much for shepherding the little ones this week. We appreciate you!


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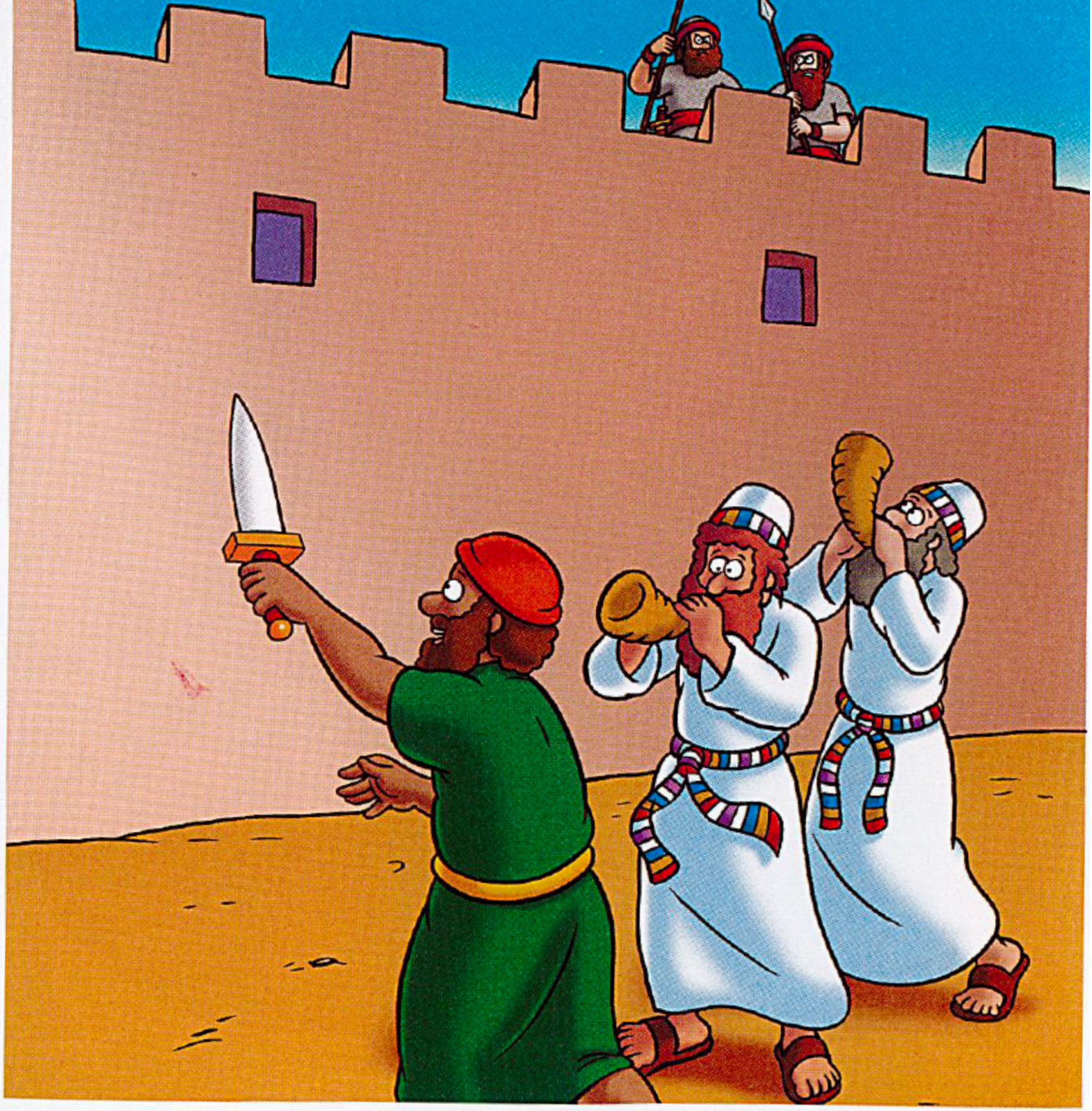
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Joshua 6

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Joshua 6:1-27



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Joshua 6:1-27

Joshua and the Israelites were camped outside Jericho. The people of Jericho closed the gates to the city and didn't let anyone in or out. They were afraid. They didn't want the Israelites to take over their city.

God told Joshua a plan to take over the city. Joshua and the Israelites did just what God said. Very quietly, they stood in a line. They didn't say a word. They marched all the way around Jericho. They did this every day for almost a whole week.

On the last day, they marched around the city one, two, three, four, five, six, seven times. Then they stopped. The priests blew the trumpets and all the people shouted. Then the walls fell down flat! The Israelites marched straight into the city.