



Use Week of:

Unit 8 • Session 2

The Battle of Jericho

BIBLE PASSAGE: Joshua 2; 6

STORY POINT: God is always with us.

KEY PASSAGE: Deuteronomy 31:8a

CHRIST CONNECTION: Jesus fought against sin for us.

Bible Story for Toddlers

Joshua sent two men into Jericho. They stayed at Rahab's house. Rahab hid the men on her roof to keep them safe. Rahab said to the men, "Your God is God of heaven and earth. Please be kind to my family when God gives you Jericho." She let the men use a red cord to go out her window. The men told Rahab to tie the cord in her window and keep her family inside her house so they would be safe. At the battle of Jericho, Joshua told the people to march quietly around Jericho. On the seventh day, they marched seven times. On the seventh time, the priests blew the trumpets and the people shouted. Jericho's wall fell down! God kept Rahab and her family safe.

Babies Gospel Gems

- * Rahab hid the Israelite spies.
- * God made the walls of Jericho fall down.
- * God used Rahab in His plan to send Jesus.

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BABIES Activities

Look in the Bible

Provide hand-size Bibles for babies to handle. Open your Bible to Joshua 2. Show the Bible story picture as you say the gospel gems in a soothing voice. Read the key passage card.

SAY: Rahab hid the spies because she trusted God was with His people. God made the walls of Jericho fall down. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.** [*Pray.*]

Sing a Bible story song

Sing to the tune of “Mary Had a Little Lamb”:

“God is with us everywhere, everywhere, everywhere,
God is with us everywhere. He will never leave us!”

SAY: God made the walls of Jericho fall down. God was with His people and helped them fight. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US** too! Jesus fought against sin for us.

March seven times

Hold babies securely and march in a circle seven times. After the seventh time, pretend to blow a trumpet and then cheerfully say the story point. Repeat as interest holds.

SAY: God told His people to march around Jericho. God made the walls of Jericho fall down! God was with His people. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.**

Explore ribbons

Before class, gather various fabric strips and ribbons in vibrant colors. Tie them together securely to make a pom-pom. Invite babies to explore the textures and colors of the ribbons.

SAY: Rahab hid the Israelite spies. She put a red cord in her window so they would keep her safe. God made the walls of Jericho fall down. God used Rahab in His plan to send Jesus. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.**

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release babies to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to use throughout the week. Repeat gospel gems and Bible-learning activities for babies who stay a second hour.

TODDLER Activities

Circle time (5 minutes)

Provide small Bibles for toddlers to handle. Say the Bible is God's words. Read the key passage card. Open your Bible to Joshua 2. Show the Bible story picture as you tell the story. Say the story point and the gospel gems. Pray for the toddlers.

Make a scarlet bookmark

Cut strips of heavyweight paper so each toddler has one. Give toddlers stickers and crayons to decorate their bookmark. Punch a hole on one end of the bookmark and thread a red ribbon through it. Write the story point on each child's paper. Retell the Bible story as toddlers work.

SAY: Our red ribbon reminds me of Rahab in our story. Rahab hid the Israelite spies because she knew God was with His people. God used Rahab in His plan to send Jesus. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US** too.

Knock down walls

Provide cereal boxes or shirt boxes for toddlers to stack to make a wall. Encourage children to march around the wall like in the Bible story. When you say go, invite toddlers to knock down the walls. Retell the story.

SAY: Did the people knock down the walls on their own? No! God made the walls of Jericho fall down. God showed He was with the Israelites, and **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.**

Shout and whisper

Invite toddlers to stand up and face you. When you crouch down, guide toddlers to crouch and whisper the story point. When you say it loud, they will jump up.

SAY: God made the walls of Jericho fall down. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.** Jesus fought against sin for us.

Find the spy

Select two people figures to be spies. Tell the toddlers to close their eyes as you hide them in plain sight. Guide children to open their eyes and look for the spies.

SAY: Rahab hid the spies because she knew God was with them. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.**

BONUS Teaching Hour

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Transition activity: Make a trumpet

Give each child an empty paper towel tube and stickers to decorate his tube. When he has finished decorating, punch a hole in each end of the tube and thread yarn through both ends. Toddlers may carry their trumpets on their shoulder as they march in place. When you say go, they will sound their trumpets. Retell the story.

SAY: Joshua sent men to Jericho, and Rahab hid the Israelite spies. Rahab trusted God to keep her family safe. God made the walls of Jericho fall down. God used Rahab in His plan to send Jesus. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.**

Play out the story with people figures

Provide people figures and a box or stack of blocks to be Rahab's house. Briefly retell the Bible story as toddlers play it out.

SAY: Rahab hid the Israelite spies because she knew God was with His people. **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US** too. Jesus fought against sin for us.

Play a quiet game

Encourage toddlers to lie down or sit quietly with their hands in their laps. Tell them they must be as quiet and still as possible as you count to seven and blow a kazoo. When they hear the kazoo, they can stand up and shout. Retell the story.

SAY: God told the Israelites to be completely quiet as they marched around Jericho. At just the right time, they shouted. God made the walls of Jericho fall down! God was with His people, and **GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US** too.

Check diapers, serve a snack if needed, and release toddlers to parents according to your church's security procedures. Give parents today's big picture card to reinforce today's Bible story, story point, Christ connection, or gospel gems throughout the week.