



Under Construction: God at Work

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LESSON - GOD BUILDS MY COURAGE TO OBEY!

Welcome back to Under Construction: God at Work! This month, we’re learning that God Builds Us to Be Courageous! Today, we’ll learn that God gives us courage to listen and obey Him. Joshua was leading God’s people to the land God had promised them. But they came to a city called Jericho. Can you say “Jericho”? (Have them repeat Jericho.) Jericho had big, strong walls all around it. The walls were so big that Joshua and the people couldn’t just walk into the city. What were they going to do?

God had a plan! God told Joshua to have the people march around the city one time each day for six days.

SAY IT: 6 days!

DO IT: Hold up 6 fingers.

Seven priests would march with them and carry trumpets. On the seventh day, they would march around Jericho seven times. Then the priests would blow their trumpets, and all the people would shout!

SAY IT: 7 days!

DO IT: March in place.

Joshua may not have known how this plan would work, but he knew something important: God told him what to do, so Joshua listened.

SAY IT: I can listen to God!

DO IT: Cup one hand around your ear.

Joshua told the people what God said, and they obeyed. For six days, they marched around Jericho once each day. The big walls were still standing, but they kept following God’s instructions. To obey means we listen and do what God says. We obey God when we tell the truth, show kindness, share, forgive, and obey our parents.

SAY IT: I can obey God!

DO IT: Nod your head, yes.

Then came the seventh day! This time, the people marched around Jericho seven times. Let’s count together: 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7! The priests blew their trumpets, Joshua told everyone to shout, and then something amazing happened: the walls came tumbling down! Joshua and the people obeyed, but God made the walls fall. They trusted God to do what they could not do on their own. We can obey and trust God too because God knows what is best!

SAY IT: Let’s count to seven again 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7!

DO IT: Now let’s shout!

Just like a builder follows the right plan, we can follow God’s way when we obey!

PRAYER: Dear Jesus, thank You for teaching us what to do. Help us listen to You, obey You, and trust You just like Joshua did. Give us courage to choose Your way because You know what is best. We love You. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

LESSON QUESTIONS - 10 MINS

2 & 3YR OLDS

1. What was the name of the city with the big walls? (**Jericho**)
2. Did Joshua listen to God? (**Yes**)
3. Did Joshua make up his own plan instead of following God’s plan? (**No**)
4. Did God make the walls of Jericho fall down? (**Yes**)

4YRS - 1ST GRADE

1. What was the name of the city with the big walls? **Jericho**
2. What did God tell the people to do around Jericho? **March around it**
3. How many times did they march around Jericho on the seventh day? **Seven times**
4. What did the priests blow? **Trumpets**
5. What happened after the people obeyed God and shouted? **The walls fell down.**



Teaching Guide - PRESCHOOL & VSN

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ACTIVITY 1: MARCH AROUND JERICHO

Items Needed: Large building blocks or cardboard boxes, music

Connection: Joshua and the Israelites followed God's instructions and marched around Jericho.

Step 1: Use blocks or boxes to build a large "Jericho wall" in the middle of the room.

Step 2: Have the children form a line around the wall.

Step 3: Have everyone quietly march around Jericho while pretending to play trumpets and play the song "Joshua fought the battle of Jericho".

Step 4: After marching, have everyone stop and wait for the leader's instructions.

Step 5: Say, "SHOUT!" and let everyone shout together.

Step 6: A leader knocks down the wall as the children celebrate.

Step 7: Say, "Joshua and God's people listened and obeyed. God made the walls fall!"

ACTIVITY 2: LISTEN AND DO!

Items Needed: None

Connection: Joshua listened carefully to God's instructions and did what God told him to do.

Step 1: Tell the children, "Let's practice listening and doing!"

Step 2: Give one simple instruction at a time:

Touch your nose | Clap two times | Pat your head | Wiggle your fingers | Give yourself a hug | Make a trumpet with your hands | Whisper, "I can obey God!" | March in place

Step 3: As children become comfortable, give two instructions together: "Clap twice and touch your nose."

Step 4: Celebrate when they listen carefully and follow the directions.

Step 5: Say, "You listened and did what I said! Joshua listened to God and did what God said. That's obedience!"

ACTIVITY 3: BUBBLE PARTY OR STORY TIME

Items Needed: Bubbles and music OR book basket

We've got some extra time today, so let's spend it worshipping and dancing with bubbles or reading a book to the class (please show the pictures on each page).

CRAFT OR COLORING SHEET (USE 1 OR 2 OPTIONS DEPENDING ON CLASS AGE & TIME)

CRAFT 1: SHOUT THE VICTORY HORN CRAFT

Items Needed: Soulchen Jericho Trumpet Craft Kit, crayons or markers, included double-sided tape, included ribbon

Connection: Joshua and the Israelites listened to God and followed His instructions at Jericho. The priests blew their trumpets, the people shouted, and God made the walls fall. This horn reminds us that we can listen to God and obey Him too!

Step 1: Give each child one trumpet craft piece and let them color and decorate it.

Step 2: Help the children gently roll the fan-shaped paper into a horn shape.

Step 3: Use the included double-sided tape to secure the edges together so the horn stays closed

Step 4: Give each child a scripture tag and help attach it to the horn

Step 5: Thread the included ribbon through the pre-punched hole and tie it securely

Step 6: Remind them: "Joshua listened to God and obeyed His instructions. We can listen to God and obey Him too!"

CRAFT 2: MARCH AROUND JERICHO COLORING SHEET

Items Needed: Coloring sheet and crayons.

Connection: Joshua and the Israelites listened to God and followed His instructions at Jericho. As children color, remind them that we can listen to God, obey what He says, and trust Him too!

Step 1: Distribute the coloring sheets and allow time to color.

GOD GIVES US INSTRUCTIONS TO FOLLOW!

Joshua listened to God and did exactly what God said to do.



Be strong
and courageous.
Do everything
God tells you.
Joshua 1:9

They marched, the priests
blew their trumpets,
the people shouted,
and the walls fell down!
God brought the victory!