L2L50: Joshua and the Battle of Jericho

Joshua 6

After the Israelites made it across the Jordan River, they prepared to meet the next obstacle - the great walled city of Jericho. The men who Joshua sent to spy out the city had come back with important information, but now Joshua needed a plan. Joshua knew that God was the one who would give Israel the victory, but he needed some directions. And, guess what? The Commander of the Army of the Lord Himself came to deliver them. On top of that, the directions He gave were not ordinary battle plans. These plans required a little bit of patience and a whole lot of faith!

Discuss:

- All the people of the land had heard of the children of Israel. How do you think the people of Jericho felt when they heard that the Israelites had crossed over the Jordan into their territory? Do you think the people of Jericho felt safe inside the city walls?
- What were the directions that God gave to Joshua? What was unusual about them? What do you think the people of Jericho were thinking when they saw the Israelites following the directions they were given?



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- How was the instruction for the army different on the seventh day than on the other days? Who did God protect in the city?
- Why do you think God planned the Battle of Jericho the way He did?

Memory Challenge:

Joshua 6:2

And the Lord said to Joshua: "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor."