

Toddling Through God's Word: Joshua

"Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho" African-American Spiritual

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho,
And the walls came tumbling down!

Activity 1: Joshua leads God's People (Joshua chapter 1)

No Materials Needed

Say: "God's people were sad. They were still in the desert. Moses died. Now Joshua led God's people. God was with Joshua just as he was with Moses. Joshua told God's people to be strong and courageous."

1. Use the pictures below to sign "brave." Ask your child what *being brave* means? Say: "Being brave is when you are ready to do something difficult. It is okay to be scared. Being brave is when you eat your new vegetable! Being brave is when you sleep in your own bed!"
2. Ask your child what *being courageous* means? Say: "Courageous is the same as brave! It is when you are ready to do something difficult! Maybe it is when you try to ride your new bike!" Use the pictures below to make the same sign for "courageous."



Activity 2: Joshua sends spies to the Promise Land. (Joshua 2:1)

You Need:

- 2 Toilet paper rolls
- Glue

Say: "The city of Jericho was in the Promised Land. God promised this land to His people. Joshua sent spies into the city of Jericho."

1. Ask your child what a spy is. Say: "A spy is a person who finds out something secretly. Spies don't want to be seen! They blend in or hide. Then they watch to find out something. The spies that Joshua sent, were to see what was inside Jericho."
2. The spies in Joshua's time didn't have binoculars, but spies today have them! Create binoculars by gluing 2 toilet paper rolls together. Feel free to let your child decorate the binoculars!



Activity 3: Rahab (Joshua chapter 2)

You Need:

- Clear contact paper
- Scissors
- Tissue paper
- Red string

Say: "The spies needed to hide from soldiers. A woman named Rahab hid them in her home. She kept the spies safe. Then she helped them sneak out of a window to safety. The spies promised to keep Rahab and her family safe as well."

1. Cut 2 identical rectangles out of the clear contact paper. Cut up the tissue paper into small pieces.
2. Let your child place tissue paper on the sticky side of one the rectangular pieces of contact paper. This will create Rahab's home.
3. Help your child place a red string on *Rahab's home*. Tell your child that this is how God's people knew



where Rahab lived, so they could keep her and her family safe.

4. Place the other rectangular piece of contact paper on *Rahab's home*. This will seal it to create a sun catcher.



Activity 4: The Battle of Jericho (Joshua chapter 6)

You Need:

- Blocks

Say: "God commanded Joshua and God's people to march

around the city of Jericho one time each day for six days. Then on the seventh day, God commanded

Joshua and God's people to march around the city seven times. Then the walls came tumbling down! "

1. Help your child build a block city.
2. March around the block city seven times. Count each time as you march around the block city. Then knock down the city!

Activity 5: Joshua's Farewell (Joshua chapter 23 and 24)

You Need:

- Apple slices
- Crackers
- Peanut butter
- Glass of water

Say: "Joshua asked God's people to remember all the times that God kept them safe."

1. Serve your child the following snack. Discuss what each part of the snack means.
 - Apple slices- When Adam and Eve disobeyed God, He had a plan to save us. Jesus would come.
 - Glass of water- God kept Noah safe in the flood.
 - Cracker- God gave Joseph the ability to know Pharaoh's dream and prepare for the famine.
 - Peanut Butter- When God's people were slaves and worked in the mud and dirt, God sent Moses and Joshua to lead His people to their own land.