

This week's Bible lesson is about the fall of Jericho. God instructed the people to march around the city in a certain way for seven days. Their obedience to God's instructions is a pattern for living our lives today.

Jericho

Joshua sent two men to spy on Jericho. They stayed at Rahab's house. The king found out about the spies and sent soldiers to find them. Rahab hid the spies on her roof and helped them to escape by hanging a scarlet (red) rope from her window. They climbed down the rope and returned to Joshua. They promised her that she and her family would be safe when the city was attacked.

The country to which the Israelites had come was called Canaan. It was also called the Promised Land because God had promised it years before to their fathers and grandfathers.

After they entered the land of Canaan, they began to eat the fruit and grain that was growing there. The manna from heaven stopped coming because now there was food to eat from the land.

They were camped near the city of Jericho. Jericho had a great wall around it and big, heavy gates. The people of Jericho had heard about the Israelites and were very afraid of them.

God gave Joshua a plan for the capture of the city. On six days the soldiers were to march around the city one time each day. Some priests were to march with them, and seven priests were to blow on trumpets made of rams' horns. No one was to speak a word. They followed the plan as God had told them.

On the seventh day at God's command, they marched around the city seven times. The priests blew on the trumpets and the people gave a great shout. The walls fell down flat and they were able to capture the city.

They found the red rope that Rahab had hung from her window, and they saved Rahab and her family. Later Rahab married a man of Israel. They had a son and in later generations, a child was born who would become a king of Israel. His name was David and he was the great-great-grandson of Rahab. Many years after that, another child was born in the same family. His name was ... Jesus.

The story of the fall of Jericho can be found in the Bible in the book of Joshua 5:13-15 and chapter 6.

Memory verse: When the trumpets sounded, the people shouted, and at the sound of the trumpet, when the people gave a loud shout, the wall collapsed; so every man charged straight in, and they took the city

Joshua 6:20

*You can listen to the story of The Fall of Jericho at
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