

# Just J's: Jericho

The people of God had been wandering in the Wilderness for 40 years because they would not trust God to provide for them



Joshua had been chosen by the Lord to continue Moses' mission to lead the people into the Promised Land.

God said to Joshua...

Just as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. No one will be able to stop you all your life. I will not leave you. I will never leave you alone.

"Joshua, be strong and brave! You must lead these people so they can take their land. This is the land I promised their fathers I would give them.

Be strong and brave. Be sure to obey all the teachings my servant Moses gave you. If you follow them exactly, you will be successful in everything you do.

Joshua 1:5-7

God calls us to be leaders too!  
Draw in what ways you need God to help you be a good leader!

# Spying on Jericho

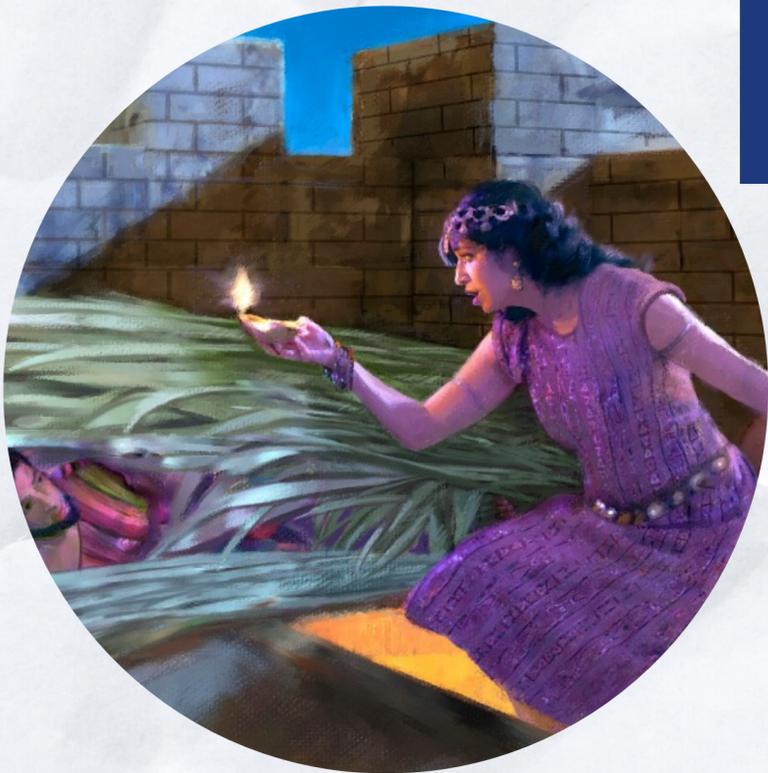
## What is a Spy?

a person who secretly collects and reports information on the activities, movements, and plans of an enemy.



**MUST BE SNEAKY!!**

Joshua had 2 men spy on Jerusalem to see what it was like, but it was discovered that they were in the city!!



**Rahab, a woman with a bad reputation, helped the spies hide on her roof!**

The people of Jericho were scared of the Israelites because they knew how powerful their God was.

Rahab made the spies promise to the Lord that they would save her family if she helped them escape the city.

They made the promise, escaped down a red rope from her window, and told her to leave the rope hanging out her window so the Israelites could save her.

Draw a picture of the Israelite spies hiding on Rahab's roof.

"Make yourself  
holy for the Lord.  
Tomorrow the  
Lord will do  
amazing things  
among you."  
-Joshua 3:5

## Crossing the Jordan



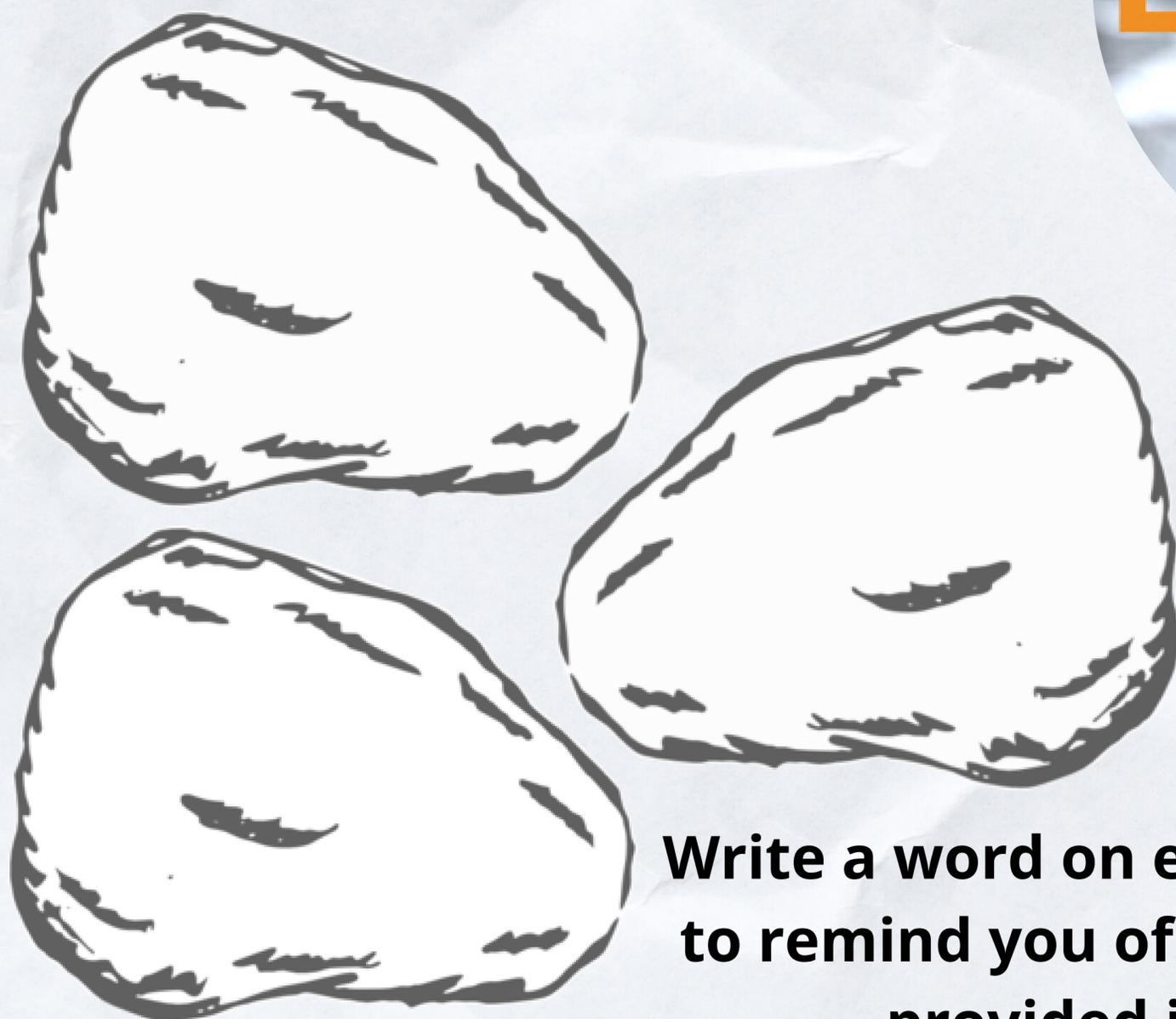
God told Joshua to have the Priests cross the Jordan River with the Ark of the Covenant. The Jordan was a fast dangerous river, but God promised that when the Priests entered the river the water would stop completely. It would be heaped up like a dam so the people could cross.

Just as God said it would, the river dried up  
and the Israelites crossed into the land of  
Jericho!



The Israelites stacked a huge pile of 12 rocks, so that everytimes they walked by it they would be reminded of the miraculous provision of God

**Write a word on each of these rocks  
to remind you of the ways God has  
provided in your life!**





The soldiers and priest marched around the city either marching in silence or using their inside voices as Joshua had commanded them not to shout until the final day when the time came!

**THE SOUND OF THEIR TRUMPETS  
BLASTED OVER THE CITY!**



Then the Lord spoke to Joshua. He said, **"Look, I have given you Jericho, its king and all its fighting men."**

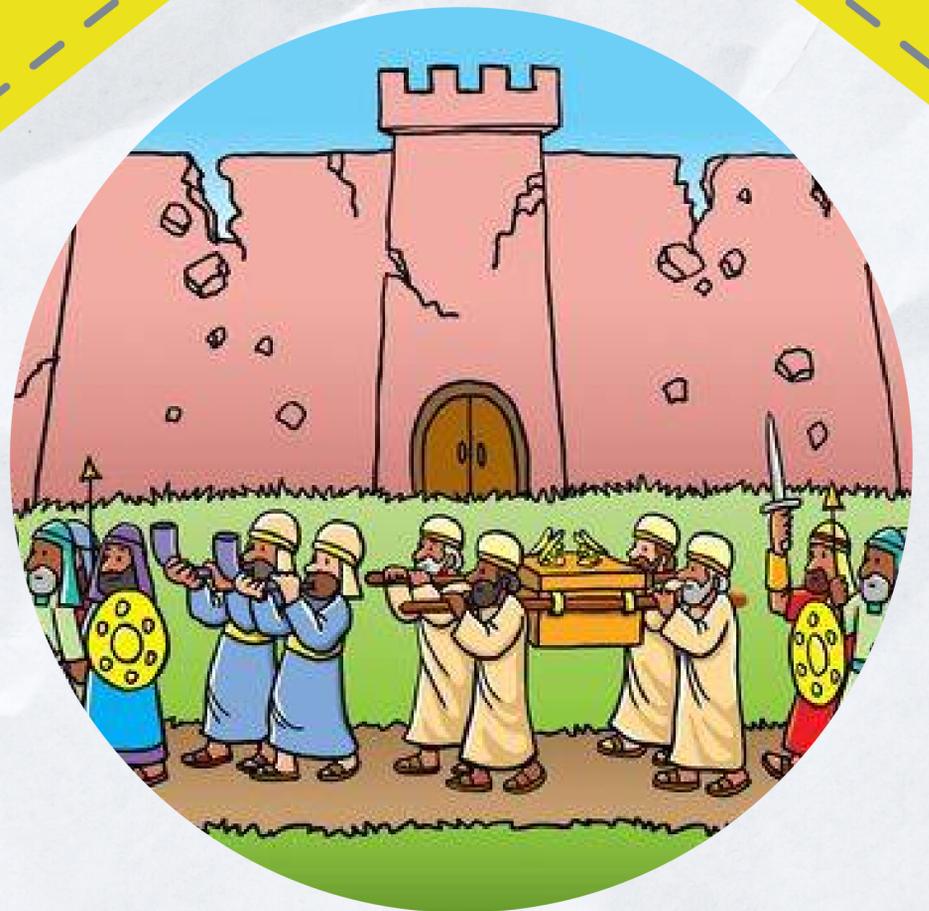
**March around the city with your army one time every day.** Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets made from horns of male sheep. Tell them to march in front of the Ark of the Covenant.

**On the seventh day march around the city seven times. On that day tell the priests to blow the trumpets as they march.**

They will make one long blast on the trumpets. When you hear that sound, have all the people give a loud shout.

**Then the walls of the city will fall. And the people will go straight into the city."**

-Joshua 6:2-5

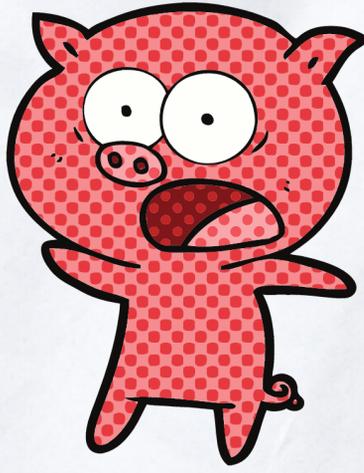


Talk to your family about a time they had to listen carefully to God's word, coming either from the Holy Spirit or the Bible.

Draw or write around the trumpet what actions your family had to take to follow God instructions.

**examples: moving, changing jobs, giving when called to**

# YEAH!



On the **7**th day the Israelites SHOUTED after circling Jericho 7 times!!

## THE WALLS OF JERICHO FELL!

**The Israelites walked into the city, destroying everything as an offering to God, except for Rahab and her family!**



**One small act of kindness saved the lives of Rahab and her family!**



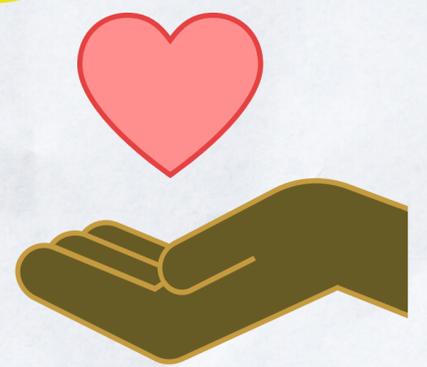
Draw a picture of the walls of Jericho falling and Rahab's family escaping!

Create a paper horn using the outline provided in your packet or found online.

Then march around the house blasting your horns like the Israelites!

- Entering the promised and taking over the city of Jericho was a very long process for the Israelites, but they trusted the God would provide.
- What are some areas in your life that you struggle with trusting that God will provide?

(Write or Draw your thoughts here)



## Prayer of Reflection

**Our great Provider, teach us to trust the process that you are taking us through to receive your provision.**

**Help us not to take for granted your blessing but graciously thank you for them every day.**

**May we reach out in radical kindness to others like Rahab did; remembering that doing what is right is more important than doing what is easy.**

**May our every day lives be a sweet offering to you.**

**In Jesus name we pray, Amen.**