

## **Discussion Questions Course 204–2**

### **Large Group**

1. What is an obstacle?
2. An obstacle is something that stands in your way and stops you. And what does the word overcome mean?
3. Have you ever run into an obstacle that kept you from accomplishing something?
4. In our previous lesson, does anyone remember what problem Joy was facing?
5. What do you think Rahab was feeling as the soldiers looked through her house for the spies?
6. Why do you think God chose to use someone like Rahab, who others might look down on or reject, to help Joshua overcome the obstacle of the walls of Jericho?

### **Small Group**

#### **Game**

1. Joshua's spies promised Rahab that she and her family would be safe when Joshua's army attacked Jericho if she followed their instructions. Where was this place of safety?
2. What obstacle was the most difficult for you?
3. How can this compare to what we face each day in our lives?

### **Teaching**

1. Are the walls we face in our lives always going to be made of stone that we can see with our eyes?
2. In our Large Group time, we talked about how Joy faced an obstacle in a relationship during the Superbook adventure in our previous lesson. What was that obstacle?
3. Invisible walls can stop us from walking out God's plan, just like Jericho's walls seemed to stop the Israelites from going deeper into the Promised Land. How did Joy break through the invisible wall between herself and the other girl?
4. Proverbs 15:1. What do you think this verse means?
5. Have you ever heard someone say something like that, and where did you hear it?
6. 1 John 5:4–5 (NKJV). What are some things we can do to stay strong and overcome the situation?

### **Discipleship Challenge**

1. Did anyone remember to ask God for help when you were facing a hard time, and what happened when you did?

### **Additional Activities**

#### **Object Lesson**

1. How many of you have arm wrestled someone? How did you do?
2. Have two volunteer children do a mock match, struggle a bit, but then have one person take control and overpower the other person. Who won our match?
3. Can you name some struggles or obstacles that we may face in our lives?

### **Bible Study**

#### **Hebrews 4:14–16**

1. What are the obstacles this passage talks about?
2. How can Jesus understand what help we need to overcome obstacles like temptations, testing, and human weakness?
3. In verse 16, what can we do when we face these obstacles and need help?
4. In verse 16, what can we count on to help us endure and overcome?

### **2 Corinthians 12:5–10**

1. What was the Lord's answer to Paul's prayer?
2. What did Paul feel was the purpose of the obstacle in his life and why Christ didn't completely remove or destroy it?
3. Why would Paul want to be weak in his own ability?
4. Do you think it would be difficult to have the attitude of Paul in verse 10 about the obstacles that you will face in life? Why or why not?
5. Deeper discussion: Discuss how Paul had victory or overcame the obstacle in his life even though it wasn't completely removed. Are there some things we must pray to overcome daily?

### **John 14:27–28a**

1. What do you think the obstacle Jesus was talking about that the disciples would face?
2. What did Christ give them as a gift to help them overcome the obstacle?
3. How do you think the peace of Christ is different from the peace of the world?
4. Have you ever felt alone, troubled or fearful? How can Jesus' peace help us when we feel like that?
5. How can knowing that Jesus is coming back to Earth again comfort us in the midst of any problems we may face?

### **1 Corinthians 15:56–57**

1. What are the obstacles this passage talks about?
2. What is the result of sin?
3. How do we overcome or have victory over sin and death?