

Rahab and the Walls of Jericho: Lesson 2

SuperTruth: With Christ I can overcome all obstacles.

SuperVerse: *It was by faith that the people of Israel marched around Jericho for seven days, and the walls came crashing down.*

Hebrews 11:30 (NLT)

Bible Story: Joshua 1–6

Game Materials Needed:

- Gather only the objects needed based on the obstacles you choose from the list shown below: Masking or painters tape, string or rope, tennis or rubber balls, paper, boxes, bags, laundry basket, long board—2"x4"x6' or 8', balloons, tables, paper towel roll, Hula-Hoops, bean bags, ten blocks or dominoes, six plastic cups, paper cups
- Optional: timer—clock/watch with second hand, stopwatch, timer app
- Assistants to maintain the course and assist players
- Paper or cardstock
- Marker

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Walls of Jericho Pattern for children not present for Lesson 1
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and markers; or chalkboard and chalk, eraser
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

God chose to use Rahab, who others might look down on or reject, to help Joshua overcome the obstacle of the walls of Jericho. When we trust the Lord, He gives us the power to overcome any obstacles we may face!

- Superbook takes Joy, Chris and Gizmo to Jericho as Joshua and the Israelite army are preparing to attack the walled city. They meet Rahab, who risks her life to hide the Hebrew spies. The children discover that even the highest walls are no match for faith in God!
- Watch the Bible Background video to learn more about the story of Joshua, Rahab, and the walls of Jericho.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: Overcome the Obstacles (15 minutes)

Objective: Overcome an obstacle course.

- With God's help, Joshua and his army overcame every obstacle in front of them. In this game, the children will go through the course laid out to overcome all the obstacles!

Game Instructions:

- Begin the activity and allow each child to have at least one turn through the course. Allow the next player to begin the obstacle course as soon as the previous player finishes the first obstacle.

Teaching: Overcoming Invisible Objects (15 minutes)

Objective: Discuss how in Christ, we overcome invisible objects.

- Joshua and the Israelites faced stone walls that stopped them as they traveled into the land God had promised them. The walls we face in our lives probably won't be made of stone—or even visible at all! No matter what kind of obstacle we face, God can help us to defeat them all!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Continue to be alert for times when we should ask God for His help in our everyday lives. Use your craft as a reminder to pray, asking God for His wisdom, patience, courage, and strength.

SuperVerse: Superbook Circle (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- The walls that the people of Jericho trusted were no match for the One True God! No obstacle we face is too big, too strong, or too difficult for God!
- The Israelites circled the walls of Jericho. Children will turn their backs to the board. Erase one or two words from the SuperVerse on the board and place a circle in place of two words. Have the children face the board and raise their hands if they think they know what should go in one of the circles. Erase the circle and fill in the word.

Prayer: Obstacle Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- The Israelites remained silent until the proper time, then they shouted—and God caused the walls to come crashing down!
- Have children find a place in the room to pray silently to God, alone. Ask Him to help you overcome any obstacle or difficulty you are facing. Bring children together to stand as a group; then, on the count of three, have everyone shout together, "Praise God for the victory!"

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Balloon Game: Play a game to move the balloons over the obstacles. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Drawing Game: Create murals of the Bible story. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Object Lesson: Show what it means to overcome with an arm wrestling match. | **Grades 1–3** | 5 min

Bible Study: Dig deeper into overcoming obstacles in Christ. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min