



Pre-K & Kindergarten

Unit 6 - Promised Land

Story 15.B - Jericho (Joshua 2-6)

Some Pre-K kids may arrive at the beginning of the service. Do these two activities with them:

TABLE ACTIVITIES - Start with play-doh, puzzles, pop beads, or coloring from the cabinet.

WORSHIP - At 8:45 / 10:30 have kids clean up and gather on the carpet for music. Sing songs with them as you feel led. You may use the CD player and song sheet or sing a song of your choice.

WELCOME - About 15–20 minutes after service starts, have kids sit in a circle on the rug. Consider welcoming them with the following song, to the tune of “The Farmer in the Dell.”

We're glad you're here today (*clap*), we're glad you're here today (*clap*),
Wave your hands and say hello (*everyone waves*), we're glad you're here today (*clap*).
God loves you, so do we (*hug yourself*), God loves you, so do we (*hug yourself*),
We are all a family (*everyone puts hands in the middle*), God loves you, so do we (*hug yourself*).

Set behavioral expectations with the following questions:

Where are we? *We're at church.*
Why are we here? *To learn about God and worship him.*
How should we act in this special place? *Listen carefully and respect each other.*

Go around the circle and let each kid introduce themselves and answer the Question of the Day. (At your discretion, pass a stuffie around during introductions.) *What things can you think of that make a loud noise?*

*After the kids respond, you may want to close with: *Today we will hear about how God used a loud noise to bring down the walls of a city!*

BIBLE SKILLS - Get out the Bible. Explain that the Bible is our greatest treasure because it is the Word of God. (Pre-K will find the Bible in the Treasure Box). Explain how God, the creator of the world and everything in it, teaches us about himself in this special book. Go over the Bible knowledge points below:

The Bible tells us that God made the whole world.
The Bible tells us that God made us.

Let kids pass the Bible around the circle, with each of them patting it gently and saying, “The Word of God.”

MEMORY VERSE - "The Lord is my shepherd: I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures." Psalm 23:1-2a

- Show them where the words are in the Bible to help them understand that it is a part of God's Word.
- Practice the verse together - Consider using one of the activities on the Memory Game List

BIBLE STORY - Have the kids move to the center of the rug if they are not already there for storytime. Using the pictures provided tell the story for today.

God was ready to bring his people home to the land he had promised them more than 400 years before. The land of milk and honey was named Canaan. It was the land that Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob lived in before they had to leave to find more food in Egypt.

Moses died and Joshua was the new leader of the Israelite people. He sent two spies into the first city that they would need to conquer named Jericho. *(Picture of Jericho)* They weren't there for very long before they needed to be rescued. Some soldiers came to find them. [Do you remember how they got away?](#) A woman named Rahab hid them on her roof under some flax. *(Picture of spies under flax)* She gave them a rope so that they could climb down out of the window. [What did she ask them to do for her after she hid them from the soldiers?](#) She wanted them to save her and her whole family when the Israelites came. The two spies agreed to save her because she believed in the one true God even though she was not an Israelite. They told her to show a sign in her window when they came. [What was it?](#) Yes! They told her to hang a red cord from her window when the battle started. *(Picture with a red string taped to the window of her house.)*

The big day finally came and the Israelites were ready to go into Canaan, but the people had another big problem. The Jordan river was overflowing its banks, so they couldn't cross it! They had thousands of people, soldiers, supplies, and animals to bring across. They also had one more important item, the Ark of the Covenant with them. It would not be okay to let that get wet! How would the people even get to Jericho? [How do you think they should get across the river?](#) Even though they had a big problem, the people knew that they had an even bigger God!

God told them exactly what to do. The priests would go first across the river with the Ark of the Covenant. As soon as they stepped in the water, God stopped the water from flowing and the land dried up before them. Just like their parents did in the Red Sea, the people walked across on dry land! One person from each tribe of Israel brought a rock from the bottom of the river and stacked them on the riverbank, so they could always remember what God had done for them. *(Picture of stacked rocks)*

People who were watching them must have thought it was very strange to see the water stop and the people just walk across. The next thing they did was even stranger. They won a battle without any fighting! When the Israelites came to the town of Jericho they followed God's plan exactly. For six days the Israelite soldiers walked to the big walls of the city and walked around the city walls in silence. *(Picture of men blowing trumpets.)* The priests had trumpets that they were blowing, but the soldiers didn't make a sound. When they were done, they went back to their camp. On the seventh day, they did the same thing 6 times in a row and then on the 7th time, the trumpets blew and the men gave a big loud shout. [Do you know what happened when they shouted?](#) The walls fell down! *(Picture of walls falling down.)* Those big strong walls just fell down, and the Israelites were able to walk right into the city. The only house that wasn't destroyed was Rahab's house with her family inside. They were taken to live with the Israelites. Rahab even became a great, great, great... grandmother of Jesus!

Big Truth: [God can help you do big things!](#)

5. SNACK & REVIEW - Pass out snacks and water at the table ([check allergies on attendance roster](#)). Ask kids if they have any prayer requests and pray before eating. As they're eating, review the story and take some time getting to know them!

6. CRAFT: WALLS OF JERICHO - Give each child a sheet of paper with the outline of Jericho's walls on it. Glue the rectangles to the walls to make the bricks and then glue on the red yarn to show Rahab's house.

7. PLAYTIME If time allows, kids may play with toys or do a community game until their parents come.