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OVERVIEW CARD

BATTLE OF JERICHO

Key Question:

Who is always with you?

Bottom Line:

God is always with me.

Memory Verse:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid...
for the Lord your God goes with you."
Deuteronomy 31:6, NIV

Bible Story Focus:

When God is with me, I can be wise.
Battle of Jericho
Joshua 6:1-20

Coloring Page:

Jericho's walls fall down.

Music:

Superhero
Great Big God
Wherever, Whatever

Bible Lesson:

The Beginner's Bible
The Battle of Jericho
Pages 132 to 135

Story:

Super Kid

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ACTIVITY 1 – 2's/3's only RAHAB AND THE SPIES

7 Times

Big Idea:

Have the children complete different movements seven times.

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Do each of the following movements with the children seven times each: clap, stomp, jump, twist, and touch toes. Repeat as desired.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Can you count to seven? *(Pause.)* Let’s do it together! *(Count to seven.)* Great job!”

During the Activity: “Now we are going to do a movement SEVEN TIMES! Count as we move! First, we are going to clap seven times. Are you ready? *(Pause. Clap seven times.)* Great job! Now let’s stomp seven times!” *(Finish activity.)*

After the Activity: “You did a great job counting and doing each movement seven times! In our Bible lesson today, we heard about something that was done seven times. Do you remember what it was? *(Pause)* Yes, Joshua walked around the wall for seven days.”

“Joshua was in the city of Jericho with God’s army. It was time to go into battle. God told Joshua not to use weapons to fight the battle, but to only march around the wall while blowing trumpets. Joshua knew that he should be wise and always do what God told him to do. So he led his army around the wall for **seven** days blowing their trumpets! Joshua became SUPER JOSHUA by doing what God said. He was wise, and you know what? They WON the battle! Joshua knew that God was always with him and so he did what God said. God is always with us too! **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**”

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ACTIVITY 2 – 2's/3's only RAHAB AND THE SPIES

Marching Band Parade

Big Idea:

Have children play the musical instruments while they march around the room.

What You Need: A toy horn and a variety of preschool rhythm and musical instruments.

What You Do:

During the activity: Identify all the instruments you will be using. Next, give the children an instrument and then lead them in a marching band parade around the room. Stop a few times and assist the children in switching instruments. Continue as long as there's interest.

What You Say:

Before the activity: "Who can tell me what this is? (*Hold up an instrument.*) Yes! And this is how you play it. What about this one? (*Continue identifying all the instruments you will be using.*) Today we're going to use these instruments to have our very own marching band parade!"

At the end of the activity: "Have you ever heard of anyone fighting a battle with a trumpet? (*Hold up toy horn.*) Well, guess what! A guy named Joshua used a horn in today's Bible lesson to fight a battle! True story! Do you remember what happened? (*Pause*) Joshua was in the city of Jericho with God's army. It was time to go into battle. God told Joshua not to use weapons to fight the battle, but to only march around the wall while blowing trumpets. Joshua knew that he should be wise and always do what God told him to do. So he led his army around the wall for seven days blowing their trumpets! Joshua became SUPER JOSHUA by doing what God said. He was wise, and you know what? They WON the battle! Joshua knew that God was always with him and so he did what God said. God is always with us too! **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**"

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ACTIVITY 3 - ALL BATTLE OF JERICHO

Simon Says Memory Verse

Big Idea:

Play a traditional game of Simon Says but make sure to include saying the memory verse with motions.

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Have the children stand in front of you.

During the Activity: Tell the children to mimic your movements only if you say, “Simon says,” before you do the movement. First say, “Simon says,” and blink your eyes. The children should blink their eyes. Then do not say anything and touch your nose. If any of the children touch their nose, remind them that they should only do the movements when you say, “Simon says.” Continue the activity with the following movements *making sure to ask the children to say their memory verse several times throughout the game:* wiggle your ears, stick out your tongue, touch your toes, hands in the air, and silly dancing.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Do I have any good listeners here today? *(Pause.)* Oh! I thought so! I bet you are all excellent listeners. Let’s see!”

During the Activity: “I am going to do a movement and I want you to do it too, but ONLY if you hear me say, ‘Simon says,’ first. If I do not say, ‘Simon says,’ then you do not do it. Are you ready?” *(Do activity.)*

After the Activity: “Great job listening! It is very important to listen so that you know what to do. Listening makes you very WISE! Wise means smart! Joshua was smart and listened to God. He was in the city of Jericho with God’s army. It was time to go into battle. God told Joshua not to use weapons to fight the battle but to only march around the city blowing on their trumpets. Can you blow your trumpets? *(Pause.)* Awesome! Joshua knew that he should be wise and always do what God told him to do, so he led his army around the city for seven days blowing their trumpets. Joshua became SUPER JOSHUA and did what God said. He was wise, and they WON the battle!”

After the Activity: “Great job blowing your horns, friends! Joshua knew that God was always with him and so he did what God said. God is always with us too! **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**”

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ACTIVITY 4 – 4's/5's only RAHAB AND THE SPIES

Super Kids Bingo

Big Idea: *Play a fun game of Bingo with the children.*

What You Need: “Super Kids Bingo Card” and “Super Kid Bingo Pictures” on white cardstock, and bingo plastic counters

What You Do:

Before the Activity: You'll need 10 bingo counters per child.

During the Activity: Pass out the bingo cards and point out each image and picture using the explanation written below. Pass out the bingo counters and let the children know that they can cover the “Super Kids Logo” in the center of their cards with one bingo counter; it's a free space. Then shuffle the stack of pictures, draw one, hold it up for the children to see, and encourage them to cover that image with a bingo counter if they find it on their card. (NOTE: You can play until a child gets three in a row or until the entire card is covered. It's your choice.)

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “Today we're going to play a SUPER fun game called ‘Super Kids Bingo’! For the last two months, we've been talking about some SUPER people from the Bible.”

During the Activity: “First, there was Elijah the brave (*hold up the Elijah card*). He showed everyone that there was only ONE true God. The fire picture on your page reminds us how God sent fire from heaven. Second, there was Esther the strong (*hold up the Esther card*). She asked the king to help save her family, and she stood up to Haman. The picture of the crown reminds us of her story. Third, there was Rahab the courageous (*hold up the Rahab card*). She had the courage to hide the spies and then tie a piece of red rope to her window, like the one you see on your page. And finally, there was Joshua the wise (*hold up the Joshua card*). Joshua chose to listen to God even when his instructions seemed crazy! This wall reminds us of how God made the walls of Jericho fall down.”

(*Stack the cards and shuffle them.*) “Cover your ‘Super Kids’ space in the center with a bingo counter. That's a free space! Now, when I hold up a picture from this month, if you have that picture on your card, I want you to cover that space with a bingo coin. Are you ready? When you get [three in a row or cover your entire card], call out, ‘Bingo!’”

After the Activity: “I LOVE bingo. Wasn't that a SUPER fun game? I'm so glad that each of these men and women from the Bible chose to follow God and remembered that God was with them. You can be strong, courageous, brave, and wise when you have God on your side, because He is always with you. **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**”

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ACTIVITY 5 – 4's/5's only RAHAB AND THE SPIES

Walls fall Down

Big Idea:

Children will play with the parachute and stress bricks.

What You Need: Parachute and stress bricks

What You Do:

Before the Activity: Lay the parachute on the floor and place the stress bricks in the center of the parachute.

During the Activity: Have the children stand around the parachute and pick it up off of the ground. Encourage the children to count to seven while holding the parachute and then shake off all the bricks. Collect the bricks and try again. Repeat several times.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: "Everyone come sit in a circle with me and grab a corner of the parachute. *(Keep the parachute close together to slowly reveal the bricks inside.)* Now stand up and slowly take two steps back. *(Pause)* Super! Now freeze."

During the Activity: "I loved today's lesson about SUPER Joshua! God told Joshua and his army to walk around the wall seven times and blow their horns and then the walls came tumbling down. Let's pretend that these bricks are the walls of Jericho. We are going to pick up the parachute and count to seven then shake off all these bricks to knock the wall down! Be sure to count with me. When we get to seven, I want you to shake the parachute as fast as you can, so all the bricks going flying off. Are you ready?" *(Do activity.) (Repeat as many times as desired.)*

After the Activity: "Great job counting to seven and sending the bricks falling down, just like Joshua! Joshua knew that God was always with him, just like God is always with us! **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**"

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CRAFT WEEK 2

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Color the Wall

What You Need: “Wall” Activity Page on white cardstock, and dot markers (preferably red, black, brown, and/or gray)

What You Do:

During the Activity: Give the children an Activity Page and dot markers. Instruct the children to use the dot markers to color the wall.

After the Activity: Retell the Bible lesson.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “We heard an exciting Bible lesson today!”

During the Activity: (Give each child an Activity Page.) “This is a picture of Joshua and the wall. Use your dot markers to color the wall. *(Do activity.)* Awesome work!”

After the Activity: “Joshua was in the city of Jericho with God’s army. It was time to go into battle. God told Joshua not to use weapons to fight the battle, but to only march around the wall while blowing trumpets. Joshua knew that he should be wise and always do what God told him to do. So he led his army around the wall for seven days blowing their trumpets! Joshua became SUPER JOSHUA by doing what God said. He was wise, and you know what? They WON the battle! Joshua knew that God was always with him and so he did what God said. God is always with us too! **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**”

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CRAFT WEEK 3

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Superhero Mask

What You Need: Superhero Mask and colored markers

What You Do:

During the Activity: Give each child a mask. Encourage the children to decorate their masks with markers.

What You Say:

Before the Activity: “You are SUPER KIDS!”

During the Activity: “We have made a shield, and now today we are going to make a SUPER MASK! We are brave, strong, courageous, and wise!” *(Do activity.)*

After the Activity: “WOW! Your masks look SUPER! Now you can go home and hold your shield, and wear your mask to show your families that you are SUPER KIDS! We can all be SUPER because God is always with us! **Who is always with you? God is always with me.**”

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SMALL GROUP BATTLE OF JERICHO

Small Group Time

What you Need: Parent Take Home Card, Playdoh, Star Cookie Cutters, Rolling Pins, and Sticker Roll

SMALL GROUP LEADER (SGL): “Okay, SUPER kids! It’s time for Small Group! When I say your name, come sit with me. *(Make a drum roll on your legs with your hands as you announce each child)* SUPER [child’s name]! *(Repeat for each child.)* I love our Small Group time, because we get to talk about what we learned today.”

“Who remembers what SUPER thing God helped Joshua do in our Bible lesson today? *(Pause for response.)* You were great listeners today! Yes! God helped Joshua be SUPER wise and do what God told him to do. Joshua knew that God would always be with him and that doing what God told him to do would be the best choice. Yesiree, doing things God’s way is always the best way! *(Give two thumbs up.)* “You can be SUPER wise and do things God’s way too, because God is always with you. **Who is always with you?**”

CHILDREN and SGL: “God is always with me.”

SGL: “Joshua knew doing things God’s way is always the best way, even if he didn’t understand or if it sounded strange, like when God told Joshua to go to battle with just a horn—a horn! That was strange, but Joshua was SUPER wise and trusted what God said.”

SGL: “Now let’s sit down for prayer time. One, two, three, eyes on me! Let’s make a list of things we like to do. When we pray, we can ask God to help us be SUPER wise and do those things HIS way. So tell me, what are some things you like to do?”

“Ok, it’s time to review our lesson. I am going to ask you some questions and you will get a sticker for answering them. I have some really cool stickers today. Are you ready? *(Pause.)* Great! *(Ask the children the questions from the “Parent Take Home Cards”. You can also make up additional questions from our video lesson. Don’t forget to ask them to say their memory verse for another sticker. You can repeat the same questions over and over as repetition is good for preschoolers.)* You are such great listeners!”

“Now I’ll pray before it’s time to say goodbye until next week.”

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