

Act Out the Destruction of Jericho | Joshua 6

Set up a “city of Jericho” and act out the story of its destruction using the script supplied. Destroying Jericho pictures the act of getting rid of evils in our life. Pay attention to how many times the people circled the city (false thought and loves) with the ark (true ideas), while listening to the trumpets (the voice of the Lord). If one child is acting alone, simplify the activity.

Materials Needed

cardboard or wooden blocks, or chairs to be the city of Jericho

“trumpet” e.g. cardboard tube, paper rolled into a tube, etc.

“armor” for armed men, e.g. plastic sword, helmet, etc.

“ark” e.g. cardboard box sprayed gold with wooden dowel handles attached with wire

The Destruction of Jericho script

optional: costumes

Characters in Scene (students act out multiple parts)

- Joshua
- Priests carrying the ark (4)
- Armed Men
- Rear Guard
- Priests with Trumpets (7)
- Rahab
- People—Children of Israel

Directions

1. Create props or costumes of your choosing, for example trumpets, the ark, or simple T-shirt costumes.
2. Set up Jericho using blocks or furniture. Clear a space around the city big enough to march around.
3. The children of Israel returned to their camp in Gilgal each night. Choose a spot for Gilgal.
4. An adult or child reads the script while the story is acted out.

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People	Reading	Action
1. Joshua, the people	Now Jericho was securely shut up. None went out and none came in. And the Lord said, “See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor.	All people are in the camp at “Gilgal”
2. Joshua, the priests carrying the ark and blowing the trumpets	Joshua called the priests and said to them, “Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of the Lord.”	Priests being prepared to circle the city
3. Joshua speaking to the people	And Joshua said to the people, “Proceed and march around the city, and let him who is armed march before the ark of the Lord.”	People form a line in the correct order: armed men, then priests, then the ark, then the rear guard
4. Joshua, armed men, priests with trumpets, priests carrying the ark, rear guard	The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets; seven priests with trumpets of rams’ horns advanced and blew the trumpets . The ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them. The rear guard came after the ark.	Finish lining up to circle the city
5. Joshua, armed men, priests with trumpets, priests carrying the ark, rear guard	So the ark of the Lord circled the city once, and returned to the camp and stayed there.	All walk around the city once, and return to Gilgal
6. Joshua, armed men, priests with trumpets, priests carrying the ark, rear guard	And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. Then the seven priests bearing seven trumpets before the ark of the Lord went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before them. The rear guard came after the ark. (repeat)	The procession circles the city again
7. Joshua, armed men, priests with trumpets, priests carrying the ark, rear guard		Repeat steps 5 and 6 until all have circled the city six times

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People	Reading	Action
8. Joshua, armed men, priests with trumpets, priests carrying the ark, rear guard	On the seventh day they rose early, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times.	All people march around the city seven times
9. Joshua	And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people, “Shout, for the Lord has given you the city!”	Joshua speaks out
10. Joshua speaking to the people	When the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat.	All shout, help the wall fall flat
11. Two people rescue Rahab	And the two men who had stayed at Rahab’s house went to her house and rescued Rahab and all her relatives, as they had promised.	Rescue Rahab
12. Everyone	Then the people went up into the city and took it. And they destroyed everything in the city.	Completely destroy the city
13. Everyone	Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord.	Take treasures from the city to Gilgal
14. Everyone	So the Lord was with Joshua and his fame spread throughout all the country.	Return to Gilgal