

## Destroy Jericho Model | Joshua 6

The destruction of Jericho was a miracle the Lord did to so the children of Israel would know the power to conquer the land was from Him alone. Obeying the Lord would bring victory; disobeying would bring failure. The Promised Land waits within each of us. Since we are born with a tendency toward evil, it can only be won after a long struggle. The enemy we must defeat is our tendency to love ourselves more than the Lord and other people. The walled cities are false ideas we build up to defend our evils. We cannot destroy these cities by ourselves. But if we “follow the ark” by keeping the commandments, look to the Lord for strength and trust in Him, He will lead us to victory. Discover this by creating a model of “Jericho”, and destroying it.

### Materials Needed

*The Walls of Jericho*  
*The Children of Israel*  
scissors  
tape

### Directions

1. Have you ever tried to fight a bad mood? Or ugly thoughts about someone who has hurt you? If you have, you have fought to bring down the walls of Jericho.
2. Jericho’s high walls are like defensive thoughts we set up when we feel hurt, that someone has treated us wrongly. They may be thoughts like “he deserves to get hurt”, “she’s mean”, or “he’s a terrible person”. If we are to enter heaven, we must completely destroy selfish thoughts like this.
3. Start by building the city of Jericho. Using scissors, trim the ends of the picture of *The Walls of Jericho*. Fold the paper below along the foundation line of the walls. Curve the walls into the shape of a city and tape the edges together.
4. Trim around *The Children of Israel*. Cut apart the strips. Place the strips end to end and tape.
5. Place the *The Children of Israel* around the outside of *The Walls of Jericho*, so the people appear to be walking around the city, see pictures below.
6. Think of a selfish thought you would like to drive out of your life. Ask for the Lord’s help to stop thinking that thought, and punch the city until it is destroyed.



# The Walls of Jericho



The Children of Israel

