

Together @ Home

Here are some activities you could do together as a family, begin with the story and then do as many or as few as you like, in any order.



Bible Passage

Today we will be exploring together the story of the Battle of Jericho.

You can find it in your Bible in:
Joshua 5 v 13 – 6 v 27

Read the story together – choose a Bible translation or children's story version which best suits your group.



A prayer to say together

Dear God,
Thank you for the story of Joshua and the Israelites at the battle of Jericho. Thank you that you always give us the victory.

Help us to be obedient and follow the instructions you give us. Help us to be patient while we wait for the victory.

We pray for those we know today who are facing personal battles and challenges. Where there seem to be walls in their way would you bring them tumbling down.

Amen.

Discussion

A question for adults to ask children

What caused the walls of Jericho to fall down?

The Israelites did exactly what God told them to, they marched around the wall for six days and then on the seventh day when they blew their trumpets and shouted loudly the walls fell. Did all that marching weaken the foundations of the wall? Did the shouting made the stones wobble out of place?

Just like with everything that God does He could do it on his own, He did not need the Israelites to help in destroying the walls of the city. God could have done it without them but His heart is for us to be part of the process. God loves to work with us and invites us to take part in his plans for the world.

A question for children to ask adults

Can you think of a time when you finally achieved something that you had thought was impossible?

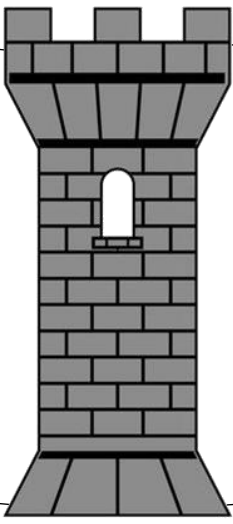
With God on our side we know that anything is possible, we can choose to follow and obey Him in spite of opposition or derision.

Family Activity 1

The wall around Jericho seemed impermeable, the Israelites could not see a way to get through it. Pick an open space to play this game in. One person is the "human wall", they must move from one side of the room to the other along an invisible line. Everybody else must try to get across the line without being captured. If they are captured, they join in as part of the wall and must try to catch others.

Keep running back and forth until everybody has been caught. The last person to be caught becomes the human wall for the next round.





A verse to remember

Proverbs 18 v 10

**The Lord is like a strong tower;
those who do right can run to him for safety.**

Try to learn this verse together, you could come up with some actions to help you remember it or decorate the verse on a piece of paper or card together and put it up somewhere to remind you of it through the week. The walls of Jericho may have crumbled but the protection of God never fails, He is our strong tower and place of safety.

Active Prayer

The Israelites had been promised a land to live in and God had said they would have victory at Jericho, but they still had to wait and be patient for the right time.

In our own prayer lives it is important to P.U.S.H – Pray until something happens!

We know God is faithful but it is good to keep praying and to recognise and celebrate when we receive breakthrough.

Why not set up a prayer wall in your house. Write or draw things you are praying for onto brick shapes or use post-it notes as your bricks. Stick the bricks up somewhere in your house that you walk past every day.

Commit as a family to praying each time you go past, even if it just saying **Amen** to all the prayers on the wall.

When a prayer is answered you can pull down the brick and celebrate together. How long will it take to bring down your prayer wall together?



Family Activity 2

The Israelites blew their trumpets to bring the walls tumbling down. Use whatever you have in your recycling box this week to build some junk model instruments. You might like to decorate and empty milk carton to make a trumpet or create a drum kit and shakers from empty jars and boxes.

The whole family can be part of an orchestra that makes a joyful noise to the Lord.



Why not pick a song to play and have your own noisy worship time with God. We love Jericho Song by Rend Collective Kids from their album Sparkle, Pop, Rampage,



Helping Older Children

Have you ever wondered what the people of Jericho made of the Israelites. Did they watch them walking around the city and call out to ask what they were doing? Did they perhaps laugh or mock them either because they thought the Israelites were wasting their time or perhaps because they were intimidated?

On our own walk with God we may find ourselves subjected to question or ridicule. It may be helpful to recognise that the Israelites might have felt a little bit foolish walking around for six days, but they knew it was part of a much bigger plan. In times when we face challenges to our faith, we can remember that God is our strong tower and refuge and that his plans are bigger than anything we can imagine or understand.

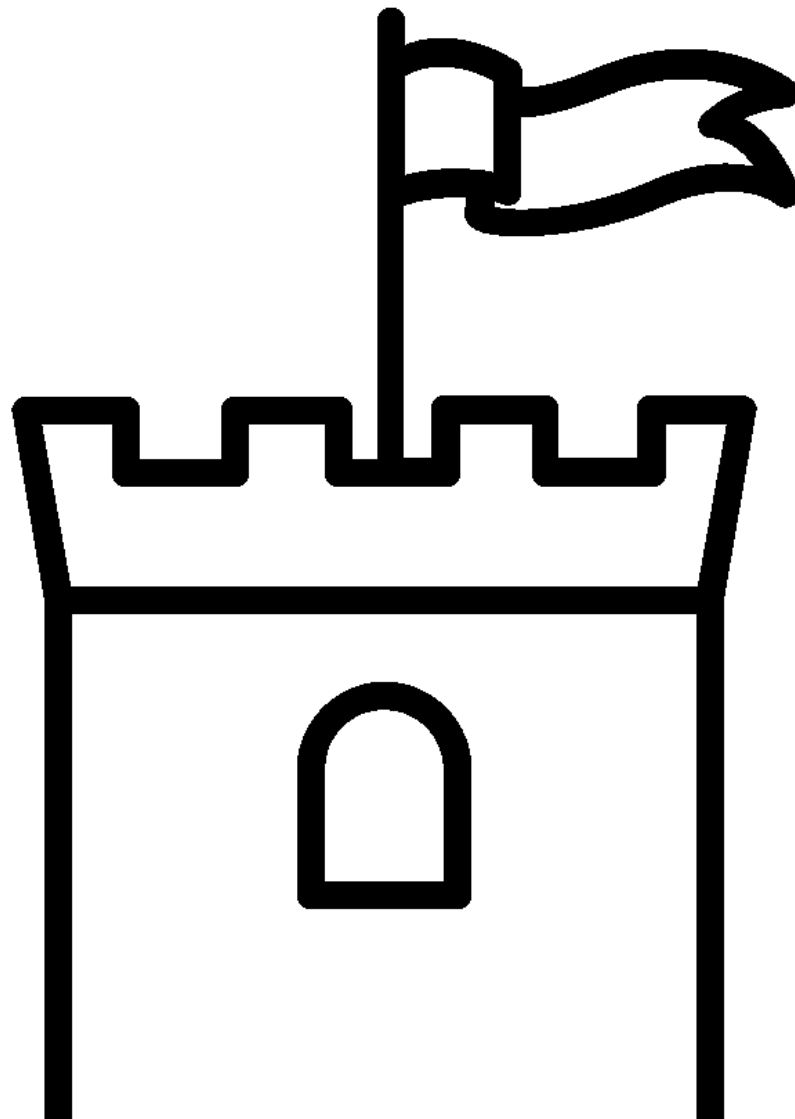
A colouring page you could print and colour together

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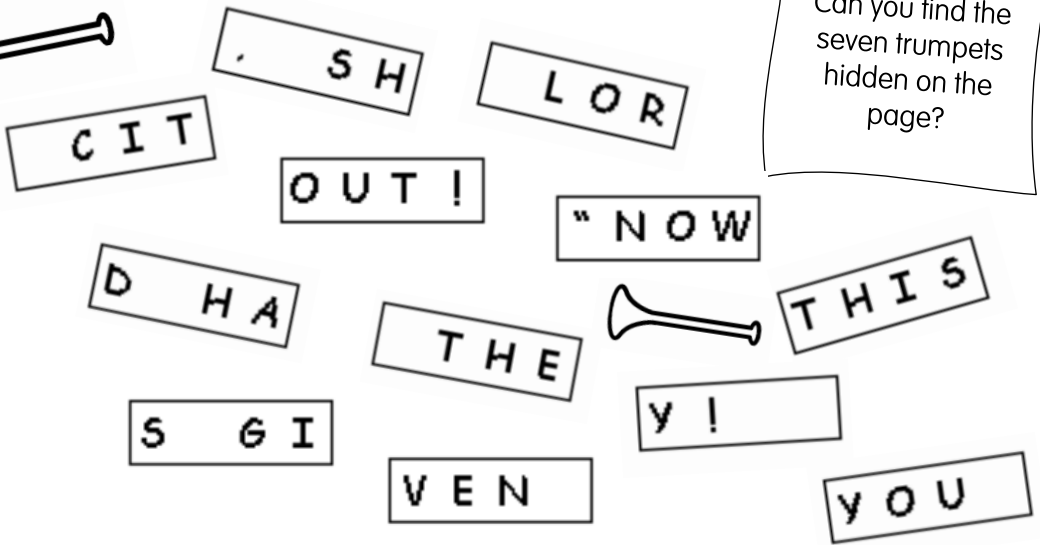


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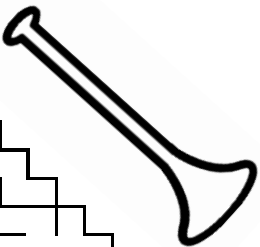
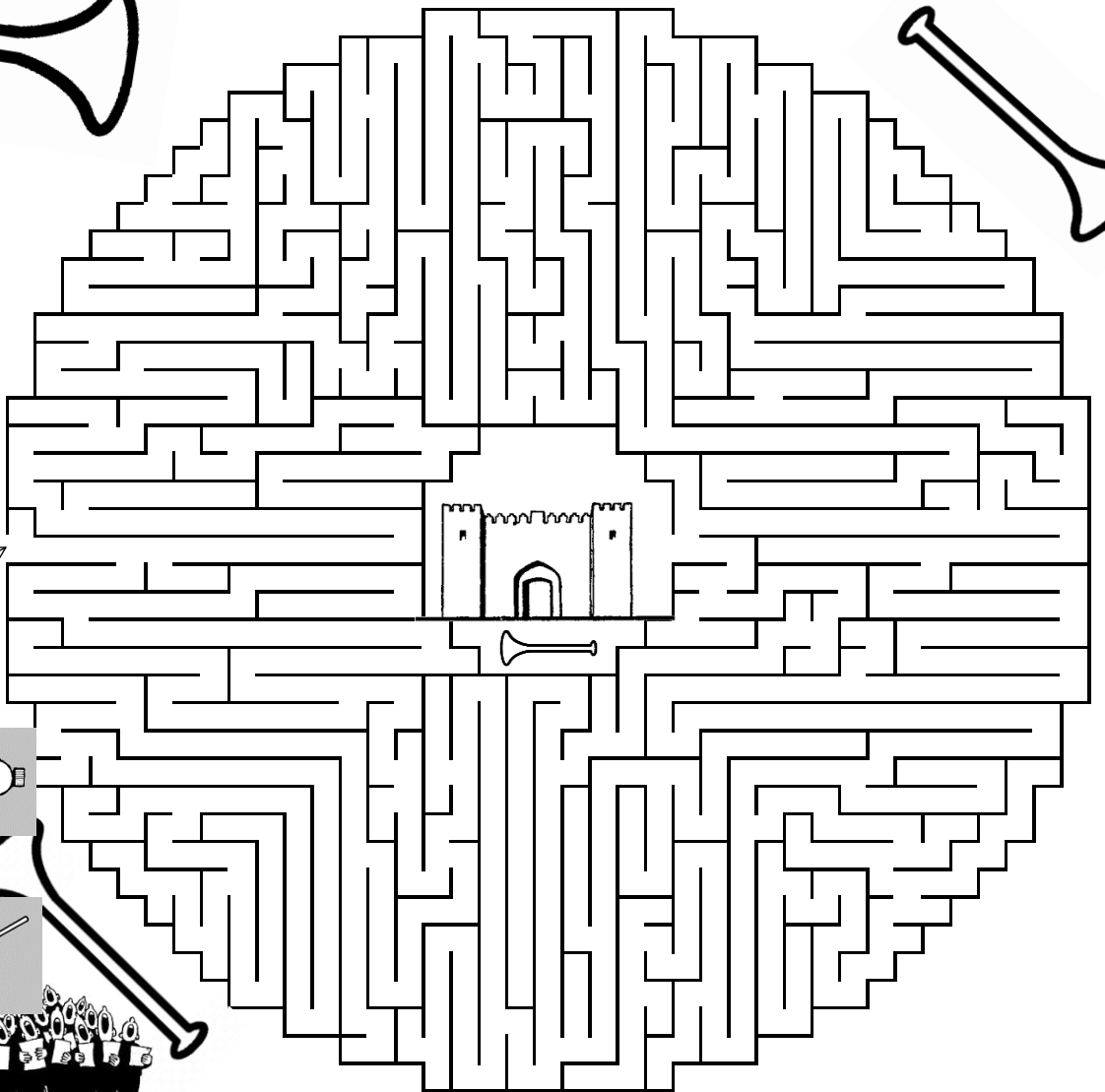
Can you find the seven trumpets hidden on the page?

Rearrange the fallen bricks in the wall below to reveal what Joshua said before the wall fell!





Can you work your way around the maze and find your way into the city?



Can you work out the missing words? They are all made from the letters of the word Jericho.

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