

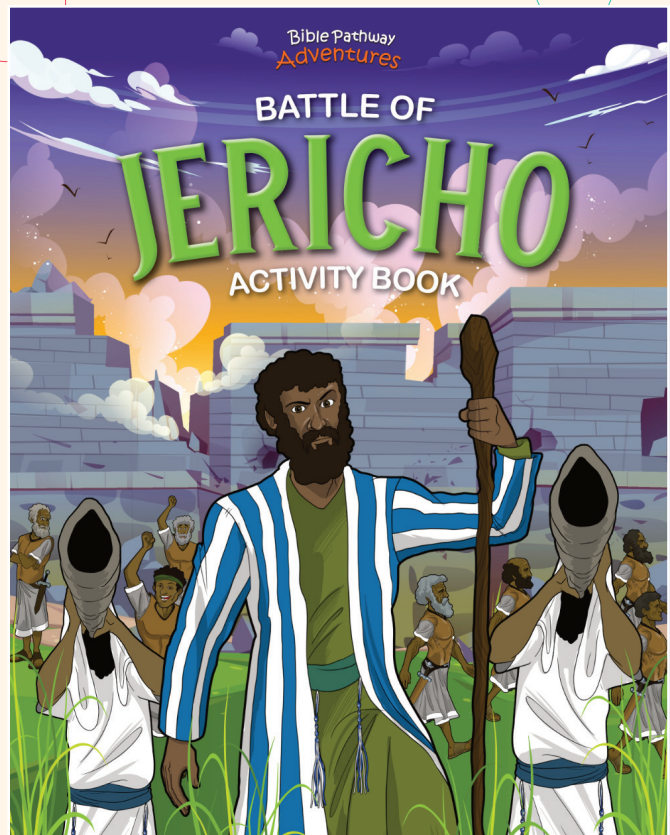
BATTLE OF JERICO ACTIVITY BOOK

TEACHING GUIDE

OVERVIEW

Welcome to Bible Pathway Adventures® The Battle of Jericho Activity Book, designed to teach children ages 8–12 the iconic story of the Battle of Jericho. This Activity Book spans five weeks of lessons, beginning with the Israelites' journey to the Promised Land and continuing through Rahab and the spies, the crossing of the Jordan River, God's battle instructions, and the fall of Jericho. Each week features a complete lesson plan, a Bible memory verse, discussion questions, and a variety of activities, including coloring pages, worksheets, puzzles, creative writing exercises, and crafts. Each lesson provides clear learning objectives, key vocabulary, and detailed instructions to help educators like you teach children the biblical faith.

Whether you're teaching in a classroom, fellowship group, or homeschooling your children, this guide provides you with the tools and flexibility to adapt each lesson to your students' needs. As you embark on this journey with your children, remember that your role is not just to teach facts, but to help children discover the Biblical faith.



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Teaching Tips

- ✓ Have materials prepared in advance.
- ✓ Review the answer key before you begin teaching the lesson.
- ✓ Choose activities based on available time and children's learning styles.
- ✓ Adapt activities to match student abilities.
- ✓ Focus on participation and effort rather than perfection.

READY-TO-USE LESSON PLANS

Teaching biblical truth to young learners has never been easier, thanks to Bible Pathway Adventures® ready-to-use lesson plans and activities. Each week's lesson comes complete with clear objectives, engaging activities, and step-by-step instructions that take the guesswork out of teaching. Whether you're a seasoned educator or a parent teaching at home, these carefully structured plans provide everything you need to deliver meaningful, age-appropriate lessons.

The lessons follow a consistent format that builds from introduction to application, with key vocabulary support, discussion questions, and multiple activities to reinforce learning, while remaining flexible enough to adapt to different time frames and learning styles. Best of all, minimal prep is required—just review the lesson, gather your materials, and you're ready to go!

Lesson objectives
Clear goals to help you stay focused throughout the lesson.

FALL OF JERICO

Today's Bible passage: Joshua 6:6-27

1. Lesson objectives:

- During this lesson, children will learn:
1. How the Israelites won the battle of Jericho
 2. Why Joshua spared Rahab and her family

Did you know?

In the Jordan Valley, archaeologists believe they have found the ruins of over 20 ancient settlements in Jericho.



Did You Know?
A fun Bible fact to enrich the lesson.

2. Review key vocabulary:

- **JERICO:**
A city with strong walls that God told the Israelites to march around
- **TREASURY:**
A place where valuable things, like silver and gold, were kept for God
- **OATH:**
A serious promise, like the one Joshua made that Jericho should never be rebuilt
- **MARCH:**
To walk in a planned way
- **SHOFAR:**
A musical instrument (like a trumpet) made from a ram's horn

3. Bible memory verse to help children remember God's Word:

"At the seventh time, when the priests blew the shofars, Joshua said to the people, 'Shout, for Yahweh has given you the city!' (Joshua 6:16)

Bible memory verse
A simple, key scripture for children to memorize.

4. Read Joshua 6:6-27 or read the Bible story below:

God told Joshua exactly how to defeat the city of Jericho. It had strong walls, but God had a special plan. Joshua called the priests and said, "Take the Ark of the Covenant and have seven priests walk in front of it, blowing shofars." Then he told the Israelites, "March around the city. The armed men in front of it, blowing shofars." The people obeyed. The priests blew their shofars, and the soldiers marched, but no one spoke. Joshua told them not to shout until the right time. After marching once around the city, they returned to camp for the night. For six days, they did the same thing—marching around Jericho once a day while the priests blew their shofars. Then, on the seventh day, they woke up early. Instead of marching once, they marched around Jericho seven times. After the seventh time, the priests blew a long blast on the shofars, and Joshua shouted, "Shout! God has given you the city!" The Israelites shouted as loudly as they could. Suddenly, the walls of Jericho collapsed. The soldiers ran and captured the city, just as God had promised. But they spared Rahab and her family because she helped the Israelite spies. The Israelites burned that no one should ever rebuild Jericho with iron vessels for God's treasury. Joshua was with the people, and Jacob was with them. On that day on, everyone in the land knew that the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob was with Israel.

Bible story
Written in child-friendly language, this story can be read as-is or used as a guide while reading directly from the Bible.

Activities

Hands-on activities to help kids learn Bible truths in a fun and engaging way.

5. Let's discuss:

1. What was today's story about?
2. What did Joshua tell the priests to carry as they marched around Jericho?
3. How many days did the Israelites march around Jericho once per day?
4. What happened on the seventh day when the Israelites marched around Jericho seven times?
5. What did Joshua tell the Israelites to do when the priests blew the shofars for the last time?
6. Who was saved from Jericho because she helped the Israelite spies?
7. What did the Israelites do with the silver, gold, bronze, and iron from Jericho?
8. What warning did Joshua give about rebuilding Jericho?

6. Activities:

- ★ Bible quiz: Fall of Jericho
- ★ Bible word search puzzle: Victory at Jericho
- ★ Coloring page: Ark of the Covenant
- ★ Worksheet: The Levitical priesthood
- ★ Worksheet: City of giants
- ★ Worksheet: Who was Joshua
- ★ Worksheet: Courage
- ★ Newspaper worksheet: City walls crumble!
- ★ Bible word unscramble: Joshua
- ★ Worksheet: The life of Joshua
- ★ Let's learn Hebrew: The shofar blast
- ★ Coloring worksheet: Rahab escapes!
- ★ Story sequencing activity: Battle of Jericho

Let's discuss
Eight questions help kids explore the story and encourage deeper thinking.



ACTIVITY GUIDE

Each weekly lesson includes eight hands-on activity types that can be adapted to your students' needs and abilities. Choose the ones that work best for your class and keep extra activities ready for early finishers. Dive into the Battle of Jericho with these engaging activity examples!

Crossing the JORDAN

Read Joshua 3:1-4:24. Find and circle the words below.

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JOSHUA
GILGAL
DRY GROUND
CAMP
JERICO
STONES
MEMORIAL
ISRAELITES
PRIESTS
ARK
JORDAN RIVER
TWELVE TRIBES

Word search puzzles

- * Improves vocabulary skills
- * Helps kids recognize letters
- * Teaches patterns

"There were thunders and lightnings and a thick cloud on the mountain and a very loud shofar blast..." (Exodus 19:16)

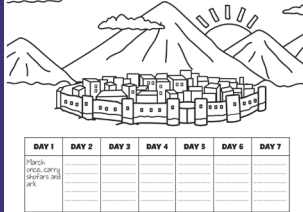


Coloring pages

- * Builds hand-eye coordination
- * Encourages creativity
- * Helps kids stay calm and focused

God's Battle Plan for JERICHO

Read Joshua 6:1-7. God gave Joshua a special plan to capture Jericho. Write in each box what happened each day.



Bible worksheets

- * Encourages critical thinking
- * Encourages creativity
- * Grows Bible study skills

Battle of Jericho

Read Joshua 6:1-27 and review the ten sentences below. They recount the story of the battle of Jericho, but they're out of order! Your task is to arrange the sentences in the correct order by writing a number next to each sentence.

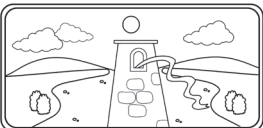
- When the people heard the sound of the shofar (trumpet), they shouted loudly and the wall fell.
- On the second day, they marched around the city once and returned to their camp. They did this for six days.
- They dismantled everything lying in Jericho - the people, cattle, sheep, and donkeys.
- They put all the silver, gold, and bronze and iron items into the treasury of God's house.
- At that time, Joshua made them take an oath.
- The men rescued Rahab and her family.
- Joshua told the priests, "Carry the Ark of the Covenant. Seven priests should carry it and march in front of it."
- Joshua told the people, "March around the city, and let the armed soldiers walk in front of the Ark of the Covenant!"
- On the seventh day, they woke up at dawn and marched around the city seven times.
- God told Joshua, "Have given you Jericho, along with its king and mighty warriors!"

Bible story sequencing

- * Develops logical thinking
- * Teaches story order
- * Improves memory

The spies' report

Read Joshua 2:1-24. Imagine you are an Israelite spy. Describe your trip to the city of Jericho, and how Rahab protected you from the king's men. Then, color the picture.

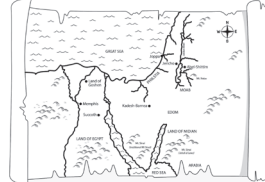


Creative writing

- * Improves writing skills
- * Encourages imagination
- * Helps kids connect with Bible stories

Exodus from Egypt

After the Israelites left the land of Egypt, they traveled through the wilderness until they reached the Jordan River. Only the river separated them from Jericho and the Promised Land. Read Exodus 12:14, 18; Numbers 20:31; Deuteronomy 34; and Joshua 1:3. Find the places the Israelites visited and trace their journey on the map. Then, color the map.



What challenges do you think the Israelites faced while traveling from Egypt to Canaan?

Map activities

- * Teaches about geography
- * Builds spatial thinking
- * Connects Bible stories to real places

Israel crosses the Jordan

When the priests stepped into the Jordan River, something amazing happened (Joshua 3:1-7). This miracle helped the Israelites cross into the Promised Land. What was it? Each number represents a letter of the alphabet. Substitute each letter with a number to reveal the words.

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13
N O P Q R S T U V W X Y Z
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- 20 - 8 - 5
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- 16 - 1 - 18 - 20 - 5 - 4



Bible puzzles

- * Builds Bible knowledge
- * Improves problem solving
- * Encourages critical thinking

Rahab and the SPIES

Read Joshua 2:1-24. Answer the questions below.

- Who sent the two spies to Jericho?
- Where were the spies sent from?
- What were the names of the two spies who went to explore Jericho?
- Where in Jericho was Rahab's house located?
- How did Rahab hide the spies?
- Who sent a message to Rahab, telling her to bring out the spies?
- Where did the king's men search for the spies?
- How did Rahab help the spies escape?
- Why were Rahab and her family spared by Joshua?
- How did Rahab earn her house in the Israelites' midst?

Bible quizzes

- * Tests Bible knowledge
- * Encourages thinking about scripture
- * Helps kids understand Bible stories better

TEACHING GUIDE

LESSON ONE: TO THE PROMISED LAND

The Israelites are led out of Egypt by Moses, but their journey continues through the wilderness toward the land of Canaan. God provides for them, giving them manna to eat and water from a rock as they travel. When they reach the edge of the Promised Land, spies are sent to explore Canaan. However, fear of giants causes some of the men to doubt God's promise.

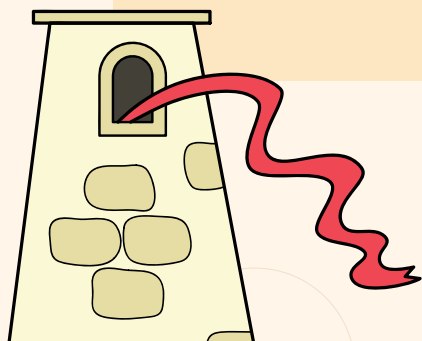
- 1 Introduce the Lesson:**
Imagine walking through the wilderness, with no cities, no farms—just sand and rocks for miles. You've left behind the land you once knew, but ahead lies a land God has promised you. Yet the journey is long, and the challenges are many. How will you survive in this wilderness? Today, we will discover how God provided for the Israelites on their journey to the Promised Land.
- 2 Key Vocabulary Review:**
The wilderness is a dry and empty land where the Israelites traveled for 40 years. Manna is the food from heaven that God gave the Israelites to eat. Commandments are instructions that God gave to teach His people how to live. A leader is someone who guides and helps others. The Promised Land is the land that God promised to give to His people, Israel.
- 3 Bible Memory Verse:**
Teach Deuteronomy 34:4 by having children act out the verse. As they say, "This is the land of which I swore," have them point upward as if swearing an oath. For "to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob," have them march in place, symbolizing a journey. When they say, "I will give it," they can stretch out their arms as if presenting a gift. Finally, for "to your offspring," have them cradle an imaginary baby, representing God's promise to future generations.
- 4 Bible Story:**
Share Exodus 12–20, Numbers 13:1–14:38, and Deuteronomy 34:1–12 by either reading directly from the Bible or using the story version provided. Highlight how God led the Israelites, provided manna and water, and taught them His commandments. Discuss their challenges, including fear of the giants and rebellion. Emphasize Moses' faithfulness and Joshua's role as the new leader.
- 5 Questions to Ask:**
Use the questions from the Let's Discuss section to check children's understanding. Ask why God led the Israelites through the wilderness, how He provided for them, what manna was, how they got water, the importance of the Ten Commandments, why Moses couldn't enter the promised land, and how Joshua became the new leader.
- 6 Hands-On Experience:**
Select activities from: Bible word search puzzle: Escape from Egypt, Worksheet: God's instructions to Israel, Bible quiz: Life in the wilderness, Coloring page: The Ten Commandments, The Tabernacle worksheet, and Camp of Israel coloring worksheet.



LESSON TWO: RAHAB AND THE SPIES

Joshua sends two spies into Jericho, but the king's men chase them, trying to uncover their mission. Rahab hides the spies on her roof, protecting them from capture. When the king's men search for them, she keeps them safe and secures a promise for her family's rescue.

- 1 Introduce the Lesson:**
You are a spy, sneaking into a city with strong, high walls. The people here have heard of your God and are terrified of what He can do. But danger is everywhere—if you are caught, there will be no escape! Suddenly, a woman named Rahab offers to help you. Do you trust her? Today, we will discover how God used Rahab to protect the spies and save her and her family.
- 2 Key Vocabulary Review:**
A spy is a person sent to secretly gather information about a place or people. Jericho is a strong, walled city in the land of Canaan. Rahab is a woman who helped the Israelite spies by hiding them. Scarlet is a bright red color. A promise is an agreement to do what you say you will do.
- 3 Bible Memory Verse:**
Teach Joshua 2:24 – “God has given all the land into our hands. All the inhabitants of the land melt away because of us.” Have children reach out to receive for “God has given,” spread their arms wide for “all the land,” cup their hands for “into our hands,” and slowly lower themselves for “melt away.”
- 4 Bible Story:**
Share Joshua 2:1–24 by either reading directly from the Bible or using the story version provided. Highlight how Joshua sent two spies to Jericho, Rahab hid them from the king's men, and her faith in God. Discuss her agreement with the spies and the scarlet cord as a sign of protection.
- 5 Questions to Ask:**
Use the questions from the Let's Discuss section to check children's understanding. Ask why Joshua sent spies, how Rahab helped them, and why she trusted God. Discuss what the spies reported, how Rahab marked her house for protection, and what this story teaches about faith and God's promises.
- 6 Hands-On Experience:**
Select activities from: Bible quiz: Rahab and the spies, Newspaper worksheet: The Jericho Times, Labyrinth: Help the spies escape Jericho, From flax to fabric worksheet, Amazing facts about flax worksheet, and Story sequencing activity: Spies in Jericho.



LESSON THREE: CROSSING THE JORDAN

Joshua leads the Israelites to the Jordan River, but the water blocks their path to the Promised Land. As the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant step forward, God miraculously parts the river, allowing them to cross on dry ground. After crossing, they set up twelve memorial stones to remember God's faithfulness.

- 1 Introduce the Lesson:**
You are standing at the edge of a mighty river, the last barrier between you and the land God has promised. There is no bridge or boat to take you across. But then, something incredible happens—the water stops! A dry path appears before your eyes. Will you step forward in faith? Today, we'll learn how God made a path through the river for His people, Israel.
- 2 Key Vocabulary Review:**
The Jordan River is a long river in the Middle East. The Ark of the Covenant is a gold-covered chest that held the Ten Commandments. A memorial is something set up to help people remember an important event. The tribes of Israel are the twelve tribes, each descended from one of Jacob's sons. Gilgal is the first place where the Israelites camped after crossing the Jordan River.
- 3 Bible Memory Verse:**
Teach Joshua 3:17 by having children act out the verse. Have them pretend to lift a heavy object for "The priests bearing the ark," stomp their feet firmly for "stood firmly on dry ground," stretch their arms out to represent the parted river for "in the midst of the Jordan," and march in place for "all Israel passed over."
- 4 Bible Story:**
Share Joshua 3:1–4:24 by either reading directly from the Bible or using the story version provided. Focus on how the Israelites prepared to enter the Promised Land, the priests leading with the ark, and the Jordan River stopping for them to cross. Highlight the twelve stones as a memorial of God's faithfulness.
- 5 Questions to Ask:**
Use the questions from the Let's Discuss section to check children's understanding. Ask what the priests carried, what happened when they stepped into the Jordan, why God performed this miracle, the purpose of the twelve stones, and how this prepared the Israelites for the Promised Land.
- 6 Hands-On Experience:**
Select activities from: Bible word search puzzle: Crossing the Jordan, Bible crossword puzzle: Crossing the Jordan, Worksheet: Twelve memorial stones, Worksheet: The Jordan River, Coloring worksheet: Building a memorial, and Creative writing: Israel crosses the Jordan.

LESSON FOUR: BATTLE INSTRUCTIONS

Joshua prepares the Israelites for battle, but Jericho's walls block their way. God gives them a special battle plan: for six days, they must march around the city while priests blow shofars. On the seventh day, they march seven times, shout, and watch the walls fall.

- 1 Introduce the Lesson:**

The city ahead is shut tight—no one enters, and no one leaves. The walls are thick and strong, and the people inside are afraid. But instead of attacking the city with weapons, your leader, Joshua, tells you to march around it, day after day, in silence. Will this strange plan really work? Today, we will learn about God's unusual battle instructions and how trusting Him led to victory.
- 2 Key Vocabulary Review:**

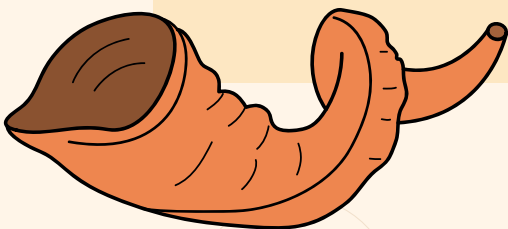
To circumcise means to remove a small piece of skin as a sign of God's covenant with His people. The Passover meal is a meal to remember how God rescued the Israelites from Egypt. A commander is a leader of an army. A shofar is a trumpet made from a ram's horn. Jericho was a city with strong walls that God told the Israelites to march around.
- 3 Bible Memory Verse:**

Teach Joshua 6:2 by having children act out the verse. Have them place a hand above their eyes as if looking ahead for "God said to Joshua, 'See,'" then pretend to hold something for "I have given Jericho into your hand." Next, they can place an imaginary crown on their heads for "with its king" and stand tall, flexing their arms for "and mighty men of valor."
- 4 Bible Story:**

Share Joshua 5:1–6:5 by either reading directly from the Bible or using the story version provided. Highlight how the Israelites camped at Gilgal, celebrated Passover, and Joshua met the commander of God's army. Emphasize God's unique battle plan—marching around Jericho and blowing shofars instead of using weapons.
- 5 Questions to Ask:**

Use the questions from the Let's Discuss section to check children's understanding. Ask why the Amorite and Canaanite kings feared Israel, why God commanded Joshua to circumcise the men, and why the Israelites celebrated Passover at Gilgal. Discuss who Joshua met near Jericho, what the commander of God's army said, and why God gave unusual battle instructions.
- 6 Hands-On Experience:**

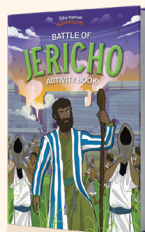
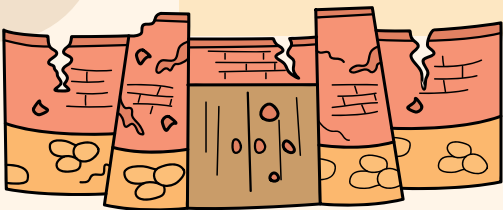
Select activities from: Bible quiz: Camp at Gilgal, Worksheet: Joshua's battle instructions, Worksheet: God's battle plan for Jericho, Worksheet: Blowing the shofar, Map activity: God's battle plan, and Bible coloring page: Be courageous.



LESSON FIVE: FALL OF JERICO

The Israelites follow God's plan at Jericho, but the people inside refuse to surrender. On the seventh day, after the Israelites march and blow the shofars, God miraculously brings down the walls. Rahab and her family are saved, and the city's treasures are given to God.

- 1 Introduce the Lesson:**
You are standing before the towering walls of Jericho, hearing the sound of shofars blasting. Everyone shouts as loud as they can, and suddenly, the mighty walls begin to crumble before your eyes. What seemed impossible has happened—God has given you the city! Today, we will learn how the Israelites conquered Jericho through faith and obedience.
- 2 Key Vocabulary Review:**
To march means to walk in a planned way. The treasury is a place where valuable things, like silver and gold, are kept. An oath is a serious promise. A shofar is a trumpet made from a ram's horn. Jericho was a city with strong walls that God told the Israelites to march around.
- 3 Bible Memory Verse:**
Teach Joshua 6:16 by having children act out the verse. Have them hold up seven fingers for "At the seventh time," then pretend to blow a shofar for "when the priests had blown the shofars." Next, they can cup their hands around their mouths and shout for "Joshua said to the people, 'Shout,'" and finally, pretend to receive a large object for "for God has given you the city."
- 4 Bible Story:**
Share Joshua 6:6–27 by either reading directly from the Bible or using the story version provided. Highlight how the Israelites followed God's instructions, marching for seven days and staying silent until the final shout brought down the walls. Emphasize Rahab's faith, her family's rescue, and God's power in Israel's victory.
- 5 Questions to Ask:**
Use the questions from the Let's Discuss section to check children's understanding. Ask how the Israelites conquered Jericho, why they marched around the city, what happened on the seventh day, and why they shouted. Discuss why Rahab and her family were saved and what this story teaches about faith and obedience.
- 6 Hands-On Experience:**
Select activities from: Bible quiz: Fall of Jericho, Bible word search puzzle: Victory at Jericho, Newspaper worksheet: Bible word unscramble: Joshua, Coloring worksheet: Rahab escapes!, and Story sequencing activity: Battle of Jericho.



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