This is the story of another of the Lord’s miracles. The children of Israel had crossed the Jordan River into the land of Canaan. Now they were preparing to attack the great walled city of Jericho.

**Jericho is afraid**

The people of the city of Jericho were very afraid. They had heard about the wonders the Lord had performed for the children of Israel, especially the great victories He had given them over their enemies.

> Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none came out and none went in.  

*Joshua 6:1*

What kind of attack do you think they would have been expecting? Surely the Israelites would attack with spears and swords and lances. Surely they would try to scale the wall.

But what happened? The people of the city must have been amazed at what they saw.

**The march around Jericho**

Instead of an attacking army, they saw a long procession circling the city.

First, there were the men of war—the armed soldiers.

In the middle were seven priests, each blowing a ram’s horn, followed by the priests carrying the Ark.

And then there was the “rear guard”—the rest of the soldiers.
This long procession, with the Ark of the Lord in the middle, marched around the city. All the people were silent, obeying Joshua’s order. The only sound was the blowing of the rams’ horns.

You shall not shout or make any noise with your voice, nor shall a word proceed out of your mouth.

Can you imagine how afraid and confused the people of Jericho felt? What could all this mean? Were they wondering if this was the work of the fearful God of the Israelites?
The Ark, the priests, and all the soldiers marched around the city once. Then they camped for the night. The next day they did the same thing again. They kept doing this for six days!

And all the while, the king of Jericho and his people must have grown more afraid every day!

On the seventh day, the Israelites started very early in the morning. They marched around the city seven times.

Six times, they marched around the city silently.

The seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua gave the order!

**Shout, for the Lord has given you the city!**

All the people shouted! The walls of the city fell down flat!

**The city of Jericho is destroyed**

Joshua led the Israelites into the city and destroyed everything in the city, except for the silver and gold and vessels of bronze and iron. These were kept for the treasury of the house of the Lord.

One family was kept safe. The Israelites remembered their promise to Rahab and sent the spies to bring her and all her family safely out of the city to the camp of the Israelites.

So the Lord was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country.  
*Joshua 6:27*
Who won the battle of Jericho?
Do you remember the Commander of the Army of the Lord who appeared to Joshua? He reminded Joshua that the Lord was the Leader and Protector of Israel. It was always the Lord who gave victory to the Israelites.

We have battles too. There are many things we have to fight against, like selfishness and meanness and sadness. If we ask the Lord for help, He will win our battles for us.

The voice of the Lord is powerful...
(Psalms 29.4)

The children of Israel heard the voice of the Lord!
On Mount Sinai, where the Ten Commandments were given, the voice of the Lord sounded like a trumpet!

The wicked people of Jericho heard the voice of the Lord!
To them the voice of the Lord sounded like trumpets and shouting! And it was so strong it shook down the thick, high walls of the city. Their walls could not protect them.

But the Lord protected the children of Israel because they trusted in Him.

John heard the voice of the Lord!
He was on the Isle of Patmos. The Lord’s voice sounded like a trumpet.

We can hear the voice of the Lord!
The Lord speaks to us in His Word. If we read the Word, and really listen for what the Lord is teaching us, we too will hear His “voice.”

The voice of the Lord is powerful;
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ACTIVITIES FOR LESSON 8

1) Learn the recitation (Psalm 29:4,11)

The voice of the Lord is powerful;
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The Lord will give strength to His people;
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2) Answer the questions on the Questions page.

3) Journal: Astounding Events at Jericho
On the journal page for this lesson write a letter, telling about the events at Jericho. Write as if you are one of the following people—

- Joshua
- A priest blowing a trumpet
- A priest carrying the Ark
- One of the Israelite soldiers
- One of the spies who saved Rahab

4) The Number Seven
The number 7 is used in many, many stories in the Word. Complete the crossword puzzle about the number 7.

5) Jericho Diorama
See directions on JERICHO DIORAMA page.

6) 40 Steps to the Promised Land
Cut out the game cards. Sort them into numerical order, and place on Question Card space, question side up.

- Place a marker at START on the game board.
- Pick up a card and try to answer the question. Each time you answer a question correctly, take your marker one step toward the Promised Land. When you are just beginning to learn the story, you may need help with some of the questions. The answers are on the back of each card. Each time you play the game see how many more you can answer!
- Place used cards on the bottom of the pile, question side up.
- Continue playing until you reach Jericho.
QUESTIONS

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A Crossword Puzzle about the Number Seven

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3. The _____ had 7 heads (Rev.12:3).
6. 7 days you shall eat _____ bread (Ex.12:15).
8. The _____ was sealed with 7 seals (Rev.5:1).
9. There were 7 _____ on the candlestick in the tabernacle (Ex.37:23).
11. The child _____ 7 times (2 Kings 4:35).
12. Joseph told Pharaoh there would be 7 years of _____ (Gen.41:27).
15. Jacob served Laban for seven years to marry _____ (Gen.29:18).
17. Elisha told the king to wash in the _____ 7 times (2 Kings 5:10).
18. They shaved off the 7 _____ of Samson's head (Judg.16:19).
20. There were 7 _____ and a few fishes (Matt.15:34).
23. You shall have a _____ to the Lord 7 days (Num.29:12).
26. Samson said he could be bound with 7 fresh _____ (Judg.16:7).
27. You shall march around the _____ 7 times (Josh.6:4).

DOWN
1. 7 _____ shall bear 7 trumpets of ram's horn (Josh.6:4).
2. Moses sprinkled oil on the _____ 7 times (Lev.8:11).
4. The _____ was a feast of 7 days (Ezek.45:21).
5. There were 7 _____ of fragments left over (Mark 8:8).
7. Noah waited 7 days then sent out a _____ (Gen.8:10).
10. The Israelites were delivered into the hand of _____ for 7 years (Judg.6:1).
13. The Lord cast 7 _____ out of Mary Magdalene (Mark 16:9).
14. The Lamb had 7 _____ (Rev.5:6).
16. Noah took 7 each of every clean _____ into the ark (Gen.7:2).
19. In His right hand were seven _____ (Rev.9:16).
21. Pharaoh had a dream about 7 _____ (Gen.41:2).
22. Pharaoh dreamed about 7 heads of _____ on one stalk (Gen.41:5).
24. The Lamb also had 7 _____ (Rev.5:6).
25. The 7 angels were give 7 _____ (Rev.8:2).
Jericho Diorama

**Build the city**
- To make each house, first decide how big you want the house to be.
- Cut a piece of paper into a square or rectangle.
- Draw lines (*the height of the wall*) in from each edge of the paper, as shown. Fold along each of these lines.
- Cut along dotted lines as shown.
- Draw windows and doors on the sides. Then fold sides down.
- Glue corners to make flat-roofed houses.
- The houses can be painted. Make as many houses as you want.

**Make the wall**
- Cut a strip for the wall from some cardboard, long enough to surround the city. (You will probably have to join pieces.)
- Draw a gate in the wall. The wall can be painted.
- When it is time to set up the city, bend the wall to make corners, and surround the city with it.

**Make the people**
- Make pipe-cleaner people. Bend the pipe cleaners as shown.
- Use tissue paper to dress them. Tie the garments around the waist with a thin cord or thread. (or you can use ½ popsicle sticks)
- Dress the people—cut small rectangles of tissue paper; make a small cut for the head to go through. Tie the waist with a thin cord or thread.

**Display the scene**
Here are some ideas for displaying your scene:
- Use a tray
- Use a flat piece of cardboard on which to place the city.
- Paint the cardboard OR put a thin layer of glue on it and sprinkle it with sand.
- Make a small “sandbox” by filling a box lid with sand. Then set up your scene in the sandbox.
FORTY STEPS to the Promised Land

BEGIN

Egypt

Red Sea

Mediterranean Sea

Manna

By Night

By Day

Wandering in the Wilderness

Miriam Gets Leprosy

Spies Return

Bitter Waters Made Sweet

Quail

Mount Sinai

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LESSON 8

THE DESTRUCTION OF JERICHO

Joshua 6
Stories from the Word read in this lesson: Joshua 6

THEME
Conquest of the Land (Lessons 7–13). The Lord fights for us and conquers.

OVERVIEW OF THE STORY
The Israelites march around Jericho seven times with the Ark of the Covenant. When they blow the trumpets and shout, the walls of the city fall down. Jericho is destroyed.

THE SPIRITUAL STORY
♦ “The priests were seven in number, and compassed the city seven days, and seven times on the seventh day, to signify what is holy...for seven signifies what is holy.” (Apocalypse Explained 700:16).
♦ The number six represents our struggle with temptations. The number seven is the peaceful and holy state that follows victory.

IMPORTANT IDEAS FOR THE CHILD
♦ The Ark led the Israelites around Jericho. The truth you learn in the Lord’s Word should lead you in your life.
♦ It was the Lord who told Joshua how to defeat Jericho.
♦ The Israelites obeyed the Lord’s instructions precisely. The Lord won the battle for them.
♦ When we do exactly what the Lord asks us to do, we will have success.
♦ Numbers in the Word all have a special meaning.
♦ The blowing of the trumpets is like speaking up for what is right.
♦ The Lord wants you to be brave and keep trying to do what is right.
♦ Everything in Jericho was to be destroyed, except for the silver, gold, and vessels of bronze and iron that were to be brought into the treasury of the house of the Lord.
PREPARATION FOR READING FROM THE WORD

- Think about how the city of Jericho was built. *It was surrounded by a very wide wall. There was a gate for people to go in and out—it was guarded day and night.*
- Remember that the inhabitants of the city were already afraid of the Israelites because they had heard of the miraculous things the Lord had done for them.
- How do you think an army would attack a walled city like Jericho? What kinds of weapons and tactics would they have used in those days?
- Listen for the very different kinds of “weapons” the Lord instructed the Israelites to use. Notice how they put their trust in the Lord and followed His directions.

READING FROM THE WORD: *Joshua 6*

- Listen to the lesson on the CD. Follow the reading in your copy of the Word.

DISCUSSION IDEAS

- Why was Jericho the first city to be conquered? *(think about its location).*
- What did the Lord tell the priests to carry around the city? What does this picture in your life?
- Numbers are an important part of this story:
  - How many priests were to go before the Ark?
  - For six days they marched around the city ________ times.
  - On the seventh day, how many times did they march around the city?
  - Why do you think the number 7 is mentioned so many times? *(It has a very special meaning for the angels.)* Think of other stories that mention the number 7.
- What happened when the priests blew the trumpets and shouted?
- Who did the Israelites save in the city? What else was saved? What happened to everything else in Jericho?

ACTIVITIES

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2. **Answer the questions**

3. **Journal: Astounding Events at Jericho**

4. **The Number Seven**

5. **Jericho Diorama**
   - This project will take extra time. It could be quite simple or more elaborate. Family members may enjoy helping to make houses and people.

5) **Forty Steps to the Promised Land** – a game – *You will find this in the Project Materials envelope*
## Answers for Questions

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