

Sparklers @ Home Week 25.

The walls of Jericho Joshua 6

Hi Sparklers,

This week we see more amazing events, as the walls of Jericho fall after Joshua and the people are obedient to God.

Activity One – Construction and destruction play

You can use many things for this Duplo™, empty boxes, blocks.

This can be as large or as small as you like.

Build a wall, while you are building why not read today's bible story

Once complete pretend to be Joshua and say "God our Father – can God help us? Can he do anything? Yes, he can!"

Then knock down the walls.

Bible Story.

Do you remember last week God did something amazing he stopped the water flowing.

The people then went on to the city of Jericho.

There were big, strong walls all around it. How could God's people ever get through them and into their new land? But God was going to do something amazing again!

God told Joshua his plan, "Tell some priests to carry my special box."

"Everyone must march around the city, blowing their trumpets."

It seemed a weird thing to do, but the people trusted God. For six days, they marched once around the city. On the seventh day they marched round seven times and blew their trumpets.

They shouted loudly, "Hurray for God!" Suddenly, amazingly, the walls fell down and the people rushed in!

Activity sheets

Print out the Bubbles sheets at the back of the pack.

On the first sheet can you find the items in the picture?

On the second sheet can you draw in the missing fallen walls?

Activity Two – Build a Trumpet

You can use make a trumpet just like they used. Print out the guide that shows 2 sorts of trumpet you can make and pretend to be like God's people.

Counting Prayer Time

Join in with this rhyme:

Round the city on day one,
Back to where we first began.

Round the city on day two,
Men on trumpets blew and blew.

Round the city on day three,
People followed seven priests.

Round the city on day four,
'We've done this walk three times before!'

Round the city on day five,
Joshua knows God's on his side.

Round the city on day six,
Look at that big wall of bricks!

On day seven, seven times round,
Listen to the trumpets sound!
The walls have fallen to the ground.

Lets pray together:

Thank you, God, that you are so big (reach up) so strong (show muscles in your arms) and so powerful (use arms to sketch a big circle) that you can do anything!

13 Bubbles

The walls of Jericho

Today's aim is to find out that God is powerful enough to do anything.

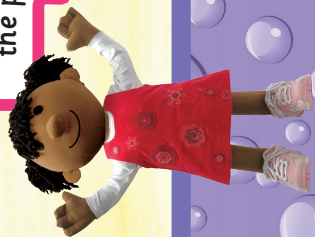
Joshua 6

Help your child match the small pictures with the items in the main scene.

Children do not "spot" things as quickly as adults, so be patient and encouraging as they look.

Act out being the different people in the story. March like a soldier. Make a sound like a trumpet, as the priests did. Pretend to carry God's special box. What does your child think happens next in the story? Turn the page to find out.

The Bible story is on **Bonus Sheet C**.



Can you find these things in the picture?

The walls fell down!

Say:

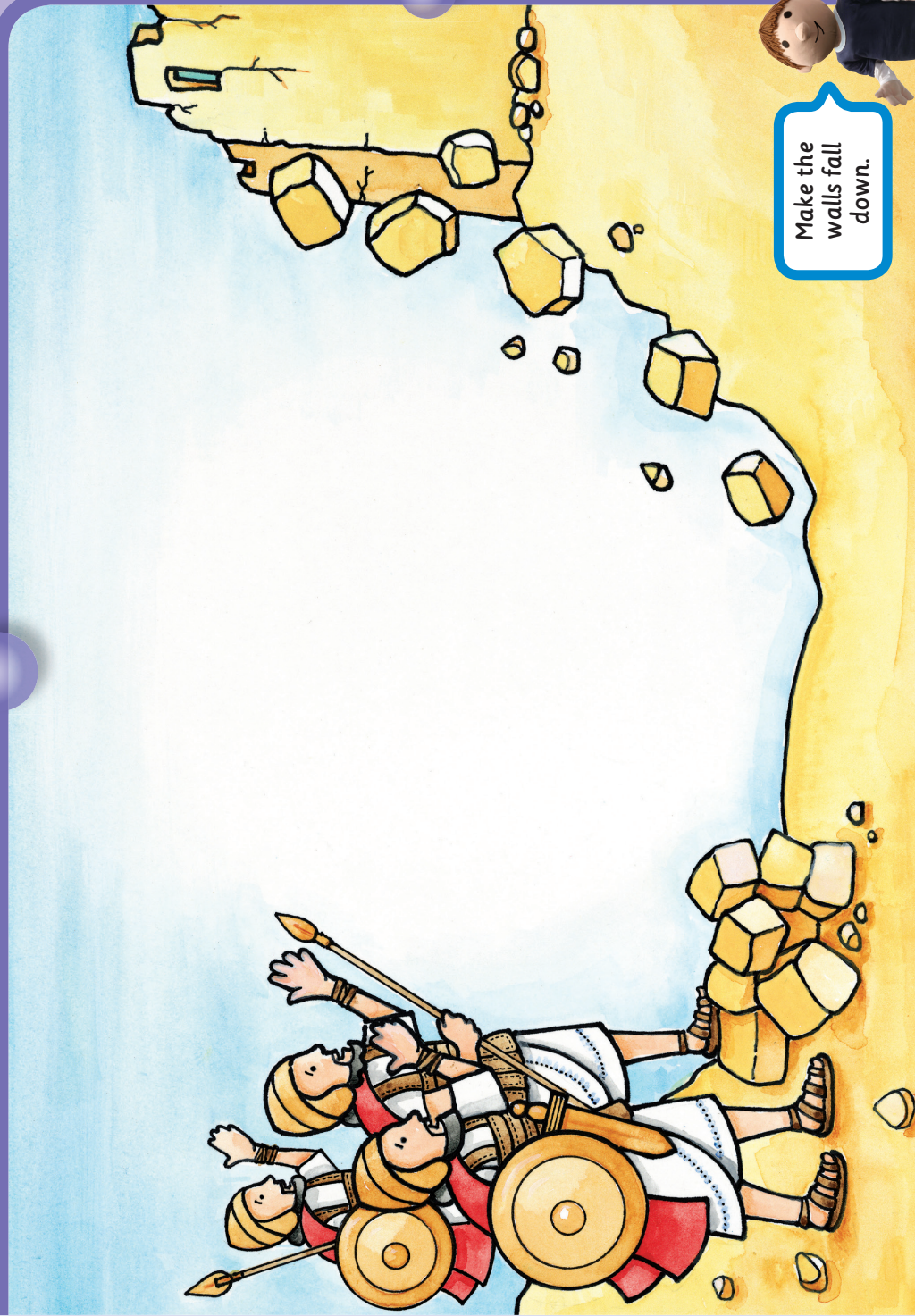
The soldiers' feet
went tramp, tramp,
The trumpets
sounded, "Toot,
toot, toot!"
The people shouted,
"God is strong!"
And the walls came
tumbling down!

Make the walls fall down.

Encourage your child to draw or paint more of the fallen walls. Be amazed that God was powerful enough to make the strong walls of Jericho fall down!

Can you make walls fall down? Build some walls with toy blocks or interlocking bricks. Can you make them fall down by shouting? Try it with real walls. Who made the walls of Jericho fall down?

Joshua obeyed some strange instructions and trusted God to help him – and it all worked out. In this story there is excitement and action but there is also time to develop a relationship of trust and obedience with God, which can be as dramatic as tumbling walls!



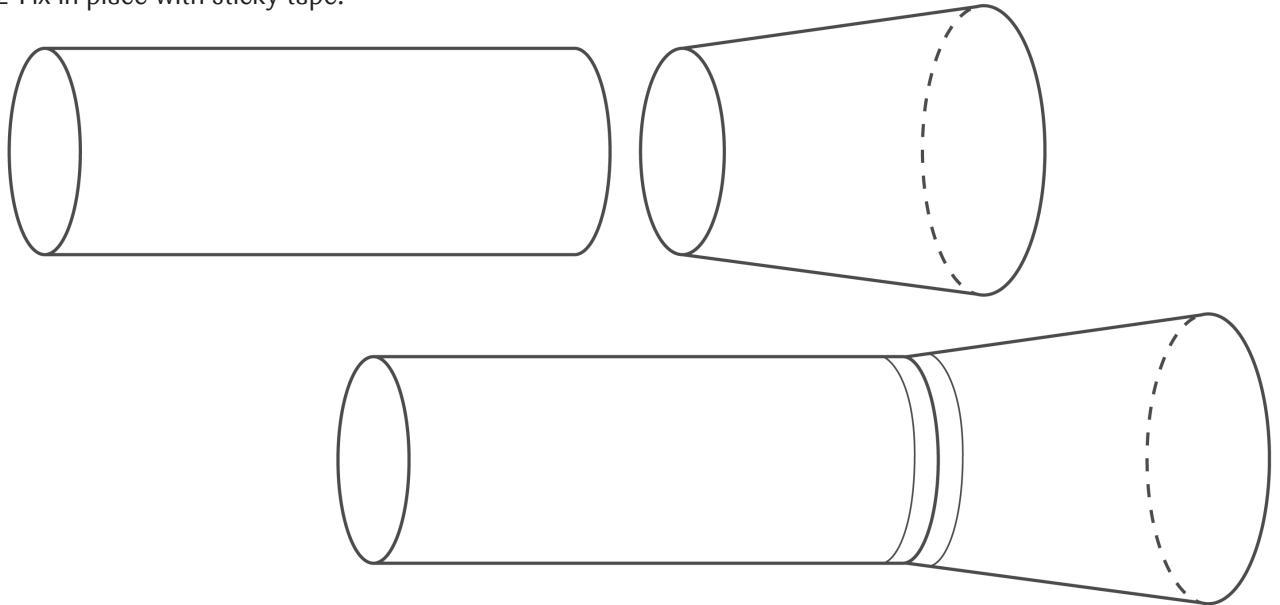
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Roll trumpet

You will need: cardboard rolls, disposable cups with their bases cut away, wide sticky tape

- 1 Put the cup over one end of the roll.
- 2 Fix in place with sticky tape.



Megaphone-style trumpet

You will need: this template shape, card (any size), sticky tape

- 1 Enlarge this shape to suit whatever size card you have.
- 2 Cut out.
- 3 Shape into a cone and tape along the edge.

