

## God, the Author and Finisher

When God makes a promise you can be sure He will fulfill it. God promised the children of Israel that He would give them the land. They are now facing their first battle in the land for the city of Jericho. However, God is going to use some unconventional means to give them a victory over Jericho. Let's play a game to help us review we have learned.

## Say it, Play it, Pray it!

<b>Objectives:</b>	a. Role-play Joshua 6 to see the miraculous provision of God for the children of Israel over the city of Jericho. b. have fun with your family
<b>Number of Players:</b>	5 or more (double up on some of the roles if you don't have enough players) Narrator, Joshua, priest, children of Israel, people of Jericho. Really get into your roles and have fun with this.
<b>Length:</b>	30 minutes or more.
<b>Set up:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Read Joshua 6 aloud.</li> <li>2) Assign parts to everyone. At the very least, you will need a narrator, a Joshua, a priest, one person to represent the children of Israel and one person to represent the people of Jericho.</li> <li>3) Set up a camp of Israel and a walled city of Jericho (make the walled city something that can be knocked down and can be marched around). You can get as elaborate as you like. You will be playing out the scene of the conquering of Jericho. You might consider a trumpet or two and an ark as part of your props.</li> <li>4) While the narrator reads the text, the players will act it out. With some speaking being done by Joshua and others.</li> </ol>

## The Game

**Narrator:** Now Jericho was securely shut up because of the children of Israel; none went out, and none came in. And the Lord said to Joshua; "See! I have given Jericho into your hand, its king, and the mighty men of valor. You shall march around the city, all you men of war; you shall go around the city once. This you shall do six days. And seven priests shall bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark. But the seventh day you shall march around the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. It shall come to pass, when they make a long blast with the ram's horn, and when you hear the sound of the trumpet, that all the people shall shout with a great shout; then the wall of the city will fall down flat. And the people shall go up every man straight before him." Then Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them,

**Joshua:** Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord.

**Narrator:** And he said to the people,

**Joshua:** Proceed, and march around the city, and let him who is armed advance before the ark of the Lord.

**Narrator:** So it was, when Joshua had spoken to the people, that the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the Lord advanced and blew the trumpets, and the ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them. The armed men went before the priests who blew the trumpets, and the rear guard came after the ark, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets. Now Joshua had commanded the people, saying,

**Joshua:** You shall not shout or make any noise, with your voice, or shall a word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I say to you, 'Shout!' Then you shall shout.

**Narrator:** So he had the ark of the Lord circle the city, going around it once. Then they came into the camp and lodged in the camp. And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the Lord. Then the seven priests bearing seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord went on continually and blew with the trumpets. And the armed men went before the. But the rear guard came after the ark of the Lord, while the priests continued blowing the trumpets. And the second they marched around the city once and returned to the camp. So they did six days. But it came to pass on the seventh day that they rose early, about the dawning of the day, and marched around the city seven times in the same manner. On that day only they marched around the city seven times. And the seventh time it happened, when the priests blew the trumpets, that Joshua said to the people:

**Joshua:** Shout, for the Lord has given you the city! *(all the children of Israel should shout loudly)* Now the city shall be doomed by the Lord to destruction, it and all who are in it. Only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all who are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. And you, by all means abstain from the accursed things, lest you become accursed when you take of the accursed things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. But all the silver and gold, and vessels of bronze and iron, are consecrated to the Lord; they shall come into the treasury of the Lord.

**Narrator:** So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him and they took the city. And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both man and woman, young and old, ox and sheep and donkey, with the edge of the sword. But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country,

**Joshua:** Go into the harlot's house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her.

**Narrator:** And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel. But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the Lord. And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father's household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho. Then Joshua charged them at that time, saying,



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**Joshua:** Cursed be the man before the Lord who rises up and builds this city Jericho; he shall lay its foundation with his firstborn, and with his youngest he shall set up its gates.

**Narrator:** So the Lord was with Joshua, and his fame spread throughout all the country.

## Discussion and prayer

Have a seat with everyone facing each other and allow each person to share what they felt in their role and anything they learned from their experience. Then take some time to pray for each other, remember to thank God for all he has provided.