



Dear Parent/Guardian

The first term of the 2020/2021 Sunday school year we looked into the book of Acts, throughout this we learnt about the first church, and the journey of Paul. Together we looked at how the disciples continued God's mission after Jesus' resurrection. We saw the amazing conversion of Saul to Paul. During the Daniel fast we looked at Galatians, which also referenced Abraham, and the book of Daniel.

During these times we were reminded of the incredible things God did for us all, and the vast history and build up to the event of Jesus on the cross, the event that redeemed us all.

For the rest of the year we will be going back to the start and will be discovering some of the many many incredible people that were involved in the lead up to the resurrection story. We will be going through the old testament and learn about one character each week.

Teaching videos, stories and worksheets, and zoom calls will continue throughout this meet and greet. During the school holiday we have chosen that although Sunday school sessions, whether physical or online, will not run. However, we will be releasing teaching videos and the weekly story and worksheet will be available. We felt that as there are so many stories to learn about this was the best course of action to help your children learn the most that they can.

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-The Children's Team

# Joshua & Rehab

Joshua 1-6

**After the death of Moses and Joshua who had been Moses' helper during the 40 years, had led the Israelites to the promised land, God made Joshua leader and that he would lead them to inherit the land sworn to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. God told them that He would give the Israelites any land they walked on, they just needed to be courageous and obey the Ten commandments.**

**Joshua told the Israelites to gather their belongings and get ready to enter into the promised land. He told the soldiers to get ready. Joshua then sent spies into the land. He told them to look over the land, especially a place named Jericho. So they went into the land and were housed by a woman named Rehab.**

**The King of Jericho heard that the spies had entered the land of Jericho. He told Rehab to bring out the spies. But Rehab had taken them to her roof and hidden them under stacks of Flax she had laid out, she would not allow the King to take them. She told them that the spies had already left and sent the King and his men to the city gates. The guards set off after the spies.**

**When the Kings guards had left, Rehab told the spies that she knew God had given them the land and that the people of Jericho feared the Israelites because of this and because they knew the miracles God had performed getting them out of Egypt. Rehab then asked that the spies show kindness on her family. The spies told Rehab that they would protect her family because she saved them.**

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**So, Rehab let the men down the high walls that protected Jericho through a window in her house, as it was part of the city wall. She told them to go to the hills and hide there for three days and then the guards would not be able to find them. When they returned they would be able to go back to Joshua and the Israelites.**

**The spies told them she must tie a scarlet cord in the window she had let them out off. She must bring all her family into her house. As long as the cord is tied to her window and her family stay inside her house, they will be spared. Just like at the Passover in Egypt. This was to thank her for her courage in saving them. And her loyalty to God.**

**So when the spies left, Rehab tied the scarlet chord round the window and started to gather her family. The spies went through the hills and after three days they went back to Joshua to tell him what they had seen.**

**They told Joshua that the Lord had given them the land. And that the people of Jericho are in fear because of what God had done for the Israelites and would do to them for being in their land. When he heard this news Joshua knew it was time to put his plan into action and lead his people across the Jordan river.**

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**When his people were gathered Joshua told them to wait by the river for three days before crossing it. He told them that when they saw the Ark of the Covenant being carried across the river, they too must follow it.**

**When the whole nation of Israel God told Joshua to have 12 men to represent the 12 tribes of Israel place a stone in the place they cross. So that in the future everyone will know the things God had done for the Israelites and that the stones marked the crossing of the Jordan on dry land, just like what had happened in the Red Sea. The Israelites then set up camp just outside of Jericho where they made themselves right before God, and celebrated Passover.**

**When Joshua went near Jericho he saw a man with a sword and asked if he was a friend, or a foe. The man told them that he was the commander of the Lord's army and was there to deliver a message from God. The man told Joshua that the walls of Jericho had been blocked so that no one could get in or out. He told Joshua that the Israelites must march round the city for six days and have the priests carry trumpets. On the seventh day they must march round it seven times blowing the trumpets. Then give a loud shout, and when that happens the walls of Jericho would crumble and the army could enter in.**

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**So Joshua did what God had told them to do. And on the seventh day, after they had marched for the seventh time and blown their trumpet for the last time, and given a loud shout, the walls crumbled and the army entered into Jericho.**

**Joshua had told the army that when they entered only Rehab and her family must be spared. Because she had obeyed God, and shown His people great kindness, just like the Ten Commandments say.**

**When they entered and had given the city to God, Joshua told the spies to go to Rehab's house and bring her and her family out and take them to the Israelite's camp.**

**They did so, and then Joshua burned the city to the ground and cursed the land. Saying that anyone who tries to rebuild Jericho would be cursed.**

**So God was with Joshua and God and the miracles and His power were told throughout the land. As well as Joshua and the greatness that was given to Him by God. And Rehab who was seen as the lowest of the people, and yet God chose to be His hero in the Israelites journey of entering the promised land. For without her kindness and obedience, the Israelites might never have taken Jericho.**

# Take-Away

God will use the unexpected.

In Egypt it looked like Moses was going to be God's chosen person to bring the Israelites together and lead them into the promised land. But he did not manage to. Instead, it was Joshua, son of nun who led them together into the promised land.

Rehab was the lowest of the people of Jericho. She did things that went against God because she had to or she would starve. But her heart was open to God, and because of this she saved God's people, and God saved her.

Prayer:

Do you know that God wants to use you? Do you feel like Joshua, too young and inexperienced compared to others and only there to serve them?

Or like Rehab, undeserving of being used because of things you have done that go against God?

Take time to speak to God about how you are feeling. Let Him tell you ALL the reasons why He will use you, if your heart is open to it.

## Activity:

Make your own trumpet. Tka ea piece of card of paper, roll it into a cone and sellotape the join.

Build your own wall of Jericho, walk round it six times, then seven times the other way. Blow your trumpet. Then give a loud shout and tople the wall. You can use anything to make the wall, we are using crisps.