

I'm in the Lord's Army



Lesson 4

Entering the Promised Land

Theme: Obedience — Following God's commands carefully

Memory Verses

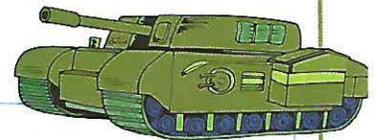
“Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	Joshua 4:19-5:1
Friday	Joshua 5:9-15
Saturday	Joshua 6:1-11
Monday	Joshua 6:12-21
Tuesday	Joshua 6:20-27

It was an important day in Israel's history when the nation finally entered the Promised Land. God brought His people out of Egypt and patiently led them through the wilderness to the land of Canaan. The people needed to know and trust God in their new land. By the way He led Israel into Canaan, God let everyone know He was in control and that they could trust Him. Let's see what God did.

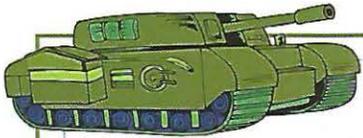


Crossing the Jordan River

God did not allow His people to cross the Jordan River in an ordinary way. He walled up the water and allowed them to cross on dry land. God worked in helping His people cross the Jordan, “that you may fear the Lord your God forever” (Joshua 4:24).

Joshua 4:19-5:1

What could the people learn from God's actions at the Red Sea and the Jordan River?



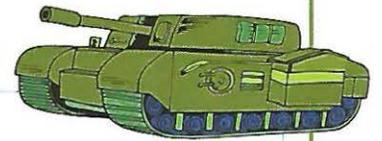
Joshua 5:9-15

What stopped once the people ate food from the land of Canaan?

Who appeared to Joshua with a drawn sword?

Observing the Passover

The people of Israel were able to observe the Passover as soon as they entered Canaan. The Passover Feast was to help them remember their escape from Egypt – that “with a powerful hand the Lord brought us out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery” (Exodus 13:3-16). God led them across the Red Sea on dry land when they left Egypt, and now He did the same thing to help them cross the Jordan River and go into the Promised Land.



The day after the Passover, the people ate food from the land of Canaan for the first time. God had provided manna in the wilderness, but now that they were in such a good land they did not need manna any more. Israel never got manna again.

Joshua 6:1-11

What made the walls of Jericho fall down?

Seeing the Captain of the Lord’s Army

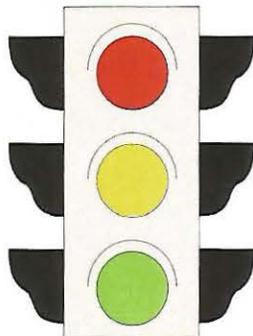
Joshua, the new leader of Israel, was near Jericho (Joshua 5:13). No doubt, Joshua was thinking about the next day when they were supposed to march around the city. All of a sudden, a man stood in front of Joshua with a sword in his hand. At first, Joshua thought this was an ordinary man.

The soldier said he was “captain of the host of the Lord.” Joshua knew he was seeing someone sent by God, and he bowed to the ground. The appearance of the captain of the Lord’s army showed Joshua that God was commanding Israel’s army. Joshua would go into battle knowing that God was in charge.

Marching Around Jericho

The time finally came for Israel to enter the Promised Land. By God’s command, the

I understand why God makes every law He makes.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — never

Yellow — sometimes

Green — usually



Joshua 6:12-21

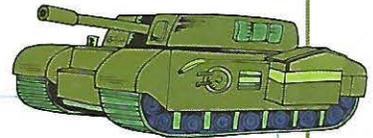
Describe what Israel did the first six days to take Jericho.

city of Jericho would be taken first. The people in Jericho could see Israel coming and tried to protect their city, but nothing could stop the Lord.

Israel's soldiers were to circle the city once a day for six days. In the march, seven priests were to carry trumpets made of rams' horns and blow them while everyone else was completely silent. After they circled the city once each day, everyone returned to the camp to spend the night.

Imagine what the people of Jericho thought. This was a strange way to fight a war, and they must have been afraid. On the seventh day, Israel marched around the walls seven times instead of one. Sometime during the seventh round, the priests blew a long trumpet blast and all the people shouted, making something like a war cry. Then, the walls of Jericho fell down!

The Israelite soldiers entered the city to carry out God's instructions. The soldiers protected Rahab because she had protected the spies, but everything else was to be destroyed. God went before His people into battle and they won a great victory.

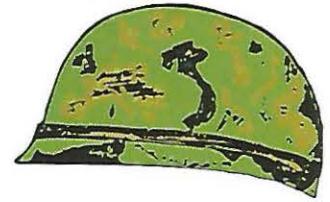


Joshua 6:20-27

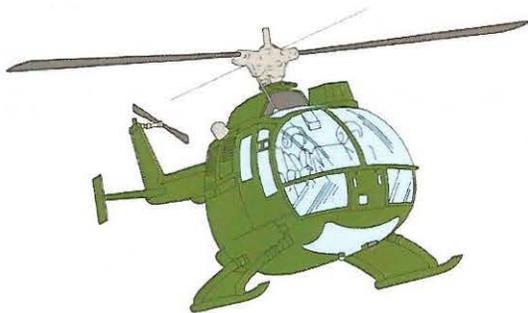
What did Israelite soldiers do with Rahab and her family when Jericho was being attacked?

Why?

Think About It . . .



What are some battles we must fight today? For example, we fight a battle against bad words. We hear bad words, but we must say only good words. What are some other battles we fight? How can we win in these battles?



Operation Bible Facts

Which book of the Old Testament is about Moses teaching Israel about loving and obeying God?

Using numbers, put the major stages of Bible history in their proper order:

- ___ Punished by Captivity
- ___ Law at Mount Sinai
- ___ Salvation in Jesus Christ
- ___ Promise to Abraham
- ___ Living in the Promised Land
- ___ Wilderness Wanderings
- ___ Slavery in Egypt

On a map inside the back cover, locate the tribes of Benjamin, Zebulun, and Naphtali and mark them with a small ✕.