

Story 7: Joshua

Main Bible verse
[Joshua 6:20a]

The priests blew the trumpets. As soon as the army heard the sound, they gave a loud shout. Then the wall fell down.

Moses, who had led the Israelites, died just before the Israelites entered Canaan, and so God appointed a new leader. His name was Joshua. God promised that he would be with Joshua.

Joshua chose two spies to spy out the land of Jericho. A woman in Jericho named Rahab helped the two spies by hiding them in her house.

The king of Jericho was angry when he heard that Israelite spies were in Jericho and ordered his soldiers to capture them and bring them to him. But Rahab helped the two spies escape.

Rahab asked the spies to save her life and the lives of her family when they came back to conquer Jericho.

The spies assured Rahab that they would keep their promise and escaped safely from Jericho.

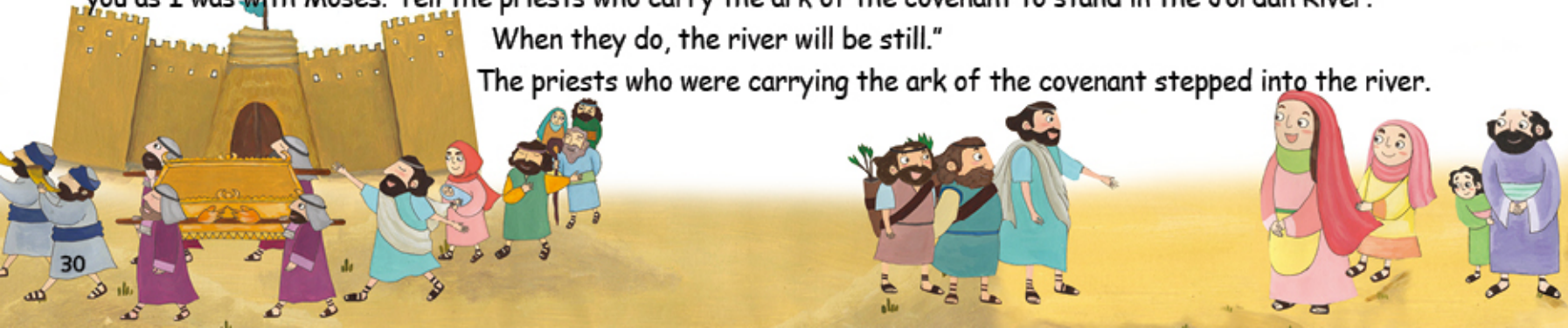
After forty years of roaming the desert, the Israelites finally stood before the Jordan River which flowed near God's Promised Land, Canaan.

In order to enter Canaan, the Israelites had to cross the Jordan River, but there were no boats to carry them nor any bridges. Crossing the strong currents of the river seemed impossible.

Then God spoke to Joshua. "Today, I will begin to exalt you in the eyes of all Israel, so they may know that I am with you as I was with Moses. Tell the priests who carry the ark of the covenant to stand in the Jordan River.

When they do, the river will be still."

The priests who were carrying the ark of the covenant stepped into the river.



The strong currents of the river stilled and the water parted before the Israelites so that they walked across the river on dry ground. God spoke to Joshua who was standing before Jericho.

"You will conquer Jericho. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days.

Have the priests carry trumpets of rams' horns, but everyone else must be silent. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets.

When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the walls of the city will collapse."

Joshua and the Israelites did as God said. The walls of the city came crumbling down.

Jericho collapsed and everyone within the walls died.

But as promised, God saved Rahab, who had helped the two spies, and her family.

Joshua and the Israelites who had obeyed God's words finally entered and lived in the land of Canaan.

- Trace and memorize the Bible verse. (Joshua 6:20a)

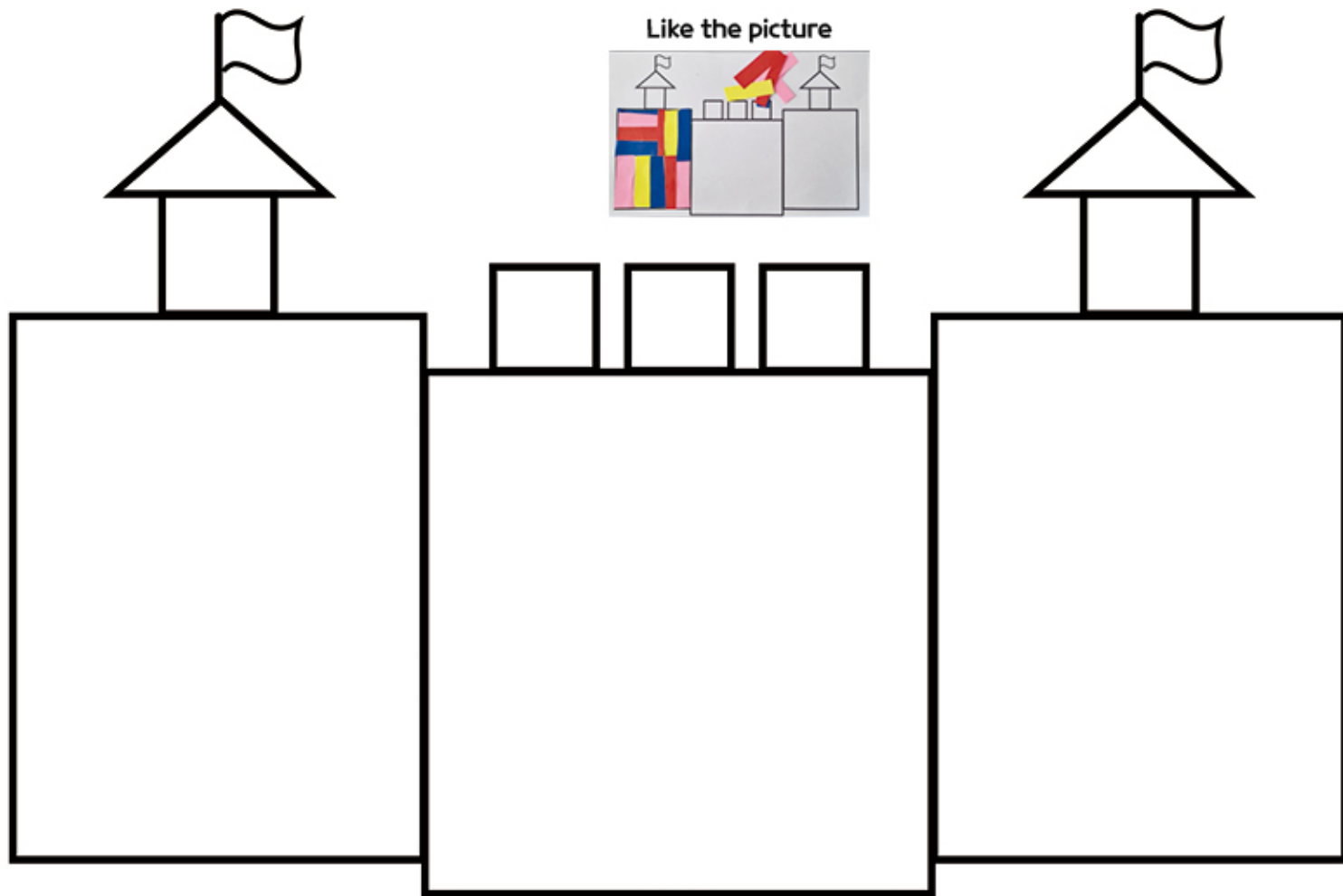
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Activity 1.

Cut and glue colored paper like the picture to decorate Jericho.

Like the picture



Activity 2.

Think about what we learned today, and color the picture below.

