

October 18th

REMARKABLE FAITH! Tent! Gathering

Safe, socially distant gathering outside after church

Faith & the Walls of Jericho

Lesson

This is the script that goes along with the video and following are the crafts/activities.

Julie - When you see the word “faith,” what comes to mind? (hold up the word FAITH) What have you learned and what do you know already about faith?

Sadie - What if we told you something absolutely ridiculous, would you believe it? For instance, what if we told you that right now if you jumped up and down 10 times you would turn into a pumpkin. Would you believe it? Today, we want to tell you about some directions that a man named Joshua got that must have sounded just as unbelievable at the time.

Julie - After the Israelites crossed the Jordan River they were just a few short yards from the city of Jericho. God told them that He had given them the city, and they are about to receive instructions on how they will take this city to be their own.

Sadie - The Bible says... *When Joshua was by Jericho, he lifted his eyes and looked, and behold, a Man stood opposite him with his sword drawn in his hand.* Did you catch that? As Joshua is walking around he looks up and sees a man standing in front of him, holding a sword. That would be shocking.

Julie - Well, we find out how Joshua reacts: *And Joshua went to him and said to Him, “Are you for us or for our enemies?”* You can already tell Joshua is preparing for battle. He looks at this man who has just appeared in front of him and wants to know what we all would want to know. Is he a good guy or a bad guy?

Sadie - And in the next verse we find out who this man with the sword is: *So he said, “No, but as Commander of the Army of the LORD I have now come.* Wow! Joshua is face-to-face with the Commander of the armies of heaven. Joshua discovers that he has another whole army fighting with

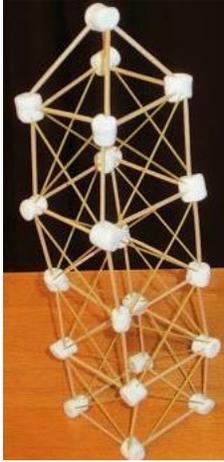
him. At this point, God gives Joshua his battle plan. God tells Joshua to march around the city one time for six days, and then on the seventh day to march around the city seven times. Once that is done, they are to blow the rams horns and shout. When they shout, the walls of the city will come crashing down.

Julie - Think about these instructions. Joshua likely had some sort of military training and was skilled enough to be able to lead hundreds of thousands of people. When God tells him his military strategy for defeating Jericho is to walk silently around the city that must have sounded very, very strange. Even though the Israelites could not see God and they could not see proof that this plan would work, they had faith anyway and obeyed God's directions. The first day, the Israelites wake up, get ready, and walk toward the city of Jericho. The Israelites got right up to the wall, but they didn't try to go over it, and they didn't try to go under it – they simply started marching around it.

Sadie - Maybe the first day the people of Jericho did not understand what was going on. But by the second or third day it must have started to be a little funny to them. I mean, a bunch of people would walk around the wall once, not make any noise, and then quietly leave and go back to their tents. Now, was it the walking around that made the walls fall down? No, God was the one that knocked the walls down. But the Israelites had to have REMARKABLE FAITH in this very, very strange battle plan. Because of the Israelites remarkable faith in God, and because of Joshua's faith in God, God did what only he can do.

Julie - Our memory verse for today is from the book of Hebrews, chapter 1, verse 30...**By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days.** It was only because of their remarkable faith in God that any of this happened. Having faith in God is a remarkable thing!

Sadie & Tiffany - Activity 1 - Marshmallow & Toothpick Structure Challenge



What if I told you that you could make a tower out of marshmallows and toothpicks? Well you can...use the marshmallows and toothpicks in your bag to create your very own tower. Have Faith...we know you can do it!!! I wonder who can make the tallest tower?

***Gather toothpicks and mini marshmallows (or pick up on table outside of the office at church) for this challenging activity. Send me your pictures once finished your structure.

Julie - Activity 2 - Building Faith: Play-Doh Faith Sculpture



Use your play doh (which can be found in your kits outside of the office) to sculpt a symbol of faith. What can you sculpt to represent your faith and/or remind you of today's story?



Julie - On this day we created cards as a service project for local senior citizens. Next we are going to make cards as a service project - these cards will be given to local seniors. Please create at least 4 cards. Thanks!

*Also in your kit...Make your Pop-up Walls of Jericho Craft (directions are included) and enjoy your Color Building Brick Lollipop, both can be found in your bag along with a few other delicious surprises. You can also build with the Rice Krispies treats and fruit snacks. Be creative!



TO close...

Sadie, Julie & Tiffany...sing...

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho

And the walls came a-tumbling down

You may talk about your men of Gideon

You may talk about the men of Saul

But there's none like good old Joshua

At the battle of Jericho

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho

And the walls came a-tumbling down

Sadie - Closing prayer

This is a Repeat after me prayer

Dear God

Thank you

For this story
It helps us to remember
To have faith in you
Even when things don't make sense
And all God's People said
AMEN!