

READ IT

This rotation's Bible story is
The Battle of Jericho

from Joshua 6:1-20.

God acts for us in dramatic ways!

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Shofar
- Joshua
- Jericho's wall
- Shouting
- God's plan

A shofar is a trumpet-like horn that is made from a ram's horn. Shofars are still used in Jewish worship today. They are very challenging to play!

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 102-105

Spark Bible pages 237-238

Family Prayer

Say this prayer together as you face a wall in your home.

Help us to trust in you, O God. You do amazing things! AMEN!

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 Have you ever marched in a parade? What did you like best about it?
- 2 What is your favorite instrument?
- 3 Why would a city have walls around it?
- 4 Tell about a time you did something that seemed absolutely ridiculous, outlandish, or unexpected...and it worked!

Eye Spark

Next time you see an animal with horns, wonder what it would be like to make that animal horn into an instrument for music-making.

Ear Spark

When you hear a trumpet playing very loudly, think of the shofar at Jericho!

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Find out what Joshua's name means. (A baby name book or computer search should help.) Do you know who else has a similar name with the same meaning, but a different pronunciation? Jesus! What do the names in *your* family mean?

For younger kids

Build a wall as tall as you can with blocks. Then shout, "Yea, God!" and knock it down!

For older kids

There is a famous song called a spiritual that was written about this Bible story. It's called "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho." See if you can find it online, or ask your church music director if he or she knows the words and music. What do you think the meaning of the song is?

TRY IT

Art

The battle of Jericho required lots of people to get into the action. God wants us to be involved. Interactive art is a great way for people to get involved. Visit your local art museum for programs. (If you can't visit, search for interactive art museums on the internet.)

Computer Lab

Do some online research about what a shofar is. What are they made of? How are they made? Then search for a craft to make your own shofars. When your shofars are complete, have your own marching parade to remind you of Joshua and the Battle of Jericho!

Creative Drama

Reenact this story. Have half of the family pretend to live in Jericho. Build a wall with lots of pillows and cushions. The other half of the family marches around the wall playing musical instruments. After seven times, shout and knock the walls down! Switch roles and play again.

Video

Does your family have a dream that seems unreachable? Make a dream list and then, if you dare, pick one the family can work on together. Ask everyone to pray for 30 days about this dream. See what God does to open hearts and doors to new possibilities!

Bible Skills and Games

Have someone read the Bible story from the Spark Story Bible or the Spark Bible. Make up quiz show clues based on the story and then see what family members know about this story. The game show host can make a trumpet sound when someone gives a correct answer.

Cooking

Reenact the walls of Jericho: crumble crackers into a bowl of soup or atop a salad. As you eat, discuss the walls in your life that you need God's power to tear down. Trust God to lead you through those walls.

Music

Think of a new way to deal with conflict in your home that involves music. Choose a soothing song everyone can listen or sing along to as a cool down when energy or nerves run high. Ring a bell to gather people together for a family meeting.

Science

Sounds can be made with almost any item. Tap tubes of various sizes on the floor and listen to their different pitches. Rub fabrics and odd items together to create interesting sounds. Blow across openings in bottles, cans—even shoes!—to discover what you hear.