

JULY 2020



HEROES OF FAITH



JOSHUA : COURAGE

TODAY'S ACTIVITIES

- Play the game JENGA (or build a wall/tower out of legos and toys). Play until the wall/tower falls down. Discuss how the tower falling is like the wall of Jericho falling down.
- Play the game "Joshua Says" (it is exactly like "Simon Says", just with a Bible spin) using the following phrases:
 1. Joshua says be very quiet.
 2. Joshua says walk in a circle.
 3. Joshua says clap your hands.
 4. Joshua says stomp your feet.
 5. Joshua says turn around.
 6. Joshua says blow your trumpet.
 7. Joshua says yell hallelujah!
- Print off a Joshua coloring sheet from the "printables" section. Talk about today's story and discussion themes while they color the sheet. When they are finished coloring the sheet, take a picture of them with the sheet or just the sheet - post it to our VBS Facebook group so we can all see their creativity!
- Print off the Joshua Matching game from the "printables" section. Play a couple rounds with your children and talk about today's story and discussion themes.

Today is the second day of VBS. Our hero of faith today is Joshua. We are discussing the ideas of courage and how God's ways are not our ways. Read through the story of Joshua found in **Joshua 6:1-21** with your children and discuss as many of the following questions as your family would like.

God's ways are not our ways

- Do you think the Israelites were confused when God told them to march around Jericho?
- What happened to the Israelites when they followed God's commands?
- Are there confusing commands God gives us today? (Love your enemies.... Etc?)
- Why should we follow God's commands and how can we take courage when we don't understand God's commands?

Courage

- Do you think it was hard for the people of Israel to look at that big wall of Jericho and trust they could defeat it?
- How did they find courage/where did they get their courage from?
- What are some things that might make us afraid or doubt ourselves?
- How can we take courage/where can we draw courage from?

Don't forget to check in our VBS Facebook group at 2:00pm for a zoom link to discuss today's lesson with our preachers and at 7:00pm for a zoom link to interact with Joshua!