

Family Theme | **Obedience Leads to Victory** Date | **November 17, 2024**

Study Text | **Joshua 6:1-27**

Read the Word: Joshua 6:1-27

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how we should obey God's Word and direction, trusting that He knows what is best.

Discuss the following Key Truths and how to apply them to life. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Truth: God's Instructions Don't Always Make Sense to Us (Joshua 6:1-5)

APPLY: Believers can be encouraged by remembering how God has helped His People. Unbelievers, however, should fear His judgment.

- *There are times when we are overwhelmed or feel like we're fighting alone. What can help us to remember we're never truly alone in our fights and struggles?*

APPLY: Trust and obey God even when His ways and instructions don't make sense to us.

- *How would you have felt and responded had you been there to hear God's instructions at Jericho?*
- *What are some things God asks us to do that don't seem to make sense? (Pray for our enemies; forgive those who hurt us; bless those who curse us; etc.)*
- *What should we do when we approach a passage or command in the Bible that doesn't seem to make sense or goes against what's encouraged in culture?*



Key Truth: Obeying God Leads to Godly Success and Blessing (Joshua 6:6-21)

APPLY: Be careful to obey all of God's instructions.

- *Joshua told the soldiers they were not to take any gold, silver, or material possessions for themselves. How does the temptation of material possessions cause problems for some believers today? What are some strategies to keep us from giving in to the temptations around us?*

APPLY: Experience godly success and blessing by loving and obeying God.

- *How might success in God's eyes be different from worldly success?*
- *What are some benefits of obeying God? (Close fellowship with Him; blessing and provision; experiencing His plan for us; etc.)*

APPLY: Repent of sin and warn others knowing God sends or allows judgment on those who choose to continue in sin.

- *Some argue that preaching a message of repentance is judgmental. How would you respond to that argument?*



Key Truth: Believers Should Keep Their Word Just as God Does (Joshua 6:22-27)

APPLY: Rest in the fact that God always keeps His word.

- *How do we see the promises of God at work in this passage?*
- *Why can we trust God to keep all of His promises?*

APPLY: Honor God by dedicating all you have and all you are to Him.

- *God wants our obedience. Why is halfhearted obedience actually disobedience? What does it look like to live a life that is fully devoted to God?*

APPLY: Please the Lord by being true to your word even when it costs you.

- *How does keeping our word affect our relationships with others? What if we don't keep our word?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- How do you think you would have felt and done when you heard God's instructions to take over Jericho?
- How hard is it to trust a plan that doesn't make sense to you?
- What does God ask us to do that go against what the world says? (pray for our enemies, forgive someone who has hurt you, etc.)

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: *Joshua 1:9*



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

The Tabernacle was the center of Israel's worship before the permanent Temple was built. It was a symbol of God's presence.

Everyday Extras:

Sometimes the things we ask our children to do might not make sense or seem silly to them. The children of Israel might not have understood the things God commanded them to do either. Take several slips of paper and write instances when you or your family obeyed God. Put the papers into a container. Once a day, sit with your family and read what was written on some of the pieces of paper. Talk about the blessings that came as a result of the obedience.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned the priests carried the Ark of the Covenant into the Jordan River. God miraculously stopped the water so the Israelites could safely cross on dry land. One man from each tribe took a stone from the Jordan River and made a memorial as a reminder of God's faithfulness. Just like the Israelites did, **I Can Live by Faith.**