

Story 62: Walls of Jericho Fall Down

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Read this story in the Bible in Joshua 6:1-27

Words to Know

procession – a line of people marching or walking together

trumpet – a musical instrument

Covenant Box – a box containing the things that reminded the Israelites of the agreement God made with them

Questions

1. What did the Israelites see after they crossed the Jordan River?
2. Why would they be worried about this city?
3. Who gave Joshua a plan for destroying the city?
4. Why did God want the Israelites to destroy this city?
5. What did the Israelites have to do each day for 6 days?
6. What did the Israelites do on the 7th day?
7. What happened when the priests blew their trumpets and the people shouted?
8. How were the Israelites able to destroy Jericho?

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