

# THE STORY

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## CHAPTER 7

**Timeless Truth:** God's power, not our own, wins the battle.

**Bible Basis:** Joshua 1-2; 6; 8; 10-11; 23-24

**Key Verse:** "Be strong and very brave. Make sure you obey the whole law . . . . Then you will have success everywhere you go." Joshua 1:7, NIV

**Parent Tips:** Use the Table Talk questions to start a discussion around the dinner table at some point this week, and/or use the questions inside your books. Pick the questions that work best for your family. The Living Faith section (on the back) is a fun activity for you to do.

### GET THE POINT

**Preschool:** God sent help for his people. God sends me to help, too.

**Elementary:** God sent help for his people. God sends me to help, too.

**Middle School:** God's power can break down any wall--literal walls and personal walls in your life.

**High School:** God is strong. He wants his followers to be strong and not make compromises in their lives. He wants them to fight and win the battle within.

### TABLE TALK

#### Preschool/Elementary

- Why do you think the Israelites had more faith this time when the spies were sent into the Promised Land years before? (All of the people from before were dead; God showed his consistent power in the desert as they wandered.)
- Read Joshua 3:15-17. How did God show his power before the Israelites even got to Jericho? When did God show his power to part the water before this?
- Do you think God's people felt silly walking around Jericho for six days while being completely silent? How does this show they had faith in God?
- What do you think the people inside Jericho were thinking as they watched the Israelites march around?
- How much confidence do you think God's people had after they watched the walls around Jericho tumble down under God's mighty hand?

#### Middle/High School

(Other side)



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## **Middle/High School**

- God used Rahab, a woman with a sketchy background, to help his people in a big way. What does this tell you about God?
- Rahab lied to the king's men to save the Israelite spies. Was it wrong for her to lie? (Yes, lying is always wrong. Rehab was not a Jew, but she did have faith that the God of Israel was the one true God--read Joshua 2:11.)
- Will God forgive past sins, such as lying?
- God blessed Rahab for her faith and for helping his people--not for lying. What are some ways you can show your faith in God and help other Christians?

### **Living Faith**

God brought people together to help the Israelites. In Jericho, Rahab helped the spies and encouraged them by saying, "Everyone in this country is weak with fear because of you." God used one person, Rahab, to make a big difference for the Israelites. Rahab even shows up in the genealogy of Jesus (Matthew 1:5), which demonstrates how God had a great plan for somebody who the world may have viewed as a castoff. As a family, decide to make a difference in one person's life by showing him God's love in a tangible way.

If you don't know of anyone to help, talk to your pastor, friends, neighbors, a local charity or community organization to find an individual who needs help. Maybe it's an elderly person who needs yard work (grass cut, sidewalk shoveled or weeds pulled). Perhaps it's a single mother who could be blessed by a bagful of groceries or a gift card to a grocery store. Maybe it's a military family who has a spouse overseas who would delight in a card of encouragement and dinner out. Be creative as you seek to serve one person in your community. Make sure this person knows that God cares for him or her.