



God Fights For His People

The Story — Lesson 7

Scripture: Joshua 1—6

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

Bible Truth: God’s power, not our own, wins the battle.

Age 2—rising 2nd grade: Read *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 7: “God’s Helper”

Rising 3rd—6th grades: Read *The Story for Kids*, Chapter 7: “The Battle Begins”

STEP 1: Come Together

Gather the family and tell them you’re going to spend a few minutes studying God’s word together. Pray and thank God for giving you time together and for always helping us.

Get your younger children’s attention by cupping your hands to your mouth and making a trumpet noise. Say, **“People in the Old Testament had lots of instruments, but in today’s story, God used them in a very unique way to help his people.”**

Ask your older children about some things that they help with around the house. Let them list some of their least favorite chores, as well as those they don’t mind. Which ones are the most difficult? Are any impossible to do alone? Which ones are easier when someone helps them? Say, **“We all have hard things to do. Sometimes we do them alone, but sometimes we need help. In today’s Bible story, God uses someone to help his people.”**

STEP 2: Hear the Story

Read today’s story from your copy of *The Story*, or read Joshua 1:1-11, 2:1-24, and 6:1-25 together.

STEP 3: Explore More

Review these catechism questions and answers to follow up on today’s story. Read the questions and answers, then repeat each one, having your child repeat back the answer.

Question 9: What is God? (God is a Spirit and does not have a body like men.)

STEP 4: Dig Deeper

Read (or have your older children read) Matthew 1:5-16 in your Bible. Being in the line of David, Rahab was a forbearer of Christ. She was Boaz’s mother. Boaz was the father of Obed (with Ruth); Obed, the father of Jesse; Jesse, the father of David. Jesus was called the Son of David. The Matthew genealogy intentionally includes two Gentile women, Rahab and Ruth. This is a foreshadowing of God’s intention to reach the nations. Pray and thank God for using Rahab to protect his people, and for protecting Rahab so that one day, from her descendents, Jesus would be born to rescue us!

MONDAY

Read Joshua 1:1-5

Ask What did God promise Joshua in verse 5?

Read Hebrews 13:5-6

Pray and thank God for being your helper, and for promising to never leave you or turn away from you.

TUESDAY

Read Joshua 1:6-9

Ask What did God tell the people to be in verses 6, 7, and 9? What did God tell them to meditate on in verse 8?

Read Psalm 119:11

Pray and ask God to help you store up his word in your heart so that you might not sin against him.

WEDNESDAY

Read Joshua 5:13-15

Ask Who appeared to Joshua?

Read Revelation 19:11

Pray and thank God that the commander of his army—Jesus himself, faithful and true—fights for you!

THURSDAY

Read Joshua 6:2

Ask What did God tell Joshua he had given him?

Read Romans 13:1

Pray for those in authority over you. Ask God to help you submit to and respect those in authority, knowing that he is the one who appoints them.

FRIDAY

Read Joshua 6:20

Ask What did the people do? What happened to the walls of Jericho?

Read Hebrews 11:30

Pray and ask God for faith to believe in his incredible plan to rescue you and bring you into his forever family!