

This Week In Sunday School 11.8.20 - 3rd/4th - Joshua



Happy Sunday, Friends,

This week we dive into the story of Joshua.

The book of Joshua is the 6th book in the bible in the Old Testament. If battles, strategy and conquering new lands is your thing, the book of Joshua is for you. Truthfully, I'm not a huge fan of battles, strategy, and conquering. But we soldier on....

To fully get Joshua you need BACKSTORY. Sure, on its own Joshua is exciting: strong and courageous leader, spies, lots of battles, the Lord's army, unlikely allies, conquering and dividing lands, etc etc etc. What does it all mean? What's the significance? For this, BACKSTORY.

There is more backstory in this lesson than actual Joshua content. You will go through the history of the Israelites through the first 5 books of the Bible. It's a lot. But it's so important for understanding the significance of what happens in Joshua. The Israelites had 500 years filled with faithfulness and doubt, punishment and forgiveness, slavery and freedom, wandering and hunger and hard living and still they kept going! I can imagine around year 250 of still unfulfilled promises they wanted to give it all up. But something made them keep going despite unlikely odds and a promise made generations ago that didn't look at all likely. (hint: it's God and faith).

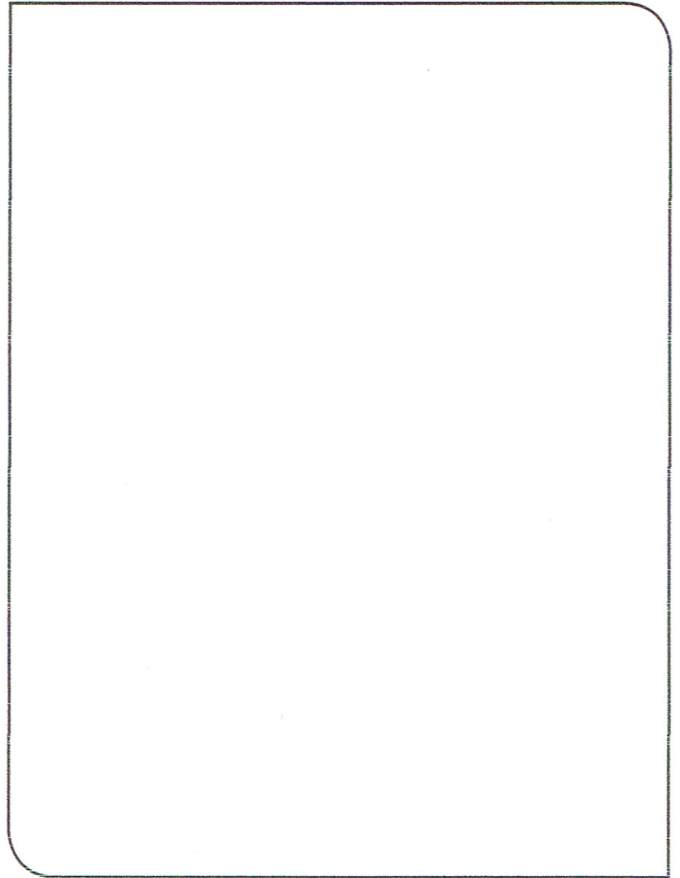
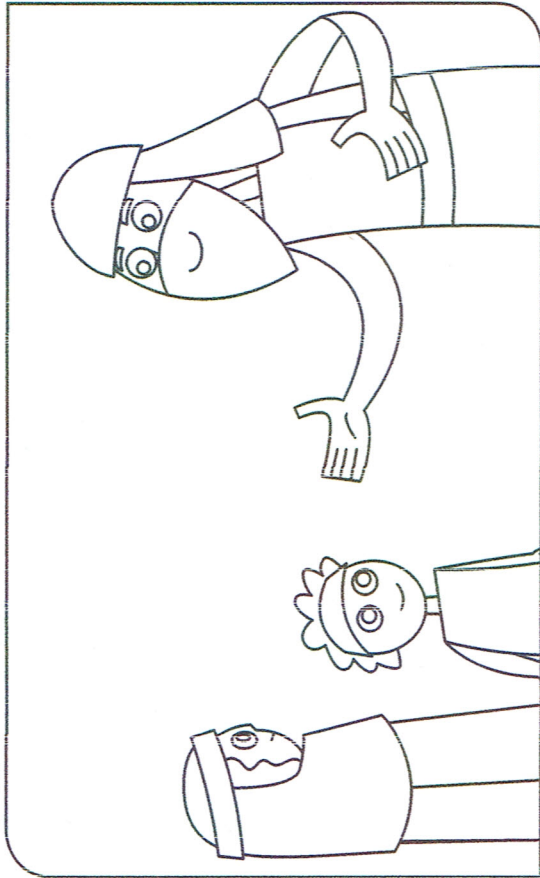
For me learning this backstory made the victory of the Israelites in their promised land that much more victorious. And knowing, through all their struggle and turmoil, that God was with them the entire time, fulfilling his promise.

Finally Friends, backstory is so important because it gives us context. Context helps us understand the whole story and give it real meaning. All of us have a backstory, a present and a future. And God is with us the entire time.

I hope you know how much you are loved and missed! We can't wait to be back at church soon.

Take Care,
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Joshua listened. God's people listened.
Who do you know who listens to God? Draw his or her picture here.



Joshua

TODAY'S THEME IS FAITHFUL.

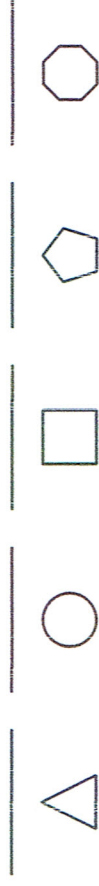


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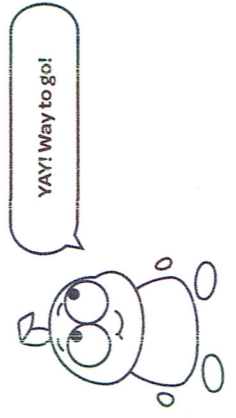
Joshua and the Israelites listened to God and obeyed.

After marching for seven days, what did they do?
Solve the code to see.



△ = S □ = O ○ = H

○ = T □ = U



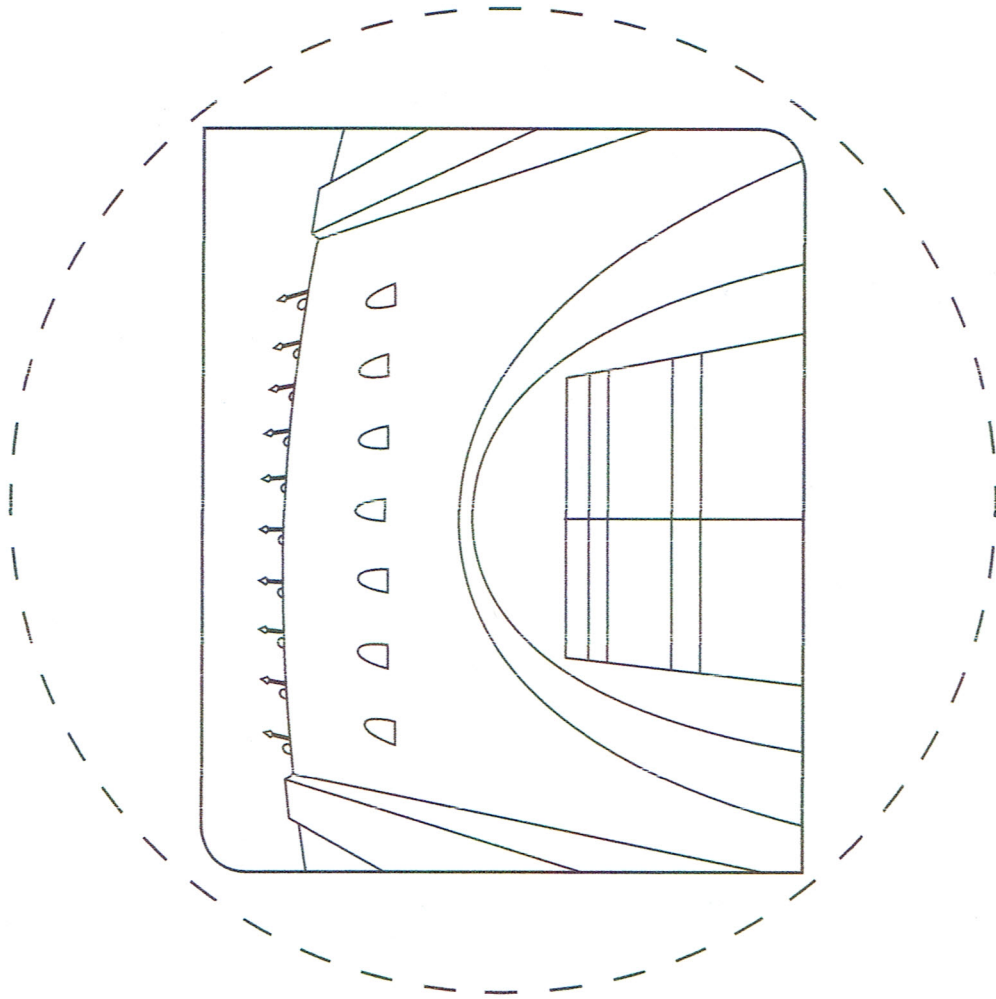
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The Israelites did a lot of marching!

They marched around the city 7 times. Draw circles around the city wall below for each time they went around.



Today our church family prays for...

Joshua

TODAY'S THEME IS FAITHFUL.



God had a big job for Joshua!

Solve the secret code below to find out in what way Joshua was faithful.

A	+	N	**
B	⊙	O	①
C	◆	P	✎
D	③	Q	◇
E	✓	R	Ⓜ
F	Ⓜ	S	◇
G	✖	T	☺
H	?	U	☾
I	◇	V	✎
J	⑦	W	☑
K	x	X	Ⓜ
L	☒	Y	☑
M	+	Z	✖

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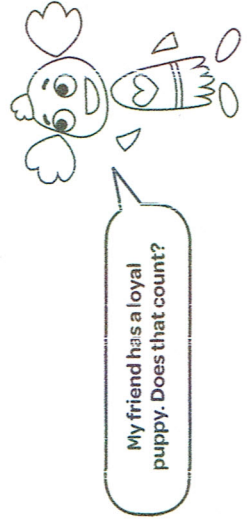
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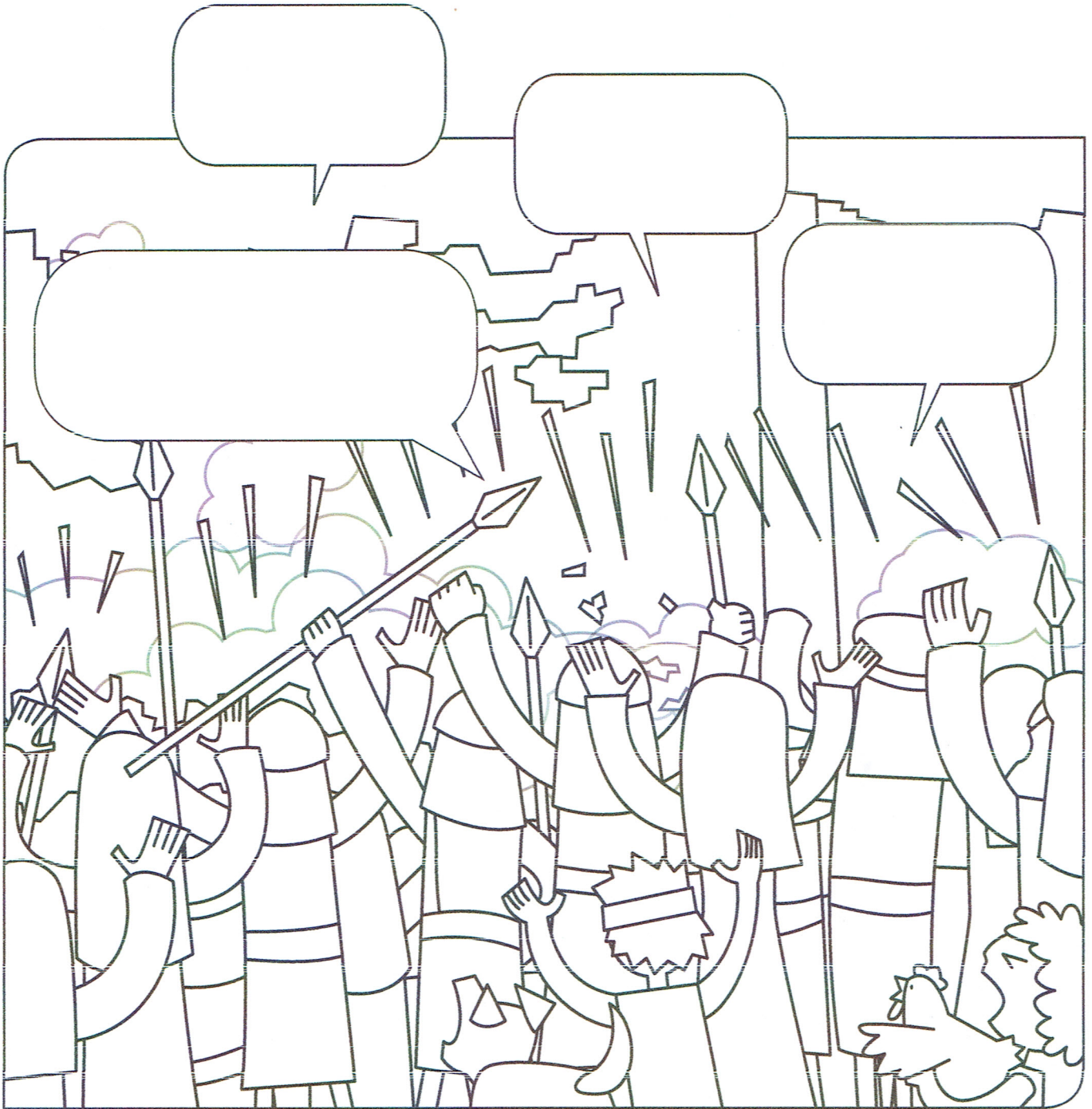
There are lots of ways to be faithful. Below are 10 synonyms for the word *faithful*. They all mean nearly the same thing. Think of each of the words below. Who in your church family comes to mind for each word? Write their name beside the word that made you think of them.

- Reliable _____
- Loyal _____
- Steadfast _____
- Devoted _____
- Trustworthy _____
- Constant _____
- Unwavering _____
- Dedicated _____
- Committed _____
- Honorable _____



Joshua and the Israelites marched quietly for 6 days.

On the 7th day, at the end of their march, they SHOUTED! Can you imagine the noise? What do you think some of the Israelites said? Fill in the speech bubbles below.



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