

Shadyside Presbyterian Church  
Kids' Worship Bulletin  
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**Are you sure you're sure you're sure?**

In the Old Testament story today, we hear Joshua ask the Israelites pretty much the same question three times. All three times, the Israelites give pretty much the same answer.



Joshua wants to make sure the Israelites understand what they're saying. In repeating it three times, Joshua is saying, "Are you sure you're sure you're sure about that?"

The Israelites promised to serve only God. God's people had promised this before, but failed at it. They tried for a while, but then broke their promise. Joshua knew they were not the best at keeping promises.

Joshua wanted to hear the people promise they would be God-followers and would follow God's laws. *Joshua wanted to be sure the Israelites were sure, so he asked them three times.*

**Spoiler alert:** Even though they promised to serve God and be God-followers, the Israelites messed-up again. And again. And again. The Bible has many of these stories, but the awesome news is God forgives God's people every time they say they're sorry.

**Where in the Word is the Word?**

"The Word" can mean many things:

- The Word = God's messages for God's people
- The Word = Jesus, God's Son
- The Word = The Bible, the story of God's people

Where in the Bible do we find the scripture readings for today?  
One is in the Old Testament and the other is in the New Testament:

| Book of the Bible | Chapter | Verses      |
|-------------------|---------|-------------|
| Ephesians         | 6       | 10-20       |
| Joshua            | 24      | 1-2a, 14-21 |



**Yes, THAT Joshua!**

Have you sung the song with the words, "Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumbling down!"? The Joshua in our Old Testament story today is the same Joshua who listened to God and obeyed what God told him to do. The next two pages tell about Joshua listening to God.

# Joshua

Joshua 1:1-9; 6:1-20

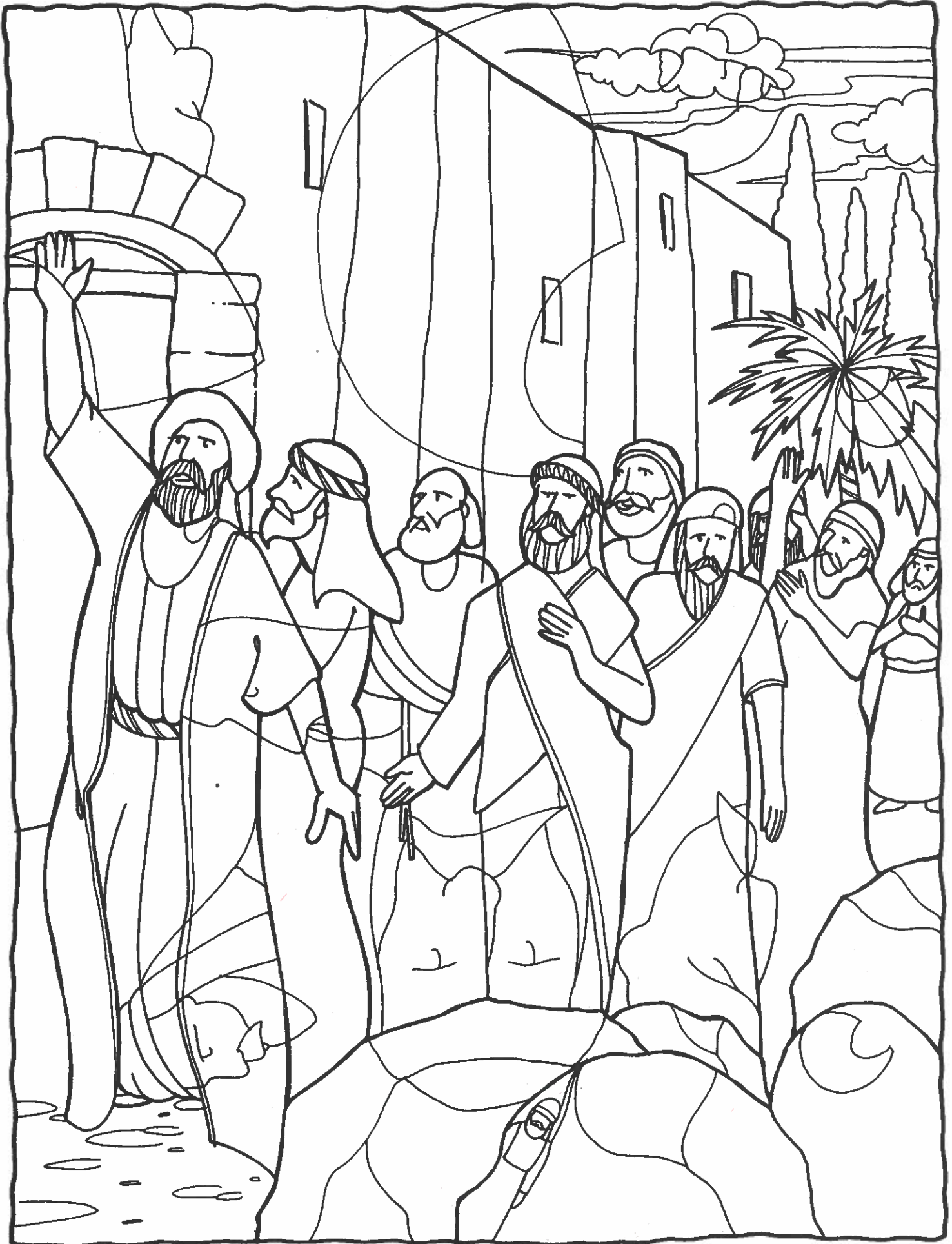
Moses lead the Israelites on a long journey through deserts and over high hills. God took care of Moses and his people. He sent them water and bread from heaven. After Moses died, the Lord told Joshua to get ready to cross the Jordan River, "I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their forefathers."

When Joshua was near Jericho, the Lord said to him, "March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of ram's horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have all the people give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the people will go up, every man straight in."

Joshua got up early the next morning and did as he had been told. For six days they marched around the wall one time. On the seventh day, they got up at dawn and marched around the city seven times. The seventh time around the priests sounded the trumpet blast. Joshua told the people, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!" At the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted and the walls collapsed.

## Challenge

God had given the city of Jericho to His people. The Lord was with Joshua, and his fame quickly spread throughout the land. Hidden in this picture of the people marching around the city are seven priests and seven ram's horns. Can you find each one?



# JOSHUA (CH. 6 - 7) WORD SEARCH



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|---------------------|-------------|----------------------|
| ACHAN               | GREAT SHOUT | SON OF CARMI         |
| AMORITES            | JERICH0     | SPIES                |
| ARK OF THE COVENANT | JOSHUA      | STONES               |
| CAMP                | JUDAH       | THEFT                |
| CITY                | KING        | TREASURY OF THE LORD |
| COMPASSED           | PRIESTS     | TRIBES               |
| CURSED              | PURIFY      | TRUMPETS             |
| DEFEAT AT AI        | RAHAB       | VALLEY OF ACHOR      |
| DESTROYED           | RAMS' HORNS | VESSELS              |
| FIRE                | SEIGE       | WALLS                |
| GARMENT             | SEVEN DAYS  | ZABDI                |
| GOLD                | SILVER      | ZARHITES             |