

Jericho's walls fall down.

Joshua 6:1-20

Joshua and the Israelites were in the land God had promised them. They were camped outside the city of Jericho. All around the city there was a huge wall made of rocks. The people of Jericho closed the gates to their city. They did not let anyone in or out. They were afraid of the Israelites, but they felt safe behind their city's big wall.

God told Joshua that the Israelites would take over the city of Jericho. God told Joshua what to do. Joshua and the Israelites did just what God said.

All of the Israelite men marched in a long line near the city wall. Some of the priests marched with them. The priests carried the box that held God's

> laws. Other priests blew on horns as they marched. They marched one time all the way around the city wall. That's all they did for six days!

Then on the seventh day, the Israelites marched around the wall seven times. Then they stopped. The priests blew the longest, loudest blasts they could make on their horns. And Joshua led the people to shout with loud voices!

As the Israelites shouted, CRASH! The wall around the city fell flat to the ground! The Israelites marched straight into the city. God had helped the Israelites take over Jericho, just as God had promised.