

## THE STORY FOR CHILDREN

*The Story For Children devotionals are broken up into three days. Each day has something to read together, do together, think about together, and pray together with your children. These times together with your family will help your children understand and live out The Story of God's Word!*

### Chapter 7 – The Battle Begins Day One – Be Strong and Brave

**Today's reading:** Pages 82-82

**The reading covers:** Joshua 1

**Summary:** Since God would be with Joshua, he could be strong and brave.

**Do together:** Have an arm wrestling match with the family members. The winner has to do the dishes.

**Think about:** Who is the strongest one in our family? What is the big job that God told Joshua to do in our story? Do you think Joshua was afraid? What does God keep telling Joshua about going into the land? Are you afraid of anything? What can you do when you are afraid? Who can help you be strong and brave?

**Also read:** Psalm 56:3

**Prayer:** Thank you, God, that you are stronger and braver than anyone in our family. Thank you that when we are afraid, we can trust in you. Please help us to be strong and brave for the things that scare us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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### Day Two – The Fame of God

**Today's reading:** Pages 84-86

**This reading covers:** Joshua 2

**Summary:** Even people who don't know God have heard about God

**Do together:** Open up the newspaper and find an article about someone that you can safely read to the family. Do we know this person? Do we know *about* this person? We can know about other people because friends tell us things or we read about them in the paper.

**Think about:** Our Bible story tells us about a lady named Rahab. Rahab had never seen any of the wonderful things that God had done for the Israelite people. She had never prayed to God herself, but she had heard about the things that their mighty God had done. She knew that God was so mighty and so powerful that she wanted him on her side. She hid the spies and took care of them so their God would be glad.

Do you have any friends who do not know God? Maybe we could pray that they would know him because of us. We can show them that God loves them, just like the children of Israel did for Rahab.

**Also read:** Romans 5:8

**Prayer:** Dear God we are so happy that we know you. Please help us to show our friends who you are. Please help us to show our friends your love. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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### Day Three – Strange Battle Plan

**Today's reading:** Page 87

**This reading covers:** Joshua 6

**Summary:** We don't understand God's ways

**Do together:** Have everyone work together to build a simple wall from blocks or Lego's. Then, as everyone marches around the wall tell the children that when you say go, they should all whistle and click their tongues. After the kids obey this simple command act very surprised that the wall is still standing.

I wonder why the wall did not come tumbling down? I wonder why it is still standing tall and sturdy when we clicked our tongues and whistled.

**Think about:** Help the kids to realize that our ways are not the same as God's ways. In order for the wall to come down you would have had to make it fall with your hand or your foot. God can do things that we cannot. We don't understand it, but we accept it because it is true.

**Also read:** 2 Samuel 22:31

**Prayer:** Father, you are a mighty God. You are strong, and smart, and you can do things that we cannot do. We thank you that we can trust you to do things your way, even when they seem very strange to us. In Jesus' name, Amen.