

# St. Mark's Noah's Park

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Hey Friends,

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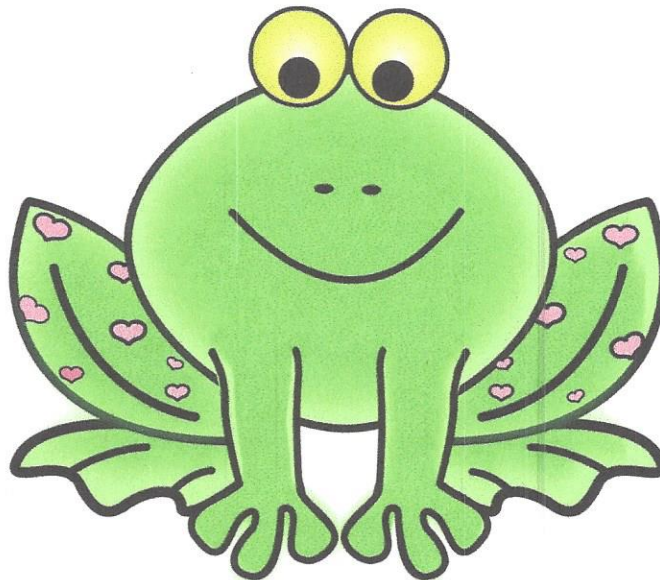
I just heard that we will not be able to meet for the next three (3) Sundays, because St. Mark's is closed, just like your schools are closed. So, since we cannot meet in person, I thought I would send you a packet filled with a fun story, crafts, and more.

If you remember last week, we left Joshua, Caleb, the other 10 spies, and all of the Israelites in the wilderness for 40 years; and they do not want to wait another three (3) weeks to move ahead.

So, take a moment, round up your family, and let's find out what happened to Joshua.

I hope you enjoy.

Ponder



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## Play Silly Directions with your family.

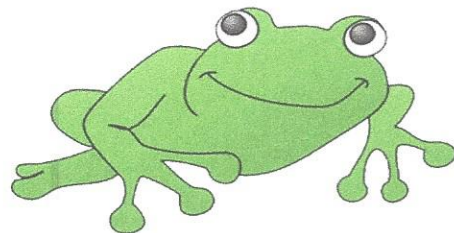
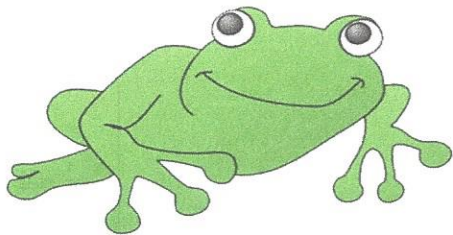
Let's start by putting your left arm all the way around your back and put your right elbow on your knee. Now walk in a circle quacking like a duck. Who was the silliest?

Now, stand up and jump up and down while wiggling your ears, blinking your eyes, and saying the alphabet backwards. How did you do? Are you sure you were wiggling your ears?

Those were really silly directions, and sometimes people give us directions that don't really make sense to us when we are ask to do something, kind of like the current school and church closings; but if we listen to these directions they will make sense later and keep us safe.

Did you know that Jesus gave us directions on how we should treat others? See how many of Jesus' directions you can follow.

- When your brother or sister does something bad to you, do something good for them in return.
- When you watch TV with your family, look around the room and take the worst seat, not the best.
- Don't ask someone to get something for you, instead, get up, get it yourself, but don't get it just for yourself ask the rest of your family if you can get them something.
- Instead of trying to be first, try to be last.



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## Strange Instructions

Joshua 5:13 – 6:27

The Israelites just spend 40 years in the wilderness, because of their bad decision not to listen to Joshua and Caleb. Moses has passed away, and Joshua is now their leader.

Joshua is now ready to lead the Israelites into their "Promise Land"; but they need to invade Jericho. The only problem is, is that the city of Jericho has really strong walls all the way around the city. How would they get in? Well, God had a plan.

God told Joshua to have the people march around the city wall for seven days. If you were Joshua, what would you have thought of this plan? How will you convince the people to march a round Jericho for seven days? How would you have explained to the people that they will be able to knock down the wall around Jericho just by walking around it for seven days?

Well, Joshua didn't complain he just did what God told him to do and put his faith in God. Because Joshua believed; the people believe too. The Israelites walked around the city of Jericho for seven days and on the seventh day they walked around the city seven times without saying a word. Then after they finished walking around Jericho for the seventh time the priests blew a long blast on their ram's horns and then all of the Israelites shouted as loud as they could shout.

What do you think happened?

If you guessed that the wall fell down, you are correct. The strong wall around Jericho collapsed and came tumbling down. So the Israelites were able to walk right into the city and they were able to live in the wonderful land God had promised them.

If you were an Israelites and Joshua told you to follow God's directions to walk around the city for seven days what would you have done? Would you have obeyed without complaining?

What can you learn from this lesson?





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## This Week's Memory Verse

"if you pay attention to these laws and are careful to follow them, then the Lord your God will keep His covenant of love with you, as He swore to your ancestors."

Deuteronomy 7:12

Try making your own Wall of Words with the words in this week's Memory Verse. What you will need are rectangular pieces of paper and markers or crayons.

1. Write all of the words in this week's memory verse on the rectangular pieces of paper
2. Arrange them like stones in a wall so you can read the memory verse
3. Say the memory verse seven times, then
4. Scramble the words up
5. See if you can rebuild the wall without looking at the memory verse

## Share and Prayer "Praise God" stones

Cut out the stones on the enclosed sheet, write a different items that God has given you and your family on each stone, and place them around your house.

Each time you find one of the "Praise God" stones, take a moment to thank God for blessing you.

## Jericho Rubble Snack

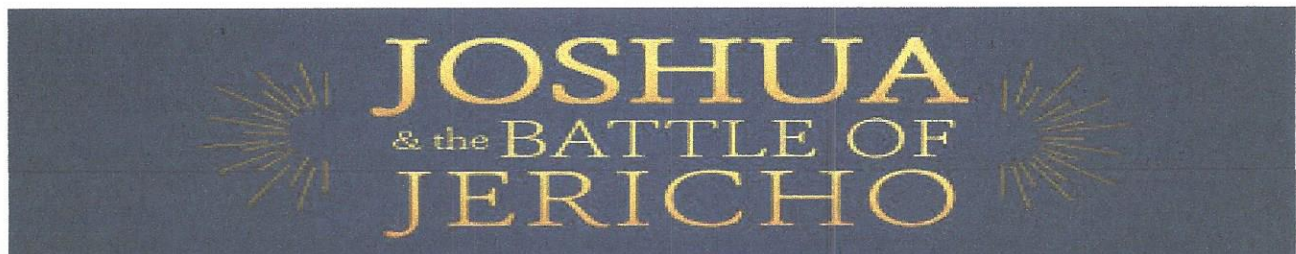
Try making this snack for your family, but check with your parents first.

1. Pour some pretzel bites in a large bowl
2. Add some raisins
3. Add some potato sticks
4. Mix the ingredients
5. Share with your family

Just for fun, pretend you are an Israelites marching around the walls of Jericho and all you have to eat is your Jericho Rubble!

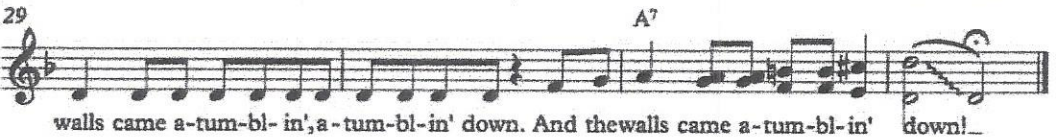
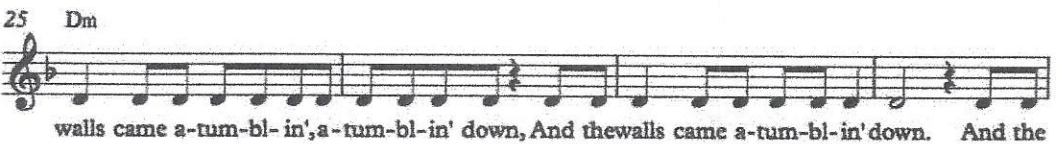
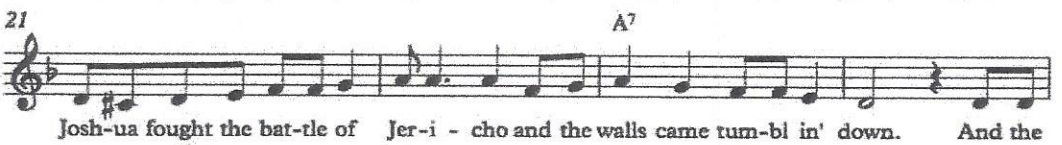
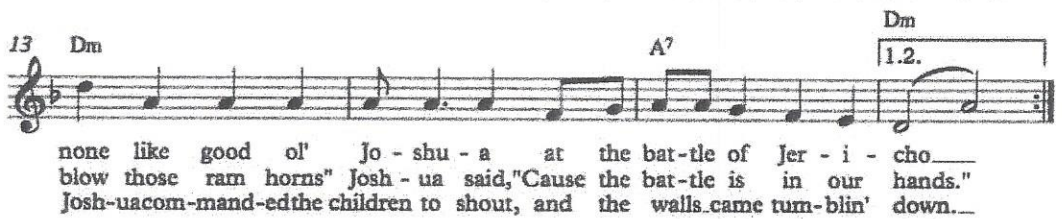
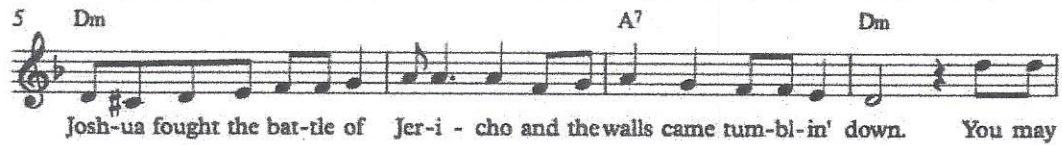
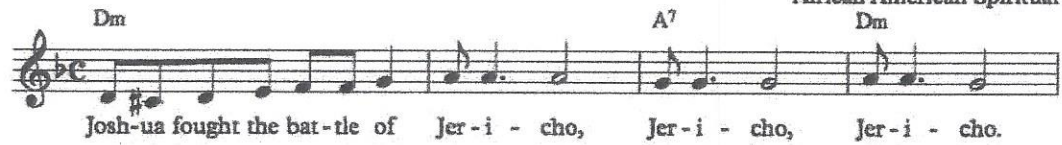
## Battle of Jericho Trumpets

Cut out the megaphone that is enclosed and color your horn. Ask your parents to help you roll your megaphone into a cone and tape the edges, then give a shout!



# Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho

African American Spiritual





# The Fall of Jericho

Lesson 31

Joshua 5-6



There are some things missing from this picture. Can you draw them in?

Can you match the clues with the mixed up words in the sevens? When you've done that, number them to show the right order.

This is the day that the walls fell down

DAN  
S  
A  
L

The people did this when the trumpets were blown

RIJE  
H  
O

CIL  
S  
N  
E  
E

The priests blew these

MRT  
E  
S  
T  
U  
P

The people walked round in .....

TIE  
S  
R  
P  
S

The Israelites captured this city

SHE  
T  
E  
V  
N

Some of these carried the ark of God

DO  
T  
E  
S  
U  
H

An angel told Joshua to take these off

Why are there so many 'sevens' in this puzzle? Look in Joshua chapter 6. How many times is 'seven' mentioned?



