



A NEW LEADER FOR ISRAEL



THE WALLS FALL DOWN

Activity 1

Family discussion - Bravery

Ask each other these questions:

- What's the bravest thing you've ever done?
- Who in the family has done the bravest thing?
- How did you feel before doing the brave thing?
- Have you ever done anything brave for God?
- Did you ask for God's help to do the brave thing?

In the last two weeks we have learned that since God delivered the people from being slaves in Egypt, all they had done was complain and worry and doubt God. They even wished they'd stayed in Egypt. In today's story we find that the people are at last ready to be brave and trust God. Their leader Joshua is strong and courageous and ready to lead the people into the promised land.

Activity 2

Story time

Watch the video at

<https://www.rippleconnor.org.uk/all-aboard-bitesized/>

Activity 4

Prayer Activity - God with us!

From <http://flamecreativekids.blogspot.com/search/label/Joshua>

You will need

sheet of paper, watered-down liquid paint, paintbrushes, wax crayons

What to do

Read out this verse from Joshua 1:9
Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.

Screw the piece of paper up into a ball. Open the paper out and look at all the creases. Rub a crayon over the creases and they will pick up the colour. Think about times when life has seemed a bit like this creased up piece of paper; when things have gone wrong in life, or when things have been hard or painful. Choose a paint colour to represent God and use it to paint over the top of the creases until all the white paper has been covered.

Even though you can still see the creases, the 'God' colour is right there alongside you and next to you, surrounding you.

As you paint your colour over the creases pray this prayer:

Lord God, when I need to be brave and courageous, help me to know you are with me, Amen.

Activity 3

Challenge

The people trusted and obeyed God and because of that they were able to see God helping them in a miraculous way. The walls of Jericho collapsed with a shout and a blowing of trumpets. This challenge is also about knocking a wall down in an unusual way!

You will need

Balloons, 19 paper cups, timer

What to do

Build a "wall" on a table using paper cups (10 cups in a row with 9 on top works well). Each player in your family takes a balloon and blows it up fully but doesn't tie it. Make sure you hold your inflated balloon without letting the air escape. To play, stand beside the 'wall of cups' and release the air from your balloon trying to knock down the wall of paper cups with the blast of air. If the balloon is deflated before knocking down all the cups you must blow up your balloon again and keep going. The objective of the game is to be the quickest to fully demolish the "wall", using only air from their balloons. Players are not allowed to touch the cups. The "wall" is fully demolished when all the cups are either lying on their sides or have fallen off the table. Time each player and then compare times at the end.