

GOD'S HELPER

Timeless Truth: God's power, not our own, wins the battle.

Bible Basis: Joshua 1:10–11; 2:1–24

Key Verse: Be strong and very brave. Make sure you obey the whole law. ... Then you will have success everywhere you go. —Joshua 1:7 NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 7: "God's Helper"

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 7 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child experience the Bible story through acting it out. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

God sent help for his people. God sends me to help others too.

TABLE TALK

- **What did God do that was amazing in this story?** (*The walls of Jericho fell down when the people walked around it and blew horns.*)
- **How did God help his people?** (*He helped protect the spies by sending them to Rahab's house. Then he helped the spies protect Rahab.*)
- **How does God help you?**
- **How can you help others?**

LIVING FAITH

This week's Bible story is a fun one to act out. Build the walls of Jericho using blocks, facial tissue boxes, couch cushions, or any other household items that would make good walls. Your wall can be a straight line or a circle. Dress up if you want. Bath robes, towels, or old sheets make good Bible-time clothes. Walk around the walls seven times, pretending to blow trumpets. After you have marched around the walls, shout for joy as you knock down the walls. As you clean up the walls of Jericho that you knocked down, discuss how God knocked down the walls of Jericho and helped his people.

EXTRA MILE

Build the walls of Jericho with cheese slices and crackers. As you eat the walls of Jericho, talk about how God helped his people and how he helps you.

Sometimes God helps us through other people. Talk about someone your preschooler knows that needs help. What can your family do to help? Decide on something you (and your preschooler) can do to help that person.

Read books about helping. Ask your child what the character is doing to help or not help in the situation.

Help your child remember part of the key verse using these motions.

Be strong (*Show your arm muscles.*)

And very brave. (*Do a superhero pose.*)

Joshua 1:7 (*Open hands like a book.*)