

FAMILY CONNECTION

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

SCRIPTURE | Joshua 6:1-21

SESSION SUMMARY

This week's lesson brings us to a familiar story that might seem a bit strange to us: the Israelites' defeat of Jericho. Like many other biblical accounts, the victory was clearly God's. The instructions might've seemed strange to God's people, but they obeyed. We can trust that victory in God is better than any victory we could earn. Here are the main points:

- God gives us instructions for our battles (Josh. 6:1-5).
- The victory is God's (Josh. 6:15-21).

CONVERSATION QUESTIONS

- Why is it important for our family to understand that God's ways won't always make sense to us, but they are always for our good? How does the story of the victory over Jericho help with that?
- When has living life God's way made you feel silly or left out? How can we encourage one another to live out biblical truth no matter what?
- What are some ways we can remind each other that our spiritual victories ultimately belong to God? Why does this matter?

FAMILY CHALLENGE

Search online and find a list of funny laws in your state. Jot down one or two laws per family member, writing each one on an individual index card. Shuffle the cards and place them at the center of a table. Invite each family member to draw a card when it's his or her turn. They have to make up a story that shows the reason that law was created without actually sharing the law. Then, the rest of the family has to guess the wacky law. Even laws from long ago once had a purpose. Sometimes rules and instructions are hard to follow when we can't see the "why" behind them. But we can always trust that God's "why" is ultimately His glory and our good.