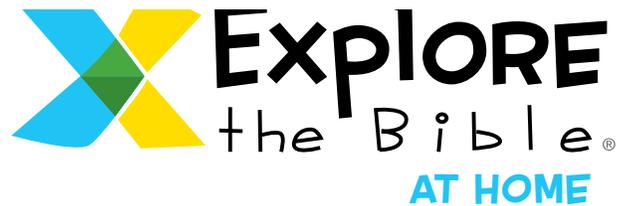


FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8, 2018



BIBLE STORY:

Joshua 2; 6

BIBLE VERSE:

Psalm 28:8a

BABIES—PRESCHOOL TEXT TRUTH:

God shows people what to do.

YOUNGER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

We should trust and obey God.

OLDER KIDS TEXT TRUTH:

When we truly trust God, we obey God completely.

ADULT CORE PASSAGE:

Acts 22:3-8,15-22

FAMILY MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 22:15

FAMILY READING PLAN:

SUNDAY: *Acts 26:1-7*

MONDAY: *Acts 26:8-11*

TUESDAY: *Acts 26:12-18*

WEDNESDAY: *Acts 26:19-23*

THURSDAY: *Acts 26:24-32*

FRIDAY: *Acts 27:1-6*

SATURDAY: *Acts 27:7-12*

FAMILY BIBLE EXPLORATION

Share these points as you study Joshua and Acts together as a family:



- **An odd request.** After Joshua and the people crossed the river and entered the promised land, God gave Joshua another task to complete. The task this time was one of battle, and the battle plan was a bit odd. Joshua and the priests and leaders were to march around the city of Jericho once a day for six days. On the seventh day, the same would happen, except the march this time would require seven trips around the city. After the marching on this day, trumpets would blast, the people would shout, and God would send victory.
- **Faithful obedience.** The people responded with obedience to this battle plan and as they faithfully completed the task God had given them, God provided the victory He had promised. The walls of Jericho fell and the people of Israel took the city as God intended. Their move into the promised land had begun.
- **Rahab.** God placed a woman, Rahab, inside the city. As two men spied the city before the battle, Rahab invited them in and told them that she knew God had given the city over to Israel. Rahab hid the spies while men from the city came looking for them. In exchange for Rahab's help, the men promised that she and her household would be saved if she hung a scarlet cord from her window in the wall.
- **Salvation.** Salvation came to Rahab and her family. As Israel entered Jericho, Rahab and all those who lived in her house were saved. Similar to this salvation, Paul shares a story in Acts 22 of his miraculous salvation. Paul identified himself as one opposed to the gospel and as one who was convinced that he was right. Paul went on to share about his salvation and being confronted by Jesus Christ and his subsequent commissioning to preach the gospel to the Gentiles. God had granted him new life in Christ and a new focus for his mission of sharing the gospel. Joshua and Paul both trusted God and were obedient to His commands. We should also trust and obey God in our daily lives.