

 THE FALL OF JERICO (JOSHUA) 	
CHARACTER LESSON 22	
Joshua 6:1–27; Hebrews 11:30	Hebrews 11:30
BIBLICAL PASSAGE	MEMORY VERSE
By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the people had marched around them for seven days. Hebrews 11:30	

Studies show that teenagers today, known as Generation Y, tend to be a little more focused on their futures, with concerns related to education and job availability. This generation has much more of a big picture view than the generation just before them, Generation X. Some of this may have to do with the fact that many in Generation Y are being raised by parents of the Baby Boomer generation. Baby Boomers have always valued a plan.

Read Joshua 6:1–27. God didn't give Joshua and the people of Israel a reason why they marched around the walls of Jericho for seven days—He just said to do it. After the long blast of the trumpets by the priests, God said the walls would collapse.

Sometimes God leads us to do something that doesn't make a whole lot of sense. God has a plan, but we have difficulty determining the why of that plan. Today's teenagers might really have problems with the plan that God outlined for Joshua and the people of Israel. However God does not typically explain why He is doing something He expects only that we will trust Him and obey His instructions.

Maybe the most difficult, and perhaps the most valuable, thing we can teach our children is to follow God's leadership by example. When our teens see us following God in something seemingly unreasonable, they may ask why. Our response needs to be, "Because God told me to do it and I trust Him for the outcome. Let's watch and see what He will do."

FAMILY DEVOTION TIME

Connect . . .

The family discusses times when God has required them as individuals, or as a family, to follow a plan He laid out for them. Some questions to answer are: **What did God call on you to do? What sacrifices had to be made in order to be obedient? Did you know where God's plan was leading you? Did you obey? What were the end results?**

Explore . . .

Family members read Joshua 6:1–27. The family discusses: **What were the details outlined in God's plan for Joshua and the people of Israel in conquering Jericho? What made the plan so unusual? Did the Israelites ask questions? Did they obey? What were the end results?**

Transform . . .

The family continues discussion, asking: **Do I really need the details of where God is leading when He issues an assignment to me? What is it about God that I know I can trust?**

Pray together that your family will grow in trust and obedience, encouraging each other as you seek to respond in faith and obedience to God.

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