

God is: Faithful!

The sixth attribute series is that **God is** mean to be “**faithful?**” be dependable, true, All throughout the Bible faithful: to Abraham, and Israelites, and ultimately through Jesus Christ. We fully trusted and relied



we will be learning in our **FAITHFUL!** What does it Being **faithful** means to trust-worthy, and loyal. we see how God is Moses, and the to the whole world serve a God who can be upon because **HE IS**

FAITHFUL! Today we will look at the continuing story of the Israelites new leader, Joshua, and how God showed His **faithfulness** to His people at the city of Jericho.

Scripture Lesson: Joshua 6 The Fall of Jericho

The story of the fall of Jericho can be found in the book of Joshua, chapter 6, in your NIV Bible. It can also be found in the Egermeier Bible on pages 133-136, or on pages 108-1115 in the Jesus Storybook Bible.

Memory verse: Lamentations 3:23

“They are new every morning; GREAT IS YOUR FAITHFULNESS!”

Thinking about it:

The Israelites and Joshua had recently lost their long-time leader, Moses, and they found themselves at the edge of the Promised Land, the land of Canaan. Something VERY LARGE stood in their way, however: the city of Jericho! Jericho was a large, powerful walled city just beyond the Jordan River in present-day northeastern Israel. Jericho, also referred to as the “city of palms” because of its free-flowing springs and vegetation, was an oasis in the midst of the surrounding desert, and a desired location for travelers and roaming attackers. Its walls ranged from 13 to 28 feet depending on where one was along the fortification, and it appeared vast and unbeatable. When the people saw it they must have wondered how they would EVER occupy Canaan, and yet **GOD TOLD THEM THAT HE HAD ALREADY GIVEN THE CITY OF JERICO TO THEM!!!** (verse 2). He promised them Canaan as the Promised Land, and He remained **FAITHFUL** to His promise, even when it looked impossible to them!

- **Why was Jericho difficult to defeat?**
- **Who told Joshua how Jericho would be defeated?**
- **How did God instruct Joshua and the Israelites to behave? How many days was it to take them?**
- **What happened to the city?**
- **What did the Israelites do to all the plunder from Jericho?**

- Going back to verse 2, what did God say to Joshua about Jericho?
- How did that show God's faithfulness to the Israelites?

Video suggestions: God's Story: Joshua and the Fall of Jericho
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ruqGz1480uc>
 Joshua and the Conquest of Jericho
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgNrlxh0FEQ>
 What Really Happened at Jericho: Drive-Thru History
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bg_W-YhZltU

Activity: The following activities can be found online at various websites.

"Crafting the Word of God" has several activities, including an Ark of the Covenant that kids can make. The craft and template can be found part-way down the page at this site:

<https://craftingthewordofgod.com/category/bible-crafts/ot-crafts/joshua/>

Calvary curriculum.com Coloring pages and other activities at this site:

<http://calvarycurriculum.com/pdf/Curriculum/Original/Curriculum/CURR058.PDF>

Prayer: Wonderful God, we praise You for Your **FAITHFULNESS** to us and to our spiritual ancestors that we learn about from Your Word. You have shown them and us over and over that **YOU ALONE** can be trusted, **YOU ALONE** are dependable and true, and that **YOU ALONE** are loyal to Your people and Your word. **THANK YOU** for remaining faithful to us even when we fail You, and **THANK YOU** for giving us new chances to draw close to You! In Jesus name, AMEN.



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