



# God Gives Victory Over Jericho

Joshua 6:1-27

Infants and toddlers naturally live in a state of vulnerability and dependency on others. They can do almost nothing for themselves and depend on parents, teachers, and even older siblings to exercise power on their behalf. Simple acts such as changing a diaper, offering a snack, or helping a child reach a toy on a shelf can be a tangible example of how someone can use his or her power for the benefit of others. And when you do that, you're laying a foundation for children to understand how God uses his power to help them, too.

## INFANT

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Joshua's Horn</b> Learn about God's power through Joshua's horn.	<b>Teacher Pack:</b> party horn	
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Horn Practice</b> Learn to blow into an imaginary horn.	blanket	
	<b>Flatten the Wall</b> Topple a block wall like Jericho's wall.	blocks	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

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**Bible Point**  
God is powerful.

**Key Verse**  
"Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5:6-7).

**Weaving Faith Into Life**  
Children will realize God is more powerful than anything.





## TODDLER

LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Day Seven Countdown</b> Count to seven as they learn about the Israelites' march around Jericho.	Bible, chair <b>Teacher Pack:</b> party horn	Set a chair in the middle of the area where you'll gather toddlers.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Paper-Cone Horns</b> Create horns like the Israelites' trumpets used in Jericho.	tape, crayons, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Paper-Cone Horn" handout (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	<b>Jericho Knockdown</b> Build a wall around people and animals; then topple it.	blocks, toy people, toy animals	Gather a pile of blocks and some toy people and animals in one corner of the room.
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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**2-YEAR-OLD**



LESSON	WHAT CHILDREN DO	SUPPLIES	EASY PREP
<b>1</b> Getting Started	<b>Sing and Celebrate</b> Listen to or sing praise songs.	CD player <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
<b>2</b> Bible Exploration	<b>Quiet and Loud in Jericho</b> March quietly and then loudly as they pretend to march around Jericho's wall.	Bible, blocks <b>Teacher Pack:</b> "God Gives Victory Over Jericho" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack), party horn 	Bring a large pile of blocks to the area where you'll gather children.
<b>3</b> Weaving Faith Into Life	<b>Celebration Horns</b> Decorate paper horns to celebrate God's power.	tape, crepe paper cut into 4-inch strips, markers, scissors, blocks, My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Paper-Cone Horn" handout (at the end of the lesson)	Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.
	<b>Jericho March</b> Follow the leader, and celebrate God with horns and music.	CD player, paper horns from the "Celebration Horns" activity <b>Teacher Pack:</b> CD	
	<b>Weaving Faith at Home</b> Take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages.	My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)	

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**INFANT**

**1 GETTING  
STARTED**

# Sing and Celebrate

## What You'll Do


Sing or listen to “Oh, When We March” (track 17 on the CD) to the tune of “When the Saints Go Marching In” anytime during the lesson. Sing as you play with an active baby, holding baby’s feet and moving his or her legs in a gentle marching motion.

 Oh, when we march around that wall,  
Oh, when we march around that wall,  
We know that God will give us the vict’ry,  
When we march around that wall.

Oh, when we blow our trumpets loud,  
Oh, when we blow our trumpets loud,  
We know that God will give us the vict’ry,  
When we blow our trumpets loud.

Afterward, say: ► **GOD IS POWERFUL. He gives us the victory.**

Sing “God Is Powerful” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Bingo” anytime during the lesson. Sing while holding a baby on your lap. Help the baby clap to the rhythm of the song.

 God is watching over us.  
God loves us one and all.  
God is powerful.  
God is powerful.  
God is powerful.  
God loves us one and all.

Afterward, say: ► **GOD IS POWERFUL. He’s watching over us.**



## Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player

### Teacher Pack

CD: “Oh, When We  
March” (track 17)





### Joshua's Horn Supplies

Teacher Pack  
party horn

### Horn Practice Supplies

blanket

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Joshua's Horn

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Hold an infant on your lap. Show the baby the party horn. Say: **This is a horn.** Let the baby touch and hold the horn. Take the horn back, and hold it to your lips. Without blowing through the horn, hum into the horn the song "God Is Powerful" (see previous activity) to the tune of "Bingo."

Say: **Joshua and the children of Israel marched around the city of Jericho for seven days.** Whisper: **On the first six days they were quiet.** Hold your finger to your lips, and say: **Shh.** Help baby imitate you. **On the seventh day, they marched around the city again and then blew their horns.** Hold the party horn up to your mouth, and hum through the horn without blowing through it. **God's great power knocked the wall down.** ► **GOD IS POWERFUL!** Help baby reach his or her arms up high to show how big and powerful God is.

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Horn Practice

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Have an infant sit or lie on a blanket in front of you.

Say: **God knocked the wall of Jericho down when the Israelites blew on their horns.** **Can you blow?** Pucker your lips in an exaggerated way. Hold your lips in that position, and catch the baby's eye. While holding that position, blow puffs of air. Encourage baby to imitate you. Then gently blow on the baby's arm. **This is what air feels like when it's blown.** Praise the baby for trying to blow like you.

Say: **Soon you'll be able to blow a horn the way the Israelites blew their horns.** **You'll be able to let the whole world know that** ► **GOD IS POWERFUL!**



## Flatten the Wall

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Place a stack of blocks in front of a baby.

Say: **Let's build a wall just like Jericho's wall.** Quickly stack the blocks on top of each other in a long, low wall. **God's power brought the wall of Jericho down. Let's knock down this wall.** Help baby knock portions of the wall over. Continue to remind him or her that ► **GOD IS POWERFUL.**

Cuddle the baby on your lap.

Say: **Knocking down the Jericho wall was fun! Let's pray to thank God for his power. Thank you, God, for your power. You have the power to take care of us. I pray that you'll help [baby's name] see your power in [his or her] life. Thank you for being near us and for loving us. In Jesus' name, amen.**

## Weaving Faith at Home

Have children take home their "Growing With Jesus" pages. Encourage parents to do the activities with children to help them grow with Jesus. By working together and focusing on the same goals, you and parents can help children weave faith into their lives!

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### TODDLER

## 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Sing or listen to "Oh, When We March" (track 17 on the CD) to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In" anytime during the lesson. As you sing, lead toddlers in the motions in parentheses.

🎵 **Oh, when we march around that wall,** (*march in place*)  
**Oh, when we march around that wall,** (*march in place*)  
**We know that God will give us the vict'ry,** (*point up*)  
**When we march around that wall.** (*march in place*)



### Flatten the Wall Supplies

blocks

### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the "Growing With Jesus" page (at the end of the lesson)

### Weaving Faith at Home Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 13 pages from each My Bible Snuggles student book.

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
**Teacher Pack**  
CD: "Oh, When We March" (track 17)





Oh, when we blow our trumpets loud, *(cup hands around mouth like a trumpet)*  
 Oh, when we blow our trumpets loud, *(cup hands around mouth like a trumpet)*  
 We know that God will give us the vict'ry, *(point up)*  
 When we blow our trumpets loud. *(cup hands around mouth like a trumpet)*

Afterward, say: ► **GOD IS POWERFUL. He gives us the victory.**

Sing "God Is Powerful" (not on the CD) to the tune of "Bingo" anytime during the lesson. Have children sit on the ground and pat their knees as you sing the song with them.

🎵 **God is watching over us.**  
**God loves us one and all.**  
**God is powerful.**  
**God is powerful.**  
**God is powerful.**  
**God loves us one and all.**

Afterward, say: ► **GOD IS POWERFUL. He's watching over us.**

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

### Day Seven Countdown

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Invite a few toddlers to join you. Open your Bible to Joshua 6:1-27, and show children the words. Tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **The Bible says Joshua carried a horn around the wall of Jericho.** Hold up the party horn for toddlers to see. **This is a horn. God promised the people of Israel he would give them the city of Jericho. So when it was time for them to go into the city, they walked around the city wall for seven days. Let's march around our city.** Hold hands with toddlers and walk around the chair as you count to seven. It isn't necessary to actually walk around the chair seven times. Encourage children to count with you.

Say: **On the seventh day, God said the people should blow their horns** (blow into the party horn), **and God would make the walls fall down. The Israelites obeyed God. They marched around the city one more time. Let's march around the city again, one last time, and blow the horn.** Hold hands with toddlers and walk around the chair one more time. Then blow into the party horn. After you blow the horn, start to pound your hands on the chair. Encourage toddlers to join you. **That big wall made a loud noise and came tumbling down!** Shake the chair; then carefully turn the chair on its side, avoiding toddlers who are standing around it. **Mighty God loved his children so much that he brought the wall down, just as he promised.** ► **GOD IS POWERFUL!**

#### Day Seven Countdown Supplies

Bible  
 chair  
**Teacher Pack**  
 party horn

#### Day Seven Countdown Easy Prep

Set a chair in the middle of the area where you'll gather toddlers.







If children enjoyed the activity, you may wish to retell a shortened version of what happened and knock the chair over again.



### 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

## Paper-Cone Horns

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **Today we're going to make horns to remind us of the horns Joshua and the people of Israel blew around Jericho.** Give each toddler a "Paper-Cone Horn" handout to color with crayons. As each child finishes, tape the page into a cone-shaped horn.

Say: **You can use this horn to make noises just as the Israelites did. Try saying, "Toot, toot, toot" with me.** Show toddlers how to hold the horns to their lips and say "toot, toot, toot" into them. **Toot, toot, toot! Our ► GOD IS POWERFUL! Toot, toot, toot! God broke that wall down.**

## Jericho Knockdown

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Call two or three toddlers over to you. Say: **God cared for the Israelites by showing his power. He knocked over the wall of Jericho. The wall around the city of Jericho was big and thick. Let's build Jericho's wall around these people and animals.** Have toddlers help you build a block wall around the toy people and animals. Encourage toddlers to make the wall thick and strong with lots of blocks.

Say: **These animals and people must feel safe and protected by this wall. I bet they think no one can get to them, just as the people of Jericho must've felt. God's power knocked over the wall of Jericho. Let's show God's power by knocking over this wall when I count to three.** Count to three, and help toddlers knock over the wall. Say: **► GOD IS POWERFUL!**

Repeat this activity as long as toddlers are interested.

### Paper-Cone Horns Supplies

tape  
crayons  
My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
"Paper-Cone Horn"  
handout (at the end of  
the lesson)

### Paper-Cone Horns Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 13  
pages from each My  
Bible Snuggles student  
book.

### Jericho Knockdown Supplies

blocks  
toy people  
toy animals

### Jericho Knockdown Easy Prep

Gather a pile of blocks  
and some toy people  
and animals in one  
corner of the room.





### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

My Bible Snuggles or 1 copy per child of the “Growing With Jesus” page (at the end of the lesson)

### Sing and Celebrate Supplies

CD player  
Teacher Pack  
CD: “Oh, When We March” (track 17)

## Weaving Faith at Home

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### 2-YEAR-OLD

## 1 GETTING STARTED

## Sing and Celebrate

### What You’ll Do ■■■■■■


Sing or listen to “Oh, When We March” (track 17 on the CD) to the tune of “When the Saints Go Marching In” anytime during the lesson. Before you sing, have 2-year-olds get their marching legs ready, and show them how to make a trumpet by cupping their hands around their lips. Let them “play their trumpets” as you play the song through the first time. Then play the song again, letting children sing the words and leading them in the motions in parentheses.

 **Oh, when we march around that wall,** (*march in place*)  
**Oh, when we march around that wall,** (*march in place*)  
**We know that God will give us the vict’ry,** (*point up*)  
**When we march around that wall.** (*march in place*)

**Oh, when we blow our trumpets loud,** (*cup hands around mouth like a trumpet*)  
**Oh, when we blow our trumpets loud,** (*cup hands around mouth like a trumpet*)  
**We know that God will give us the vict’ry,** (*point up*)  
**When we blow our trumpets loud.** (*cup hands around mouth like a trumpet*)

Afterward, say: ► **GOD IS POWERFUL. He gives us the victory.**

Sing “God Is Powerful” (not on the CD) to the tune of “Bingo” anytime during the lesson. Lead children in doing the motions in parentheses. Let them shout the lines “God is powerful.”

 **God is watching over us.** (*hug self*)  
**God loves us one and all.** (*hug self*)  
**God is powerful.**  
**God is powerful.**



God is powerful.

God loves us one and all. *(clap in time to the music)*

Afterward, say: ► **GOD IS POWERFUL. He's watching over us.**

## 2 BIBLE EXPLORATION

# Quiet and Loud in Jericho

### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Gather a group of 2-year-olds together. Lay the "God Gives Victory Over Jericho" poster on the floor, and let children look at it. Ask children to help you build a wall on top of the poster. Once the wall is built, open your Bible to Joshua 6:1-27, and show children the words. Tell them the Bible is God's special book.

Say: **The Bible says when Joshua and the Israelites came to the city of Jericho, they were stopped by the wall of the city.** Lead children in marching around the room, eventually coming back up to the wall. Once you reach the wall, come to a stop. **Oh no! We're stopped by this wall, just as the Israelites were. What should we do? God promised he would give the Israelites the city of Jericho. He told them to march around the city. On the seventh day, God said to blow horns.**

**I have a horn for us to blow. Let's march! Six days we'll march without a sound. Shh!** March in a wide circle around the poster and the wall. **Don't get too close, however.** It isn't necessary to actually march around the wall six times. As you march, say: **This is the first day around the city.** Whisper: **We must be very quiet. This is the second day around Jericho and the third day. Now we're marching into the fourth day and the fifth day. We must stay quiet to obey what God said. Now it's the sixth day, and we're still marching quietly.** Stop marching, and look around. **Now it's the seventh day. Do you hear the horns?** Blow on the party horn. Start marching again. This time march very closely to the wall as you blow the horn. Carefully touch a bottom block with your foot. **That wall fell down flat! God is so powerful that he knocked down that strong wall with one horn blast! Hooray! ► GOD IS POWERFUL!** Encourage children to cheer for God's power.



### Quiet and Loud in Jericho Supplies

Bible blocks  
**Teacher Pack**  
"God Gives Victory Over Jericho" poster (from the Big Bible Poster Pack)  
party horn

### Quiet and Loud in Jericho Easy Prep

Bring a large pile of blocks to the area where you'll gather children.





### Celebration Horns Supplies

tape  
crepe paper cut into  
4-inch strips  
markers  
scissors  
blocks  
My Bible Snuggles or 1  
copy per child of the  
“Paper-Cone Horn”  
handout (at the end of  
the lesson)

### Celebration Horns Easy Prep

Remove the Lesson 13  
pages from each My  
Bible Snuggles student  
book.

### Jericho March Supplies

CD player  
paper horns from the  
“Celebration Horns”  
activity

#### Teacher Pack

CD: “Oh, When We  
March” (track 17)

## 3 WEAVING FAITH INTO LIFE

### Celebration Horns

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **Today we're going to make horns to remind us of the horns the Israelites blew as they marched around Jericho. These are celebration horns to praise God for his power. Celebration horns are colorful and fancy!** Give each child a “Paper-Cone Horn” handout and markers. Encourage children to color the handout any way they choose. When a child is finished coloring, tape the handout into a cone-shaped horn. Let children tape crepe paper strips to the outer edge of their horns. When children are finished, show them how to hold the horns to their lips and blow hard to send the crepe paper streamers flying.

Say: **You're blowing powerfully to make the streamers fly. Let's see if our blowing can knock blocks down.** Place one block in front of each child. Have him or her blow through the horn to try to move the block. **It wasn't the air from the Israelites' horns that knocked down the wall at Jericho. It was God's power that caused the wall to fall. ► GOD IS POWERFUL, and he'll use his power to help you just as he used it to help the Israelites.**

### Jericho March

#### What You'll Do ■■■■■■

Say: **We can march around the room blowing our horns just as Joshua and the Israelites marched around Jericho. I'll be the leader. Blow your horns and follow me.**

Help children form a line behind you and blow into the paper horns they made during the “Celebration Horns” activity. Play “Oh, When We March” (track 17 on the CD). Lead children in a Follow the Leader-type march around the room. As you march, encourage children to freely vocalize into their horns. At the end of each stanza of the song, stop to have everyone shout, “► **GOD IS POWERFUL!**”

🎵 **Oh, when we march around that wall,  
Oh, when we march around that wall,  
We know that God will give us the vict'ry,  
When we march around that wall.**

**Oh, when we blow our trumpets loud,  
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## Weaving Faith at Home

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### Weaving Faith at Home Supplies

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# Growing With Jesus



## Power and Power Struggles

In your child's quest for independence, he or she is bound to try to engage you in a struggle for power. The only way to win that war is to refuse to play. As a parent you're the most powerful figure in your child's life. However, your goal needs to be to assert your authority, not your power. As often as possible, offer your child acceptable options from which to choose. Doing so allows you to exercise your authority while letting your child have a sense of power over his or her life.

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Your child learned God is powerful (from Joshua 6:1-27). Your child participated in one of the following activities today. You can use these activities with your child to help your child grow with Jesus throughout the week.

### INFANT

#### Horn Practice

Have your infant sit or lie on a blanket in front of you.

Say: **God knocked the wall of Jericho down when the Israelites blew on their horns. Can you blow?** Pucker your lips in an exaggerated way. Hold your lips in that position, and catch your baby's eye. While holding that position, blow puffs of air. Encourage your baby to imitate you. Then gently blow on your baby's arm. **This is what air feels like when it's blown.**

**Soon you'll be able to blow a horn the way the Israelites blew their horns. You'll be able to let the whole world know that God is powerful!**



Use these ideas to help your child become a FaithWeaver:

- Build block walls with your child. Enjoy the fun of building and then knocking down the walls. As you play, say this rhyme:  
**God sent Joshua marching around,  
And by God's power that wall fell down!**
- As you dress your child in the morning, feel his or her arm muscles. Talk about how strong he or she is becoming. Then remind your child that God is stronger and more powerful than anyone!

### TODDLER

#### Jericho Knockdown

Gather a pile of blocks and some toy people and animals, and sit on the floor with your toddler.

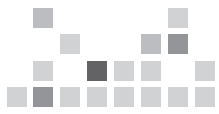
Say: **God cared for the Israelites by showing his power, knocking over the wall of Jericho. Let's build Jericho's wall around these people and animals.** Have your toddler help you build a wall around the toys. **These animals and people must feel safe and protected by this wall, just as the people of Jericho must've felt. God's power knocked over the wall of Jericho. Let's show God's power by knocking over this wall on three.** Count to three, and help your toddler knock over the wall. **God is powerful!**

### 2-YEAR-OLD

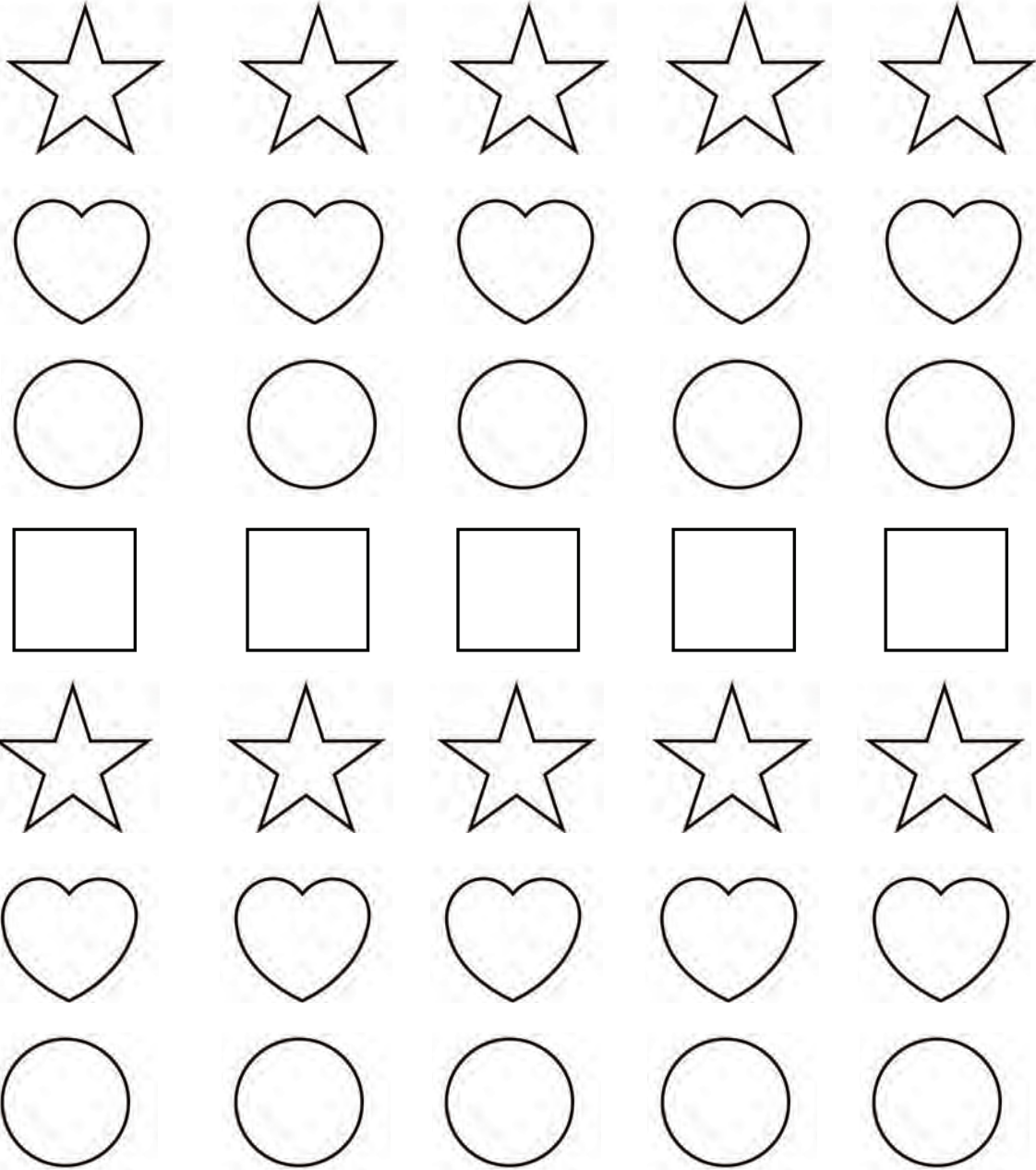
#### Jericho March

Say: **We can march around the room blowing our horns just as Joshua and the Israelites marched around Jericho. I'll be the leader. Blow your horn and follow me.**

Cup your hands around your mouth and pretend to blow a horn. Lead your child in a Follow the Leader-type march around the room. As you march, encourage your child to stop every few feet and shout, "God is powerful!"



# Paper-Cone Horn



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