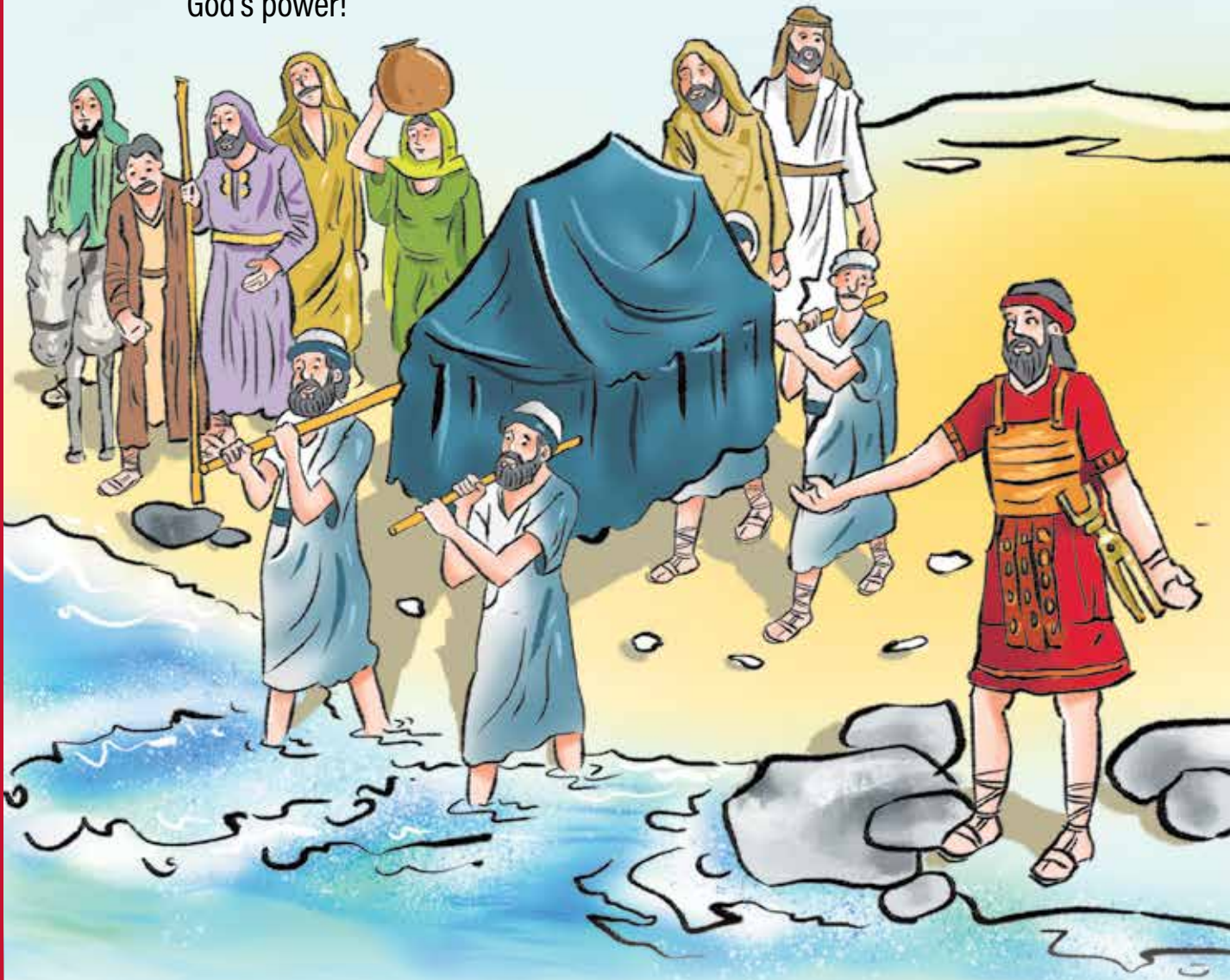




Joshua, the Conqueror

God is all powerful and when He decides, His people can achieve anything, like the victory in the battle for Jericho. We believers can only marvel at God's power!



After Moses, God chose Joshua to take His people across the River Jordan promising them the city of Jericho. God worked miracles to enable His people cross the river without a bridge.



Know Now: Joshua means “Yahweh is salvation” and it comes from the Hebrew root *yehoshua* which means Yahweh and *yeho* which means to save. After Moses died Joshua succeeded him as leader and saviour of the Israelites and he led the conquest of Canaan and his original name was Hoshea.
Book: *Joshua: No Falling Words* by Dale Ralph Davis is an exposition rooted first in a thorough analysis of the Hebrew text, employing helpful insights from archaeology and linguistics and second in the major theological and literary themes discovered in each section. Finally the author brings the fragments together in an expository treatment.

God asked Joshua to make the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant stand perfectly still in the Jordan, thus drying up its waters. Thereafter, the Israelites reached the city of Jericho, which was surrounded by high walls. God told Joshua to march with his people around the city for six days with seven priests carrying trumpets walking ahead of the Covenant.

Then, on the seventh day, God told them to go around it seven times before blowing the trumpets and giving a loud shout. Joshua did exactly as God commanded and the walls of Jericho fell down and the Israelites took over the city. Under Joshua's leadership, the Israelites continued to win battles and little by little went on to conquer the Promised Land of Canaan.



The Lord said to Joshua, “I am putting into your hands Jericho, with its king and all its brave soldiers. You and your soldiers are to march around the city once a day for six days. Seven priests, each carrying a trumpet, are to go in front of the Covenant Box. On the seventh day you and your soldiers are to march around the city seven times while the priests blow the trumpets. Then they are to sound one long note. As soon as you hear it, all the people are to give a loud shout, and the city walls will collapse. Then the whole army will go straight into the city.”

Joshua 6: 2-5

With the help of your parents learn what makes Joshua different from heroes you watch in the movies. You know Joshua was brave, courageous, and more, but what makes him a hero so different? He served God with his whole heart. After you have heard his complete story, write down how Joshua stood firm in his belief in God and how he was helped by God!



Grow in the Word with the BIBLE

The Bible has Two Parts

The Old Testament begins with the book of Genesis and the story of creation (“In the beginning”). The Old Testament tells us about our ancestors in faith, the Israelites. It is full of history (books of Kings), prayers and songs (the Psalms, prophets Isaiah, Jeremiah)



The New Testament begins with the Gospels of Mathew, Mark, Luke and John. These books tell us about the birth, life, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus. It contains the history of the early Christian Church in the Acts of the Apostles and letters written mostly by St. Paul. The last book of the Bible is called Revelation.

Are you a regular Bible reader? Do you have a favourite Bible Story? Do you know where and how to find it? Bible Citations (**sigh-TAY-shuns**) show you how to find a verse or a longer passage in the Bible. If you are asked to find **2 Corinthians 5:17** then here are steps to find it:

1. FIND THE BOOK

Example: **2 Corinthians**

Say: Second **Cor-IN-thee-ins**.

Hint: Look in the New Testament, after the Gospels and between the book of 1 Corinthians and Galatians

2. FIND THE CHAPTER

Example: **2 Corinthians 5**

Say: Second **Corinthians**, chapter five.

Hint: The chapter is the first number after the name of the book

3 FIND THE VERSE NUMBERS

Example: **2 Corinthians 5:17**

Say: Second **Corinthians**, five, seventeen.

Hint: The verse is the second number, found after the chapter number, they are separated by a colon (:)

If two verse numbers are separated with a hyphen (-), read all of the verses in between.

If the verse numbers are separated with a comma (,), read only the verses whose numbers are given

Try looking up some passages from the Bible on your own