



# 3RD - 5TH



## CONNECT TIME

Greet kids by name and play table games as kids arrive. Be sure to welcome any new families. Ask kids:

**Have you ever had to work on a group project where you had to trust each person in the group to do his or her part? What was the project? Was it easy to trust others or difficult? Why?**



## CRAZY SEVENS

**Start by 9:20/10:45**

Lead kids to sit in a large circle on the floor. Count off kids from 1–6, repeating as necessary. Tell kids when you call out their number, they must perform the action you give (sit ups, balance on one leg for 3 seconds, etc) then return to their spot on the floor. The last kid to return to their spot is out. Tell kids when you call out “seven,” everyone will stand up and jump up and down seven times before sitting back down. The last kid to sit down is out. Play the game as time allows.

**In the Bible, seven is a number that is used to symbolize completion. For example, God made the world in six days and rested on the seventh day because His creation was complete. In our story today, we will see how the Israelites were commanded to march around the city of Jericho for seven days. Then on the seventh day, they were told to march around the city seven times. We’ll see how Joshua and the Israelites trusted God to defeat Jericho. God’s plan brought complete victory for His people.**

**START BY**  
**9:30/10:55**

REVIEW **3** BE, LISTEN, FOLLOW



**LARGE GROUP**

# SMALL GROUP



## BIBLE REVIEW

Guide kids to open their Bibles to Hebrews 11. **The Bible shows how people from past generations trusted God by faith. Rahab was not an Israelite, but she became a part of God’s family through her faith in Him.** Choose a volunteer to read aloud Hebrews 11:30-31.

Discuss these questions with a partner first and then as a group:

- What happened to the walls of Jericho when the people obeyed God?
- How did the people show faith when they marched around the city?
- Who was Rahab, and what did she do to help God’s people?

**The Bible tells one big story about God’s plan to save His people, and the story of Jericho shows how important faith is. The Israelites and Rahab trusted God, and He gave them victory and saved them. We can trust God too, because He is faithful and works for our good when we put our faith in Jesus.**



## DISCUSSION

Tell kids to find a partner to discuss these questions with before sharing with the group.

**Why do you think God instructed the Israelites to march around the wall for seven days instead of telling them to attack the wall?** God's plan showed that only His power could save the people. It wasn't the Israelites' strength that made the walls fall—it was God! Because the people followed God's instructions, He got the glory. God always knows what is best, and we can trust Him even when we don't understand. (Option: Read Isaiah 48:11)

**Does your life show you trust God? How?** Answers will vary. We can show we trust God by depending on Him through prayer, treating others with respect, forgiving those who wrong us, sharing the gospel, hoping in His promises during hard times, and so much more. (Option: Read Isaiah 12:2)

**Are you ever tempted to think you are good enough to be saved? How?** Answers will vary. Like the Israelites were not strong enough to bring down Jericho's walls, we are not good enough to save ourselves from sin. When we trust in Jesus, we are saved from sin and death. (Option: Read Ephesians 2:8-9)



## TRUST THE DESCRIPTION

Provide each kid with a piece of paper and a pencil. Choose one kid and whisper the name of an object to her such as a pencil, stuffed bear, shoe, book, umbrella, and so on. Then direct her to describe the object without telling the group what the object is. As she describes the object, the other kids will attempt to draw what is described. Then invite kids to reveal their drawings to see if they drew the correct object. Repeat as time allows.

**You had to put your trust in someone else to give you an accurate description. In a similar way, the Israelites needed to trust God's plan to defeat Jericho. God's words and purposes are always perfect and lead us to what is best. Joshua and the Israelites trusted God to defeat Jericho. We can trust God because He is faithful and does everything for His glory and our good. When we trust in Jesus, we are saved. Faith in Jesus also changes our hearts to want to obey God and help others see His perfect ways.**



Take prayer requests and allow kids to pray.



Match parent pick-up numbers, with child name tag numbers.  
Build relationships with parents, encourage them to take a picture of the parent recap page to go over on the ride home.