



Revival Church Kids sessions: June

June 2015

Date	Theme	Learning point: What is the lesson?	Bible & 21 ref
7 th June	Rules from God	God gives us rules because he wants us to be safe and happy	Exodus 19 v 16 - 20 v 17 BBS: pg 45
14 th June	Joshua leads God's people	God will help us when we do hard jobs for him	Joshua 1 v 1 - 9 BBS: pg 47
21 st June	Over the river	God helps the people & God's special box	Joshua 3 BBS: pg 48 & 49
28 th June	The walls of Jericho	To know the story	Joshua 6 v 1 - 20 BBS: pg 50



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RULES FROM GOD

Games you might play

Quiz Steps

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No rules!

Try playing a game where nobody knows the rules! Explain that rules are needed in order to for people to live (play) well together.

Possible Activities:

Have a large tray with a lot of "dangerous" things on - kettle, sharp knife, matches etc. Talk about the fact that in most houses there will be rules about these things. Why? To keep us safe! That's the reason that God gave us a set of rules, so we don't get hurt and sad.

Play a memory game using pictures to remember the rules God gave us or play a pairs game with the cards attached

Book idea:

Look up children's versions of the ten commandments – there are some good ones!

Crafty ideas:

Get some air drying clay (usually cheap at The Works) and create your own tablets of stone.

Make a way of remembering the rules – a bracelet or a string with symbols on.

Things you might talk about:
Who gives us rules in our lives (Mum and dad, teachers etc.) We should try our best to follow them.

Food ideas:

Make the word "OBEY" from something edible (sweets on something sticky or try breaking crisps to the right letters! Tricky!) While you do, talk about what that word means



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Play a memory game - who can remember all Ten Commandments?

Tie up a large string across the room and get the children to make / model / find things that represent all 10 commandments, then see if they can remember them!

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Things you might talk about:

Talk about reasons for rules. Do you have a set of rules for your group? Why not revisit them and talk about why you have them. If you don't, why not try putting some together? What rules are there at home or school?

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Find a new house

Mats or paper on the floor are houses. Each child stand on a "house". Leader says "Find a new house if you..." (eg. Have blue eyes / are wearing socks etc). All those children have to find a new house quickly.

Possible Activities:

Follow my leader - explain that the people needed guidance / someone to follow. The Israelites needed a new leader now Moses was getting too old and he chose someone great to do that.

Think about leaders that we know. Do you think they are sometimes afraid? How can we help and encourage them?

Prayer idea:

Joshua was afraid. What are we afraid of? Write them down on paper in pencil or thin pen, then write on top in big black marker "I am with you"

Things you might talk about:

Crafty ideas:

Make a bookmark / banner / keyring / bracelet with the words "I am not afraid, God is with me" on.

Food ideas:



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Leading can be a hard job! Think about leaders that we know. Do you think they are sometimes afraid? What of? How can we help them or encourage them? How about writing letters of encouragement to leaders - church leaders, the Prime Minister, head teachers etc. Pray for them too

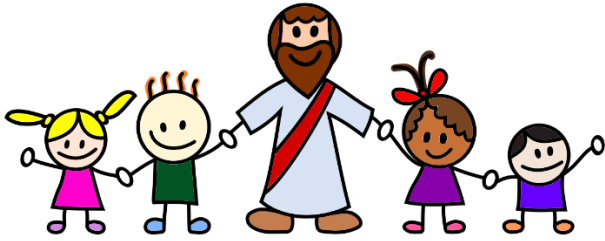
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Joshua was afraid – why? What things are you afraid of? What does God say to help Joshua? "I am with you" – he says that to us too!



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over the river

Games you might play

In the river / on the bank

Have a line that represents the edge of the river. One side is in the river, the other is on the bank. Use those 2 instructions to tell the children where to jump (repeat one occasionally so they get confused!) You can also shout "switch" and this changes which side is which!

Crafty ideas:

Make a large Ark together, or see the food idea for an edible one.

Possible Activities:

Use a large cardboard box and long poles to make a model of the Ark of the Covenant. Read about what it really looked like and what it was made of. Explain to the children how special it was - that it was the place where God's presence was! Re-enact the crossing of the sea with some blue material (if you can find some big enough!) Play a game where the children have to wait for the sea to part then run through quickly before it closes again! (If you can't find a big sheet, use 2 lines of children with their arms waving up and down in front of them to make the sea!) Take the Ark with you and sing songs!

Prayer idea:

Pray to feel God's presence more, know that he lives in us, not on a box!

Things you might talk about:

What was the special box and why was it so special?

Food ideas:

Make an edible Ark with rice crispie squares or ice cream wafers – Google "Edible Ark of the Covenant" for a few ideas



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Old Man of the Sea

Children stand at one side of the room and say "Old man of the sea, you can't catch me!" The Old man of the sea replies "I can if you..." (walk, crawl, hop, skip etc) Children have to cross to the other side of the room doing that action and the "old man" tries to catch as many as possible!

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What was in the Ark of the Covenant? What made it so special? That was the only place that people could meet with God - where can we meet with him today? What changed that?

Can you remember last time the Israelites crossed a river? What were they doing then?



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The walls of Jericho

Games you might play

Tallest tower

Who can build the tallest tower out of Whatever (eg, pasta shapes, bricks, other people, beanbags etc etc)

First one to seven

Children have to do something 7 times then make a trumpet sound. The first to complete it and make their trumpet noise is the winner! (Eg, hop 7 times, run up and down the room, touch your feet then jump in the air, spin around etc etc)

Possible Activities:

Get everyone to build some walls with wooden bricks / similar on a table in the middle of the room, then re-enact the story, walking around the table 6 times, then make some trumpet noises and knock the walls down (or wobble the table!)

Have a go at running into the walls and seeing if you can push them over - this helps to give the children an idea of how strong walls are!

Sing "Spirit break out - break our walls down"

Crafty ideas:

Make a trumpet from a cone of card. Write on "God can make strong walls fall down" and decorate it.

Food ideas:

Make the tallest sandwich from quarters of bread without it falling over!

Make a trumpet from an ice cream cone and decorate it with sweets and icing!

Video:

There are some great videos on line about this story – look up on YouTube (choose carefully, some are really annoying!)

Things you might talk about:

Talk through the story – how amazing that God did all that!



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Talk about the walls that we build around things, if you think the children can cope with the link. Not actual walls, but things that stop people getting through. What about the walls of our church – do they keep people out?

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How many times did Joshua's army actually walk around the walls? See if you can find out how far that was in total!