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JULY NEWSLETTER

Each weekend in eKidz your child learns Bible stories and truths about God in fun and engaging ways! This monthly newsletter is a tool to help you supplement at home what your child is learning in eKidz.

HOW TO USE THIS NEWSLETTER:

1. **LOCATION** - Keep the newsletter in front of you. Place it in a location that is easily seen and easy to access.
2. **SCHEDULE TIME** - Be intentional. Schedule time each week to read the Bible story, sing the songs, and do the activities.
3. **CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION** - Continue the conversation at home! Use the activity and discussion starters on the back of the newsletter to build on what your child is learning. Many times these at-home activities are based on the craft or activities your child completed in eKidz.



Turn drive time into prayer time for your toddler! Check out the **eKidz Blog** for a fun prayer activity to do while traveling.

<http://elevationekidz.com/posts/drive-time-toddler-prayers/>



'Round and 'Round

(to the tune "The Ants Go Marching")

The Israelites marched 'round and 'round (march in place)
Hurrah! Hurrah! (raise arms over your head and shake your hands)
The Israelites marched 'round and 'round (march in place)
Hurrah! Hurrah! (raise arms over your head and shake your hands)
The Israelites marched 'round and 'round (march in place)
They trusted God and the walls came down (fall to the ground)
And the walls came tumbling down,
To the ground, because God, made a way.

MONTHLY FOCUS

GOD WANTS ME TO TRUST HIM! Joshua 6:1-20

PRAYER TIME SONG

to the tune "Mary Had a Little Lamb"

Time to talk to Jesus now,
Jesus now, Jesus now.
Time to talk to Jesus now,
Quietly we'll pray.

Time for us to fold our hands,
Fold our hands, fold our hands.
Time for us to fold our hands,
Quietly we'll pray.

Time for us to bow our heads,
Bow our heads, bow our heads.
Time for us to bow our heads,
Quietly we'll pray.

March Around

(to the tune "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho")

God told Joshua to march around,
March around, march around.
God told Joshua to march around,
And the walls would come tumbling down!

Joshua trusted God and marched around,
Marched around, marched around.
Joshua trusted God and marched around,
And the walls came tumbling down!



CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION

Listed in bold are the activities your child completed in eKidz. Use the activities they completed with the information below to supplement what they are learning this month. Each activity reviews our monthly focus and Bible story, and provides you focused interaction with your child.

July 7th and 8th: Joshua's Men and the Wall [crown]

Use the Joshua's Men and the Wall crown to review the Bible story with your toddler. Sit on the floor with your toddler and put the crown in the center. Point to the stone wall and say, "Joshua and his men needed to get into the city of Jericho but there was a HUGE stone wall. God told Joshua to walk around the wall once each day for six days. Let's march around the wall six times." Stand up and march around the wall (crown), each time counting out loud the time around. After marching six times, say, "on the seventh day, Joshua and his men marched and played trumpets and shouted. Let's march around the wall one time and make lots of noise!" March around the wall one more time, making lots of noise. Say, "after Joshua and his men march, the wall came tumbling down! Joshua trusted God. God wants us to trust Him too!"

July 14th and 15th: The Wall [coloring page]

Grab The Wall coloring page and hold up so you child can see it. Point to the people in the picture. Say, "Joshua trusted God and marched around the wall. Because Joshua trusted God and did what God said, the wall came tumbling down!" Sing the **March Around** song with your toddler.

March Around (to the tune "Joshua Fought the Battle of Jericho")

- 1** God told Joshua to march around,
March around, march around.
God told Joshua to march around,
And the walls would come tumbling down!

- 2** Joshua trusted God and marched around,
Marched around, marched around.
Joshua trusted God and marched around,
And the walls came tumbling down!

- 3** God wants me to trust Him too,
Trust Him too, trust Him too!
God wants to me to trust Him too,
With things only He can do!

- 4** Joshua fought the battle of Jericho,
Jericho, Jericho.
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho,
And the walls came tumbling down!

July 21st and 22nd: Blow the Trumpets! [activity]

Visit the eKidz Blog on Monday, July 23, to download the Bible story to read to your child. (The Bible story is also on the back of last weekends coloring page.) Have your child sit with you with the trumpet he or she brought home from eKidz. When you reach the line in the story that says, "On the seventh time around, the priests blew trumpets and Joshua led the people to shout with loud voices!" encourage your child to blow their trumpet. After you finish reading the story, say, "because Joshua trusted God and did what God said the wall came tumbling down! God wants us to trust Him, too!"

July 28th and 29th: The Falling Wall [snack]

We saw some expert builders this weekend in eKidz as your toddlers recreated an edible wall of Jericho! This week build your own edible wall with your toddler. Say, "God told Joshua and his army to march around the wall of Jericho. Let's build a wall." Spread 1/2 inch of whipped cream cheese on a plate and give your child graham crackers. Help your child stand the graham crackers up in the cream cheese to build the walls of Jericho. Say, "Joshua and his army marched for seven days, and on the seventh day played trumpets and shouted. Let's shout!" Make noise and shout. Say, "After Joshua and his army made lots of noise, the walls came tumbling down! Let's shake our wall and make it tumble down!" Help your children shake their plates. Say, "Joshua trusted God and did what He said, and we can trust God too! God wants us to trust Him!"

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