

Obeying God When It Seems Impossible

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Items needed: Plastic baggie filled with water and sealed closed, 4 or 5 sharpened pencils, and a big bowl.

Preview this [video](https://youtu.be/NlaYRT3G8Pw). (https://youtu.be/NlaYRT3G8Pw)

Bible truth: Obeying God does not always make sense, but it always works.

Bible verses: Joshua 6:2-5 - *Then the Lord said to Joshua, "See, I have delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. Do this for six days. Have seven priests carry trumpets of rams' horns in front of the ark. On the seventh day, march around the city seven times, with the priests blowing the trumpets. When you hear them sound a long blast on the trumpets, have the whole army give a loud shout; then the wall of the city will collapse and the army will go up, everyone straight in."*

1. Teach: Joshua was the leader of Israel after Moses died. The people had left Egypt, wandered in the desert for 40 years and were finally coming to the Promised Land. One big city has to be moved out of the way first: Jericho.

The Commander of the Army of the Lord appeared to Joshua and told him the battle plan. Israel was to march around Jericho once a day for 6 days. On the 7th day they were to march around the city 7 times, yell at the top of their lungs, and the walls of Jericho were going to fall down. Then Israel would be able to defeat the city and take the land.

So the plan was marching in a circle for a week, marching in a circle a whole bunch, one day, and then yelling. That was God's plan. Okay, sure! And poor Joshua had to go back to camp and convince everyone that this was the way God wanted to do it. It must have seemed like a crazy plan to Joshua, and everyone who heard him.

Trusting God is not always easy, especially when we don't know what the outcome is going to be. It's in those times we have faith and trust that God knows what is best, and DO what He asks us to do.

2. Do: Hold the bag of water up over the bowl. Ask your learners to push a pencil smoothly through the bag. If done smoothly no water will leak out.

3. Discuss: Did you expect the water to leak out when you pushed the pencil through? But it didn't, did it? When God asks us to do things that seem crazy we are often surprised by the results. Were you scared to push the pencil through? Sometimes it is scary to do what God asks us to do, but if we obey him, it will always work out.

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