

READ IT

This week's Bible story is

The Battle of Jericho

from Joshua 6:1–20.

Joshua leads the Israelites around Jericho; the walls fall down.

Ask each other what you remember about:

- Joshua
- Jericho
- Trumpet
- Ark

A ram's horn trumpet is called a shofar and was one of the earliest instruments played by the Israelites.

Read the whole story together in the Bible!

Spark Story Bible pages 252–253

Spark NRSV Bible pages 1133–1134

Family Prayer

Dear Lord, help us to imagine the wonder and grace we might achieve in true obedience to you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

TALK ABOUT IT



Family Conversations

- 1 What musical instrument would you like to play?
- 2 How does this story show our need for God?
- 3 What are some ways in which God's directions are not what we'd expect?
- 4 Make a wall out of cushions. March around it seven times and at the seventh, give a mighty shout. Can you make it fall?



Eye Spark

Where do you see musical instruments? Remember the shofar.



Ear Spark

Listen for music. Remember the walls of Jericho.

LIVE IT

For families to do together

Get out instruments for everyone—or make them with pots and pans, un-popped popcorn (or dry beans) in plastic containers, clapping hands, raised voices, etc. Put on a favorite loud song, then march and play along to the music.

For younger kids

Clap and sing along to music.

For older kids

Research other ancient instruments. What instruments besides the shofar might the people of Joshua's time have played?

