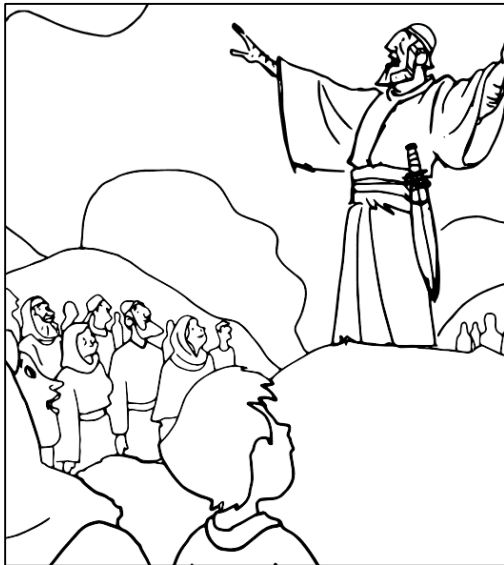


JOSHUA THE CONQUEROR

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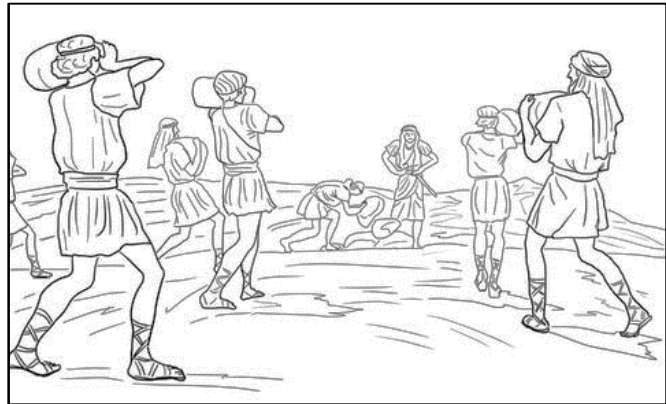


Although God has chosen Moses to liberate the people from Egyptian slavery and take them to the Promised Land, Moses died before the people could enter the promised land of Canaan. The task of conquering Canaan fell on to Joshua, whom Moses had taken along up the mountain. Though Joshua was a strong fighter, the way in which God led the battle makes it clear that the victory was of God.

The People Cross the River Jordan

After Moses died, God chose Joshua to take his place and lead them to the promised land. Joshua gathered his people and told them that in

three days they would cross the River Jordan to enter the Promised Land. The people agreed to obey him. They came to the River Jordan. There was no bridge. How could they cross the river? God spoke to Joshua. Tell the priests carrying the Ark of the Covenant to stand perfectly still as soon as their feet touch the water. Joshua did as God had commanded. As soon as the priests stepped into the water, the waters dried up and the people were able to walk across to the other side. When the people had crossed the river, God told Joshua to choose 12 men, one from each tribe and ask them to take twelve stones from the river. These twelve stones were arranged in a circle at Gilgal. They were to be a reminder to the children of Israel of the wonderful way God had brought them into the Promised Land.



Joshua leads men to capture the city of Jericho

The Lord told Joshua how he could capture the city. Jericho was a city surrounded by high walls. God spoke to Joshua. I will give you the city. This is what you must do. Every day for six days you must march once round the city. Seven priests, each carrying a trumpet, must

march once round the city. Seven priests, each carrying a trumpet, must walk in front of the covenant box. On the seventh day, you must walk round the city seven times. And when the trumpets sound, the people must give a great shout. The walls of the city will fall and Jericho will be yours"

THE WALLS FALL DOWN

Joshua gave the people this order, and they did exactly as God had told them. On the seventh day, they marched round seven times, the trumpets sounded and the people gave a great shout. The walls fell down and the people took over the city. The neighboring kings heard how they conquered the city and knew that God was with them.

Under Joshua's leadership, the Israelites won great battles. Little by little, they conquered the land of Canaan, the Promised Land. When Joshua was old, he told the people to remain faithful to God. The people promised to serve and obey God.



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