

Joshua At The Battle Of Jericho.

Key words

Joshua, Hurray!
Walk, footsteps. (tap feet on the floor)
Trumpets, Toot toot.
Ark, Oh that's heavy.
Silent, Shush.
Shout, Yell.

Once upon a time there was a man called Joshua (Hurray). Joshua (Hurray) was the leader of his people and together they had walked (footsteps) a long long long long way. All the way from a land called Egypt to a land called Cana.

Now Joshua (Hurray) and the people loved God and prayed every day. As they walked (footsteps) they came across a city called Jericho. "That would be a nice place to live," they thought. But the people of Jericho said: "There's no room for you, go away!"

This made Joshua (Hurray) quite cross. So he prayed to God: "What shall we do?" As he listened, God told Joshua (Hurray) a plan. "That'll never work!" said Joshua (Hurray). "Just do it," said God. Trust me and everything will be alright."

Now Jericho had thick and high walls all around it. So thick that no one could knock them down, and so high that they couldn't be climbed. The only way in was through the gate . But all the gates were tightly shut to keep Joshua (Hurray) and his people out.

Joshua (Hurray) did what God had said.

He got seven trumpets (toot toot) and a special box they called the Ark (Oh that's heavy), and following the trumpets (toot toot) and the Ark (Oh that's heavy), all the people walked (footsteps) round the city walls. But Joshua (Hurray) told the people that they mustn't say a word. They had to stay completely silent (Shush).

The next day they did the same again, and the next day and the next day. In fact for six days every morning all the people following the Trumpets (Toot toot) and the Ark (Oh that's heavy) walked (footsteps) around the city in absolute silence (Shush).

On the seventh day they all got up very early. In fact before it was daylight. The seven trumpets (toot toot) got ready. The strong men picked up the Ark (Oh that's heavy) and all the people started to walk (footsteps).

They walked (footsteps) round and round and round and round the city six times all together. All the time the trumpets (toot toot) were playing and the strong men were carrying the Ark (Oh that's heavy). Joshua (Hurray) and the people walked (footsteps) behind.

After they had walked (footsteps) round the city the seventh time, Joshua (hurray) held up his hand and everyone stopped. There was complete silence (Shush), not a sound. But suddenly Joshua (Hurray) waved his hand and everyone started to shout (Yell) and the trumpets (Toot toot) played, and the strong men lifted the Ark (Oh that's heavy) high in the air. As they watched great cracks started to appear in the city walls. Bigger and bigger they got until the walls started tumbling down. Crashing in a great heap of rubble on the ground and letting Joshua (Hurray) and his people walk (footsteps) straight into the city. With the trumpets (toot toot) blaring and the strong men carrying the Ark (Oh that's heavy) and all the people shouting (Yell!).

The people of Jericho were very afraid and most of them ran away.

"You see," said God to Joshua (Hurray). "I told you it would work! You just needed to trust me. Don't think, just trust me and everything will be alright."

And the trumpets (toot toot) blasted, the strong men picked up the Ark (Oh that's heavy) and the people shouted (Yell): "Three cheers for Joshua (Hurray).

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