**The walls come down – Joshua 6: 1-20**

**Welcome (Parents and Carers asked to stay until after the opening Prayer)**

Welcome back to Friends on Faith Adventures. We are looking forward to going on a journey and nobody knows where we will end up. All we know is we have got our crate filled with adventure and an open path ahead. So, hold on tight and enjoy the ride!!

Let’s hear about FOFA bear and FOFA cam’s adventures this week and how everyone got on with the Walking the Way challenge. (Encourage everyone, including parents and carers, to join in.)

**The Opening Prayer**

We are friends together *(shake hands with both palms facing towards body)*

On a faith adventure (*point to forehead with thumb. Hold other hand with palm facing up and bring the side of your first hand down so that it goes across the palm of the second hand just below the fingers)*

With the Bible as our mapbook *(draw cross with thumbnail on back of hand then put hands together and open like a book)*

And Jesus as our guide *(use index fingers to point into palm of each hand in turn).*

God, be with us in all that we do *(point up, then make index finger into a hook shape and move down as though pulling down towards you)*

And go with us wherever we go *(point outwards).*

Amen *(two thumbs up with hands apart, bring hands together)*

**The alternative Prayer**

Lord help us to be:

**P**repared for adventure

**I**n all we do.

**L**oving and caring,

**O**pen to others

**T**ogether as one community

**S**haring the love of Jesus on our way.

Amen

**Fun Together**

**Musical chairs:**

What you need:

Chairs

Music which can be paused

What to do:

Place the chairs in two rows, back to back, ensuring the number of chairs matches the number of participants. As the music is played, encourage everyone to march around the chairs. When the music stops, everyone needs to find a chair to sit on. Each time you play a round remove a chair. The person unable to find a chair once the music stops is out. Continue playing until you are left with one chair and one winner. Alternatively play this as musical bumps, the children are to march round to the music, when the music stops the children are to sit down on the floor as quickly as they can. The last one to sit down is out. Keep playing until there is just one winner.

**Cup tower battle:**

What you need:

Ten paper cups/ containers that can be stacked. One set for each team.

Table for each team

Soft balls

What to do:

Divide everyone into 2 teams. At the opposite ends of the room (if a very large room consider the amount of distance) place a table, upon the table stack the cups/ containers in a pyramid shape. The aim of the game is for the opposing team to knock down the cups/ containers first. You can decide your own rules….such as how near to the table are you allowed to be/ what constitutes a knocked down cup/ will there be a time limit?

**Today’s theme is about how God has a plan for each of us.**

**The Big Story- The walls come down – Joshua 6: 1-20**

Divide everyone into teams, one team will be the walls and the people inside the town of Jericho and the other team will be Joshua and his people. The leader chants the first line and everyone responds by chanting it back.

The people of Jericho……..*The people of Jericho*

Were very afraid*…. Were very afraid* (Jericho people look afraid, trembling)

They closed the city gates…… *They closed the city gates* (act out closing the gates)

The Lord spoke to Joshua….. *The Lord spoke to Joshua* (those being Joshua and his people put one hand behind ear)

March round the city walls…… *March round the city walls* (Joshua and his people start to march round the walls)

Once a day*…..once a day*

For the next six days*…..for the next six days* (Ensure they only march round 6 times)

The priests blew their trumpets*…..the priests blew their trumpets* (priests with Joshua blow their trumpets/ cup hand round mouth for this)

Then on the seventh day*…..Then on the seventh day*

They marched round, seven times*….they marched round, seven times* (March round seven times, perhaps shouting 1, 2 etc as you march round)

The priests blew their trumpets*….the priests blew their trumpets* (Priest with Joshua blow their trumpets/ cup round mouth for this)

The people shouted*…..the people shouted* (everyone can shout)

And down came the walls*….and down came the walls* (the people representing walls are to carefully fall to the ground)

Josh and his people cheered*….Josh and his people cheered (*Joshua’s people can cheer)

Jericho’s been defeated*…..Jericho’s been defeated* (Joshua’s people raise their fists/ the people of Jericho look defeated)

I wonder what will happen next? *I wonder what will happen next?* (Shrug shoulders and arms)

**Creative Adventure****.**

**Recycled trumpet:**

What you will need: (each person)

Small Cardboard tube

A4 Thin card

Two elastic bands

What to do:

Fold the piece of card in half. Open it up. Lay the tube on the piece of card, so the last inch of the tube hangs out of the card. Wrap the card round the tube and secure with 2 elastic bands. You now have a trumpet! You could use these during the chanting prayer.

**Edible wall:**

What you will need:

Battenberg cakes/ mini swiss rolls/ long rectangular shaped cake

Butter knives

Butter cream

Hundreds and thousands

What to do:

Ensure each person has a cake and a knife to hand, ask them to cut their piece of cake into equal shaped pieces to look a bit like bricks. Cement the bricks back together using the butter icing. If you wish you could put a layer of butter icing on the top of the cake and then sprinkle with hundreds and thousands to finish it off.

Wondering questions to use during creative time:

I wonder why they had to march seven times?

I wonder if they felt silly doing what God asked and why they did it anyway?

I wonder if you would have followed orders?

**The Adventure Map**

Explain the Adventure Map and how a lot of the books were written hundreds and thousands of years before Jesus came to Earth. However, a lot of the stories in the Bible before the birth of Jesus, talk of his coming and set out how God wants us to live our lives.

Take the group to the Adventure Map that you have created on the wall. Get the children to find where on the Map today’s story came from. Choose one or some of the things created by the children to be photographed and attach this to the wall to create a visual reminder of where the story came from and your adventure together. The aim is that in a year you will have lots of reminders of the stories and where in the Bible they come from. Use a piece of string or ribbon to connect the photo of the craft work to the book of the Bible.

**Walking the Way**

**This is a time to invite the parents and carers back in to share what the children have been up to during the session. They will also be here to hear about the Walking the Way challenge and the tasks (should they choose to accept them) that the children (and parents) are about to undertake.**

For the Younger: FOFA the bear

This is FOFA. FOFA likes nothing more than to go on an adventure; FOFA is a little more adventurous than me. FOFA believes that faith is a journey and that’s why FOFA would love to take you on a journey with him and walk the way of God in our everyday lives. Each session FOFA would like to go home with one of you and add to FOFA’s scrapbook of things you do together. FOFA doesn’t mind if you draw a picture of what you have done, take a photograph or just write a story about it. FOFA also doesn’t mind if you just come and tell the rest of us what you got up to together. But because FOFA’s memory isn’t very good as FOFA’s brains are made of stuffing, it would be better to save the memories in the book if you can. At the end of our time together we can always remember the great adventures we have been on together with FOFA and hopefully you will walk a little closer with God.

For the Older: FOFA cam

This camera is your window on the world. You have one shot at this, so choose carefully. You will be given a very precious piece of equipment – a FOFA cam. You have one photo to take with the camera, that records one thing – a way you have met the challenge. If there are other people in the photo, please ask their permission first and explain this photo will be put on display here. Bring back the camera and your photo next time to share your moment - and remember you only have ONE shot at this!

Every time we will choose someone to take FOFA bear and someone to take FOFA cam to help them with the challenge – but we can all have a go at the challenge!

Our Walking the Way Challenge this time is: **to look together at what Jericho is like now as a city to live in compared to how it was during the time of the Bible story.**

**Adventurers Go!**

So today we heard that when you ask God to help, sometimes his ways do not always make sense but God always has a plan. A plan we can trust.

**Prayers (choose one/both)**

Prayer
This prayer is said in the style of a chant with the leader singing the part in italics and the young people repeating the parts in bold. You could use this tune….. <https://www.boyscouttrail.com/content/song/everywhere_we_go-1289.asp>

*Where do we come from?*

**We come from God**

*Where are we going?*

**Wherever God takes us**

*When do we do it?*

**All the days of our lives**

*What are we doing?*

**We’re doing God’s work**

*Why do we do it?*

**We trust and love our God**

*Say it again…….*

*Why do we do it?*

**We trust and love our God Amen**

Active Prayer

You will need:

Containers that you can write on, can be stacked and knocked down

Soft balls

What to do:

Ensure each 2 or 3 people have a stack of containers and a ball between them. Stack the containers in a pyramid. Write onto the containers all the things that can hold people back such as fear, bullying, anxiety etc. Use the soft ball to knock them down. As they are knocking down the containers, they should shout out the prayer:

**Bring the walls down with your power and strength, God ….Amen**

**End Prayer Every Session: Altogether**

**We are Friends on Faith Adventures, travelling together with God.**

**Adventurers go! Amen**

**What you will need:**

**Game:**

Chairs

Music and something to play it on

Paper cups/ containers that can be stacked. One set for each team.

Table to hide behind – one for each team

Soft balls

**Craft:**

Small Cardboard tube

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2 elastic bands

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| **During session** | Risk of tripping over when marching | Supervise to ensure the potential of falling/ crashing into others is diminished  |  |  |
| **During session** | Risk of tripping/ injury while playing musical chairs | Supervise to ensure the potential of falling/ crashing into others is diminished |  |  |