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The extended toddler curriculum provides older toddlers with the Bible Truth and craft element that some are ready to experience before they enter the twos. The same Bible Truth will be told in four (or five) different ways throughout the month allowing for the repetition toddlers need and crave.

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Craft Time

- Trumpet

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Bible Time

Gather children on a rug or in a specific area of the classroom to tell the Bible Truth. Some kids (especially the younger ones) may wander. That’s OK. They’re still listening and learning!

What You Need: Preschool Bible, “Story Pictures” Activity Page

What You Say:

“This Bible Truth begins with a man named Joshua. (*Show picture of Joshua.*) He was the leader of God’s army, and he was getting ready to lead the army in a battle with Jericho. The army had their swords. They had their shields. And they were ready for battle! (*Show picture of army with swords and shields.*) BUT God had a different idea. God told Joshua, ‘I want you to lead the army and march around the city wall blowing your trumpets.’

“That was it. That’s all God wanted Joshua to do. No swords, no shields, no talking—just march around the city wall and blow the trumpets. (*Show picture of trumpet.*)

“Joshua decided to be WISE and obey God, and that is when Joshua became SUPER Joshua! Joshua led God’s army to march around the city and blow their trumpets, just like God told him to do.

“Then God said, ‘March seven times around the city wall and when Joshua tells you to yell, you yell!’ Let’s count to seven! One, two, three, four, five, six, SEVEN! Everybody yell! (*Yell.*) And FREEZE! Can you guess what happened next? They won the battle and the wall came tumbling down!

“God wants you to be wise and do what He says just like Joshua did. And when you do, God will be with you and make YOU a super wise kid too! **Who is always with you?** [**Bottom Line**] **God is always with me!**”

Craft Time

Gather small groups of children around you at a table for toddler craft time. Depending on the size of your group, you may lead the craft two or three times. Not every child may want to participate in craft time. That's OK. Feel free to send home the craft materials for them to complete with their mom or dad.

What You Need: "Trumpet" Activity Page and dot markers

What You Do:

During the Activity: Retell the Bible Truth as the children use the dot markers to color the trumpets.

What You Say:

During the Activity: "Today we heard about a man named Joshua. God told Joshua to lead the army and march around the city wall blowing their trumpets instead of using swords and shields.

"Joshua had to decide to be WISE and obey God, and that is when Joshua became SUPER Joshua! Joshua led God's army to march around the city and blow their trumpets, just like God told him to do.

"Then God said, 'March seven times around the city wall and when Joshua tells you to yell, you yell!' So, that's just what Joshua did. He led the army around the wall seven times, and then the army yelled. And you know what? The city wall fell down! Isn't that amazing?

"Look at your paper. It's a trumpet like one of the ones Joshua and his army used. Joshua was wise and listened to God. He won the battle God's way. Let's color the trumpet with our dot markers." (*Do activity.*)

After the Activity: "God wants you to be wise and do what He says just like Joshua did. And when you do, God will be with you and make YOU a super wise kid too! Who is always with you? [*Bottom Line*] God is always with me!"

Playtime

Marching

What You Need: No supplies needed

What You Do: Make a line and march around the room. Stop at various places and explain that God is always with you.

What You Say: **“Come make a line with me. Let’s march around the room together. God is with you when you march! God is with you by this door. God is with you by the sink. God is with you by the blocks. God is always with you!”**