The Walls of Jericho

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To the mentors

The children get to play their way into the story: The people marched around Jericho, the priests blew their horns, and on the seventh day the people shouted – and the wall fell down.

Suggested order

Make a trumpet (10–15 min) → Build the wall (10–15 min) → March around Jericho and make the wall fall (5–10 min).

March around the wall of Jericho

TIME

5–10 minutes

SUPPLIES

A horn or a toy trumpet (optional).

The children and mentors pretend to march around Jericho. First, everyone walks quietly, then they practice trumpet sounds and a shout. Finally, the children pretend to be the wall falling down.

How to do it

1. **Gather the children**. Mentor: "Do you want to march around Jericho? Then let's stand up!"
2. **Walk quietly.** Mentor: (*whispering*): "Can you walk veeery quietly?" Show them how.
3. **Make trumpet sounds.** Mentor: "Should we try our trumpets? TOOT, TOOT!" The children copy.
4. **Practice the shout.** Mentor: "On three, we all shout together – one, two, three!"
5. **Make the wall fall.** The children stand like a wall. Count to seven. At "SEVEN!" everyone sits down or tumbles to the ground.

Tips for the mentors

In small groups, you can march around a marked-out wall. In large groups, the children can march in place. Adjust the length to the children's attention span.

Safety: No one should be pushed when the wall falls.

Build the wall of Jericho

TIME

10–15 minutes

SUPPLIES

Large, light cardboard boxes or paper cups.

The children build a wall together with the mentors. When the wall is finished, the children walk around it, make trumpet sounds, and shout. Then the wall comes tumbling down!

How to do it

1. **Get ready.** Find an open area and set out the boxes or cups.
2. **Build together**. Mentor: "Should we try building our own wall?"
3. **Walk around the wall.** Mentor: "Can we walk very quietly?"
4. **Blow and shout**. Mentor: "Here come the trumpets! TOOT, TOOT!"
5. **Make the wall fall.** At the agreed signal, the children gently knock the wall over. Feel free to build it again!

Tips for the mentors

Paper cups work well for small groups. Large boxes work well when many children build together. The children can decorate the "bricks" beforehand.

Safety: Keep the wall low and stable. Use lightweight materials.

Make your own trumpet

TIME

10–15 minutes

SUPPLIES

Colored paper, scissors, tape, and decorations. Straws are optional.

The children make a simple trumpet for the Jericho game. The trumpet is a prop – the children can make trumpet sounds with their voices.

How to do it

1. **Show an example**. Mentor: "In Jericho, the priests blew horns. Now let's make our own!"
2. **Make the shape.** Roll a sheet of colored paper into a cone and secure it with tape.
3. **Decorate the trumpet with colors or stickers.**
4. **Practice the sound**. Mentor: "Are the trumpets ready? One, two, three – TOOT!"
5. **Use the trumpets when you march around or build the wall of Jericho.**

Tips for the mentors

For the youngest children, the mentors can roll and tape the trumpet shapes beforehand. Let the children focus on decorating. Don’t share mouthpieces.

To finish: "What did the people do around Jericho? What happened to the wall?"