

# Primary Department.

## LESSON IX—September 1st, 1895.

### The Fall of Jericho. JOSHUA 6: 8-20.

I. **GOLDEN TEXT:** By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days. Heb. 11: 30.

II. **PREVIEW THOUGHT:** "Victory by faith."

III. **REVIEW:** Have a simple map of Palestine on the board, and review the places mentioned in last lesson.

What river did the Israelites cross? Tell some of the rivers we have to cross? Who will help us to cross them?

IV. **INTERESTING EVENTS:** After the Israelites had safely passed over the Jordan, they encamped at Gilgal, a place about three miles from Jericho. There they erected twelve stones, which they had taken out of the river Jordan as a memorial of the crossing. There Joshua renewed the religious institutions "Circumcision and the Passover." At this time the manna ceased and the Israelites ate of the fruit of the land. As Joshua was looking at the city of Jericho, wondering perhaps how they were to take it, the Captain of the Lord's host appeared to him and told him very plainly just what he would do to capture the city.

**LESSON STORY:** Joshua now spoke to the people and told them that they were going to take the city of Jericho. (Pin the symbol of the tents on the board and roughly draw a picture of Jericho). Altho' the people saw that the walls were very high, and knew that the enemies inside were very strong, they were not afraid, for they knew that God was with them and they had faith in Him, that is, they believed that He could gain the victory for them. So they did as Joshua told them, and got up early in the morning and formed themselves into a long procession. 1st came some soldiers. 2nd, Seven priests blowing trumpets (large rams' horns). (Show symbol of one). 3rd The ark carried by priests (show symbol). 4th A great many people. When they all got ready, Joshua told the seven priests that they were to blow their trumpets as they marched, but the rest of the people were to keep quiet, and not say a word. In this way they marched all around the walls of Jericho, and went back again to their tents. (Make a line with coloured chalk around the city, beginning at the tents). Next day they got up early again and did the same thing again, and so for six days they did just the same thing. Make lines around the city).

The enemies inside the wall must have wondered, perhaps laughed, and thought that the people would never get the city in that way, but the Israelites still had faith in God, and showed they trusted in Him, by doing what He told them. On the seventh day they all got up very early, just as it was getting light, and in the same way as they had done the Friday before, marched around the city, but this day instead of only going around once, they went around seven times. When they got around the seventh time, and the priests blew with their trumpets, Joshua told the people to shout—so they shouted with a great shout, and the walls of the city fell down flat, and the people went in and took the city. This lesson can also be very impressively taught by word picturing. With the help of the sand-map too it can be very clearly brought before the minds of the children. Have the sand-map prepared beforehand, the walls of Jericho built up with wooden blocks, some small sticks for men, and perhaps symbols of "the ark" and the "trumpet." As you relate the story uncover the map and point out Jericho, and as you describe the procession, place the things in the order mentioned in the lesson, then in the sand make a path all around the city of Jericho. Bring the procession around once, being careful to explain how many times it really did go round. After telling about the shouting and blowing, knock down the blocks, and tell how the walls of the city fell and the people went in and took the city.

VI. **APPLICATION.** We have seen how the Israelites, by faith in God gained the victory