

Some of the older children will remember in the South African war how the soldiers marched on Pretoria and entered and took possession of the place in the name of our Queen. Begin lesson story at chap. 5:13. They were to have a greater Captain than any of our heroes. "The Captain of the host of the Lord"—God's way of telling His people that He would fight for them. Surely they will be brave now! God gave them many enemies to fight, and troubles to bear, to see if they would trust and obey Him and be ready to own and enjoy the land He had promised them.

A set of blocks used on a table or on a board on the lap will illustrate the walled city. Tell the experiences of the two spies sent by Joshua. Tell of the woman who hid them (ch. 2), of their escape, of the scarlet thread that was to be the sign of safety for her and all her family.

Trust and Obey—Word has reached Jericho that the Lord had made a path through Jordan and His people are marching upon their city. They are seen coming. All are afraid. They get inside the walls. The gates are closed. No one can go out nor come in. Describe the way the soldiers might climb up the walls and break them down and fight and enter the city. What

strange orders the great Captain has given: how difficult to obey, vs. 3-5. Picture the great procession silently, solemnly marching according to God's orders. At night they go to their tents. No sign of the walls falling! Do they say, "Let us go and pull them down; this way is no use?" No! Next day and next and next and next and next they march. On Sabbath (it seemed like an act of worship rather than work) they are up early and around and around the great procession moved—SEVEN TIMES—Listen! What a shouting! See!

Golden Text—The walls fall! Repeat Golden Text.

The Lesson—Sometimes father and mother or teacher tells us to do something that we think useless. We should trust and obey. God still causes His people to do many things they do not understand. We must trust and obey God. Perhaps the little ones will understand more quickly and clearly than those who are older that "all things are possible to him that believeth."

God is very real to them. The unseen is visible, and they can sing heartily:

"Though hosts encamp around me,
Firm to the fight I stand;
What terror can confound me,
With God at my right hand?"

BLACKBOARD REVIEW

FAITH
OBEDIENCE

VICTORY

Scholars, or classes, might be selected a Sabbath beforehand to give the story of battles won by faith. They would include such as the battles with Amelek in Ex. 17; that of Joshua against the kings in Josh. ch. 10; David's fight with Goliath; and the scholars will find many more, and will take pride in repeating the details. (Much more should be made in the review exercise of the fondness of children for telling out what they know well.) Now, get from the scholars all the details of this present attack—the fortified city, every gate shut and barred, the wall inaccessible; the Lord's directions and promises; how Joshua and the people did as they were told; and after what manner the victory came. Apply the illustration to daily duty, to temptation, to affliction. Have faith in God; obey God, walking the paths He assigns, and victory is certain.