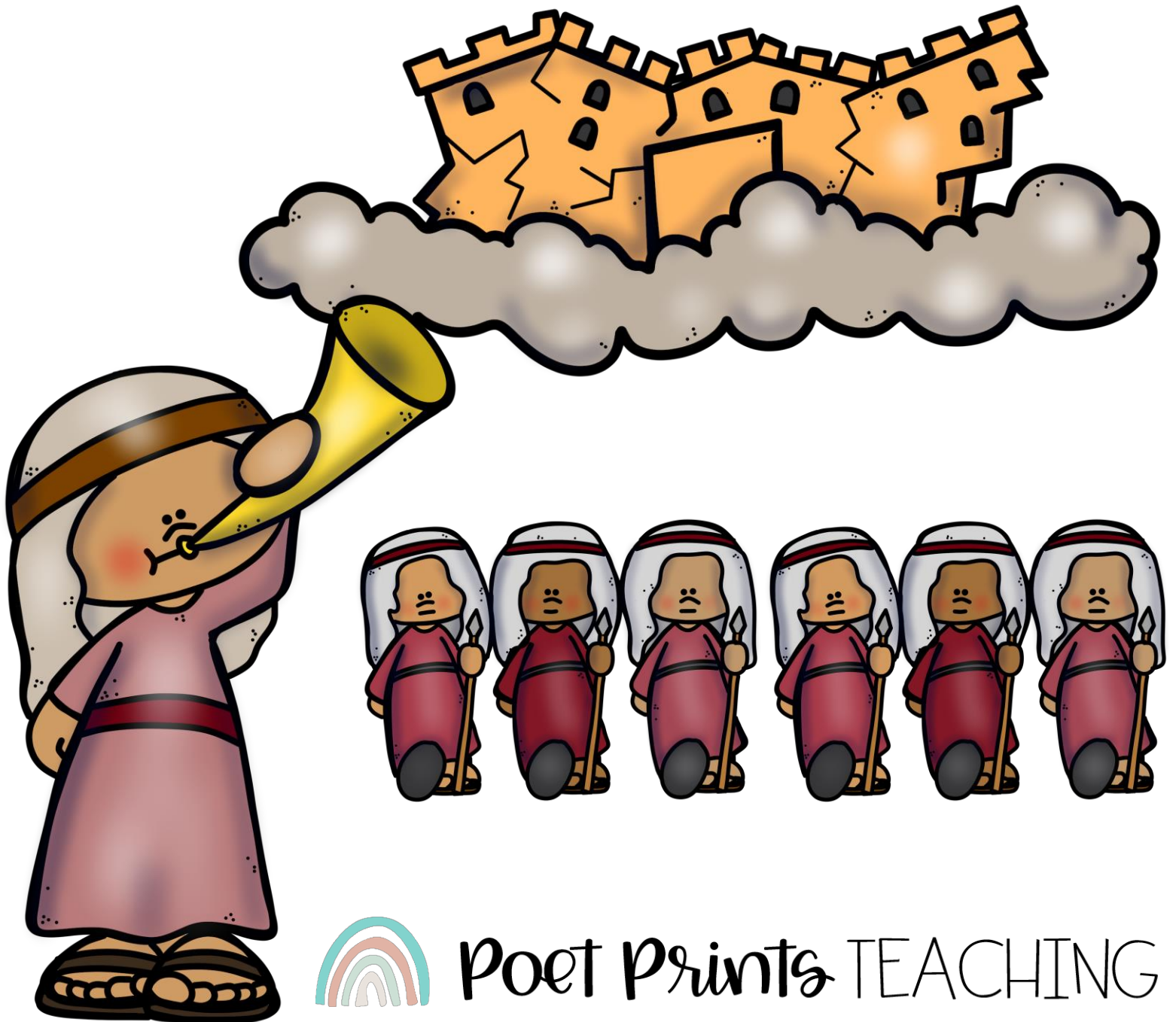


EXPLORING GOD'S WORD

JOSHUA AND THE BATTLE OF JERICHO

A BIBLE LESSON FOR KIDS IN 1ST, 2ND, AND 3RD GRADES



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Joshua and the Battle of Jericho

This packet was designed to be an easy way to teach foundational Bible stories to kids in first, second, and third grades. Each lesson in this series is structured the same and can be taught in about 40 minutes!

Step One: Read or watch the Bible story.

Gather your group and read the story of Joshua and the battle of Jericho from your children's Bible. You can also read it in Joshua 6:1-21 from your preferred translation of the Bible.

Would you rather watch it? Many animated Bible stories are available for free on YouTube. Search "Joshua and the Battle of Jericho Bible Story for Kids" in the YouTube search bar. Watch it fully before showing it to your class to ensure it's appropriate.

Background Information:

The Israelites had been wandering in the desert for 40 years. Finally, they entered the land God had promised them. There would be many battles to fight for the Promised Land, but the first battle was at Jericho.

Jericho was a city with protective walls around it. The walls were over 11 feet tall and over 5 feet wide at the base. The people inside the city were well protected.

This incredible story of God's power shows that God has a plan even when the circumstances seem impossible. The Israelites didn't win this battle with swords or fighting. God did all the fighting for them. The Israelites obeyed, and God did the rest. They could not take credit for the victory.

Step Two: Explore the story.

After reading or watching the story, use the retell the story worksheet to retell the main parts of today's story. This can be done individually or in small groups. You can also map out the story together on a piece of large paper or a whiteboard.

Joshua and Jericho: Quickly map out the three main parts of the story.

1. the Israelites saw the walls of Jericho
2. Joshua and the Israelites marched around the walls
3. The walls came tumbling down, and the battle was won

Then, talk through the discussion questions as a group.

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1 2 3	DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
	QUESTION #1 How do you think the Israelites felt when they saw the walls of Jericho?
	QUESTION #2 Why did the Israelites march around Jericho?
	QUESTION #3 What did the Israelites do on the seventh day?
	QUESTION #4 What happened when the Israelites shouted and blew their trumpets on the seventh day?

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Step Three: Do the activity and the craft.

Build and March

Before the lesson: Gather blocks or magnet tiles. Gather dollar store birthday party noise makers.

Create a wall around a specific object using various blocks or magnet tiles. This will become the Walls of Jericho. Then, have kids walk around it seven times like in the story, being loud on the final time. Knock down the walls.

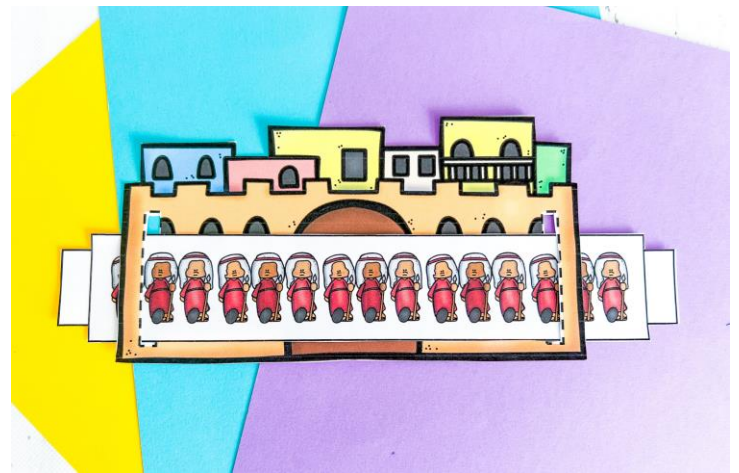
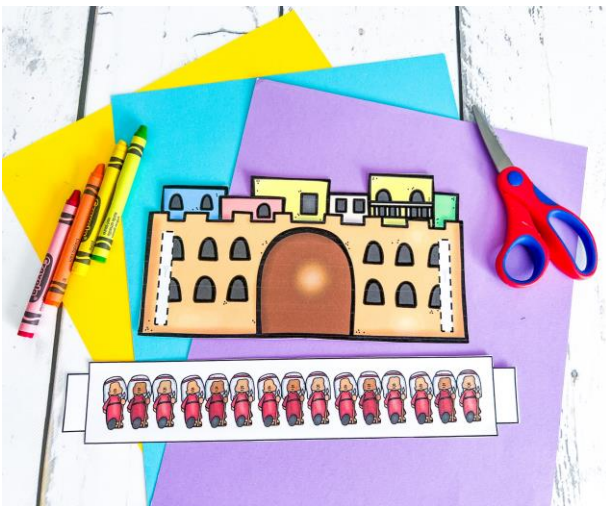
To help your kids be extra loud, give them dollar store birthday party noisemakers and encourage them to go wild with their sounds.

Marching Around the Wall Craft

Kids will make a small craft that shows the Israelite army marching past the gates of Jericho.

Before the lesson begins, print both craft pages. Kids will need a Jericho and a strip of marching soldiers. They will also need scissors and coloring supplies.

1. Color both craft pieces (Jericho, marching men)
2. Cut out the small rectangles on the Jericho craft piece. (Kids may need help with this part.)
3. Cut out the large rectangle of marching men and leave the tabs on.
4. Slide the marching men piece into the holes you just cut into the Jericho piece. Slide the men back and forth to make it look like they are marching around Jericho!



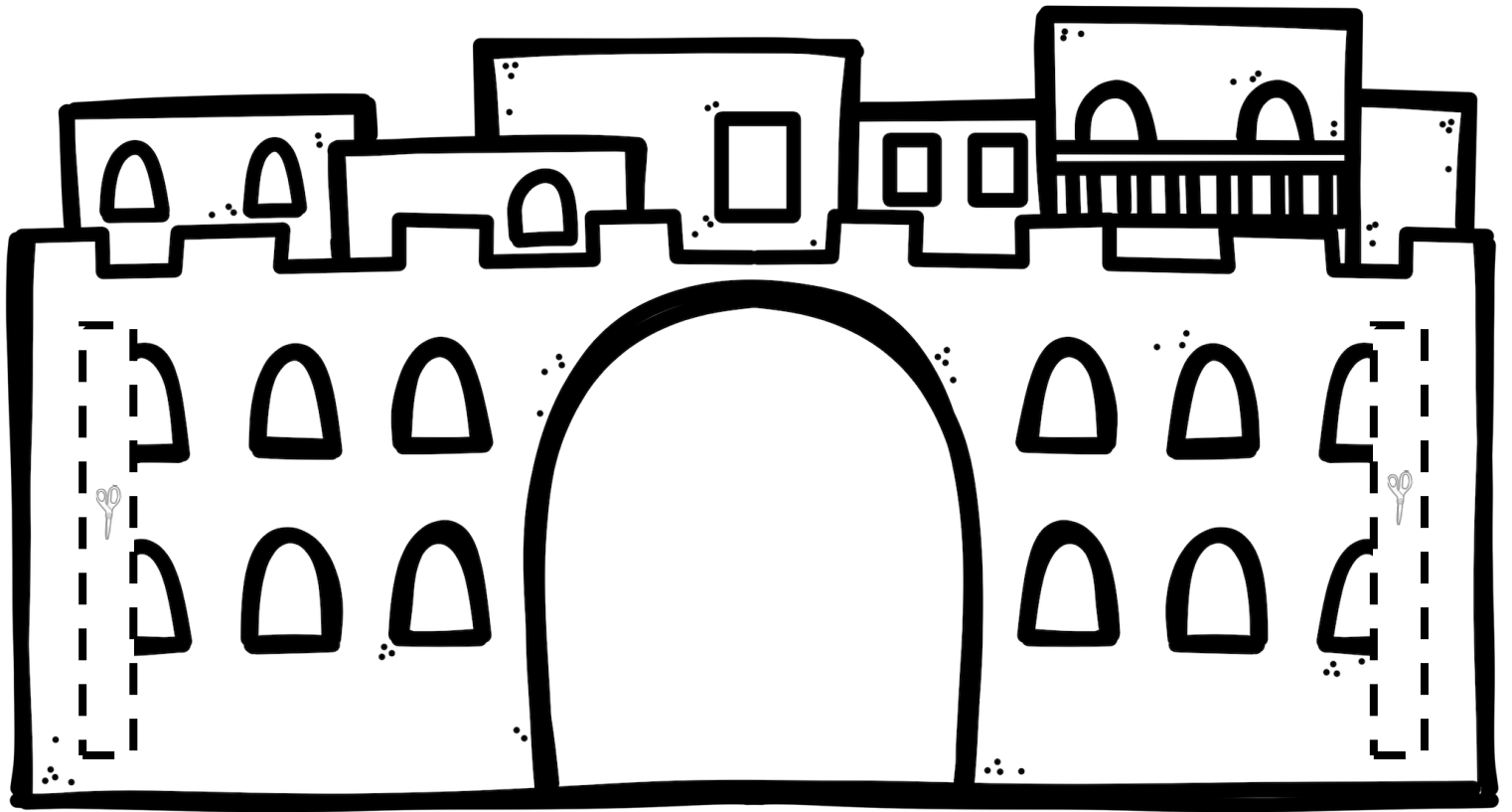
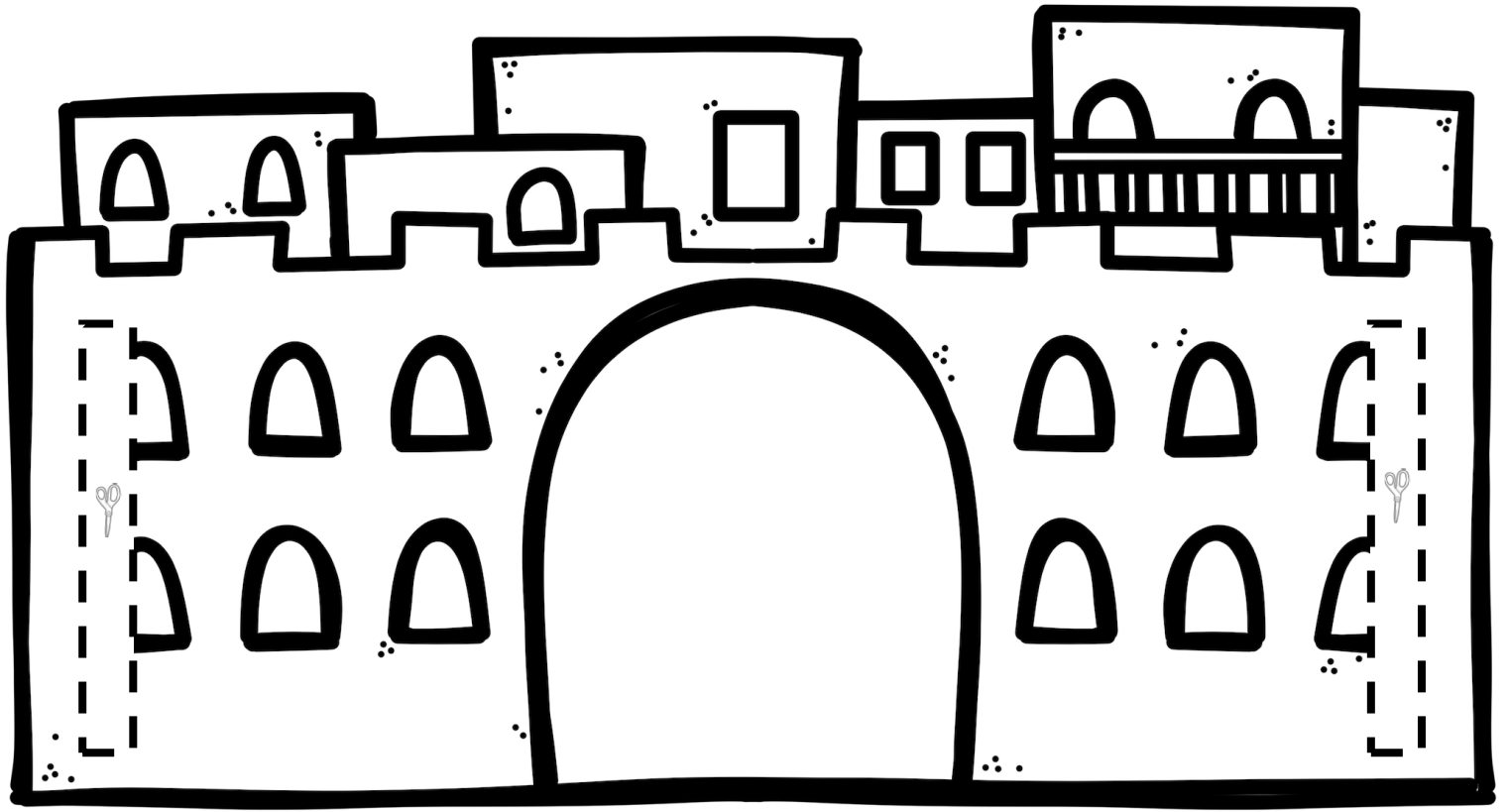
Step Four: Finish with the take-home worksheet.

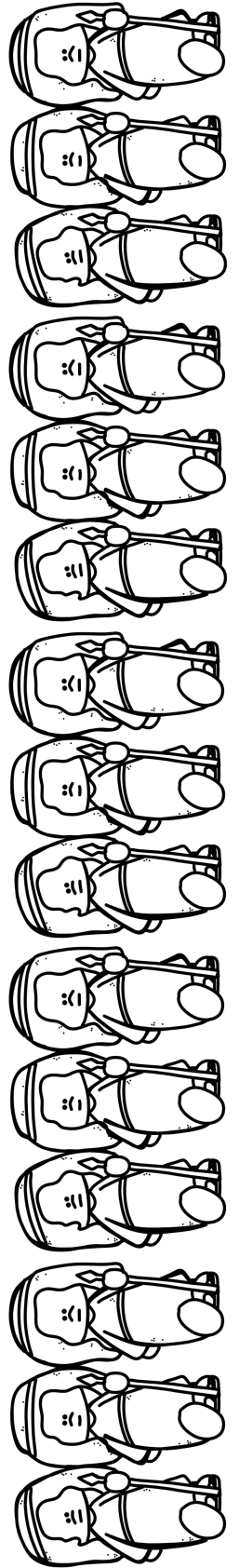
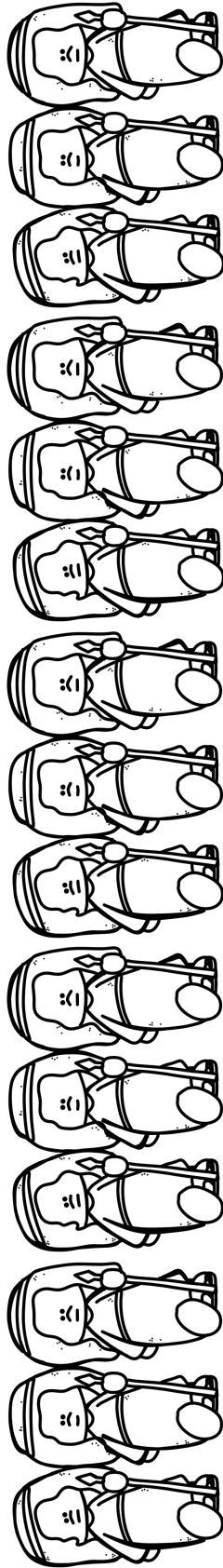
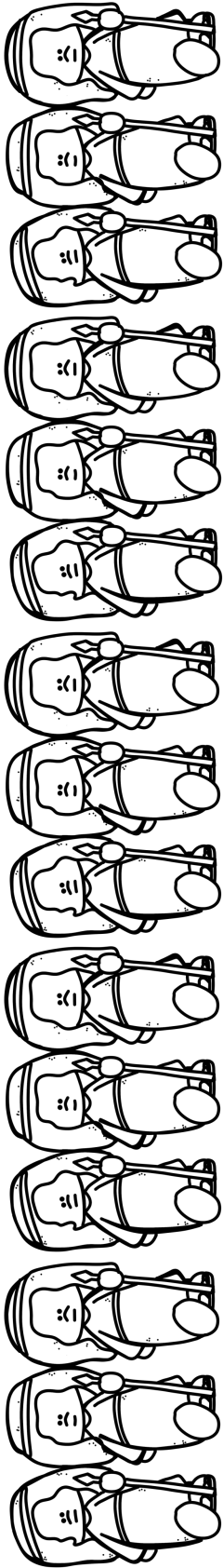
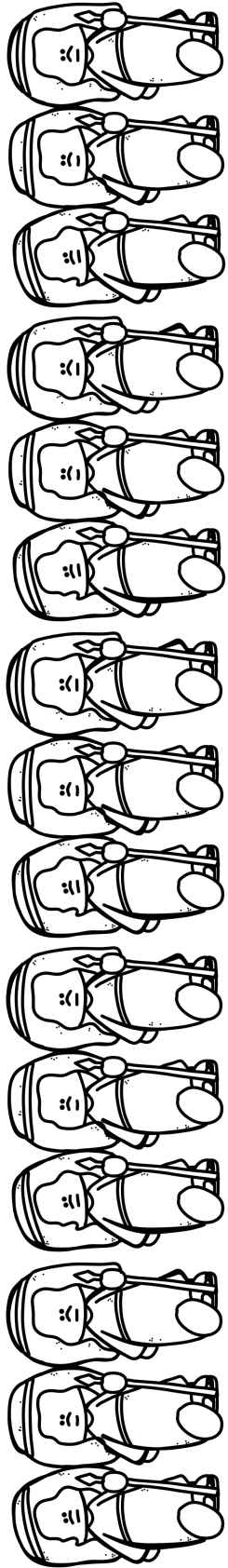
The 'Joshua and Jericho' coloring page is the perfect way to wrap up the lesson and create a take-home page that includes caregivers in what you have learned. Kids will color a picture, write down their memory verse, and add the key takeaway (a "big idea") from the story.

Memory verse suggestion from the story:

...commanded the army, "Shout! For the Lord has given you the city! - Joshua 6:16b NIV

Big idea suggestion: God has a plan.







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Name: _____

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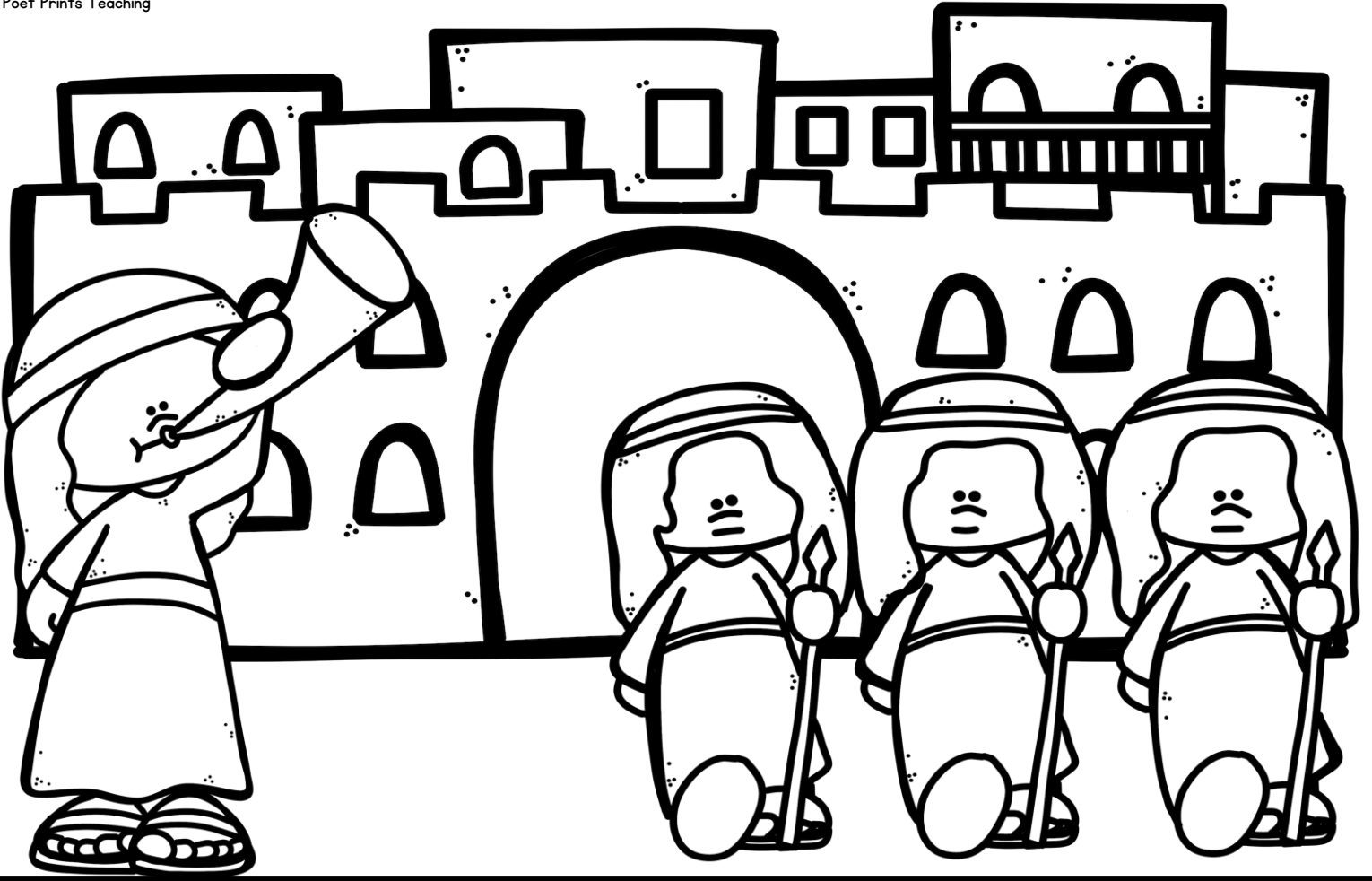
What did the Israelites do on the seventh day?

QUESTION #4

What happened when the Israelites shouted and blew their trumpets on the seventh day?

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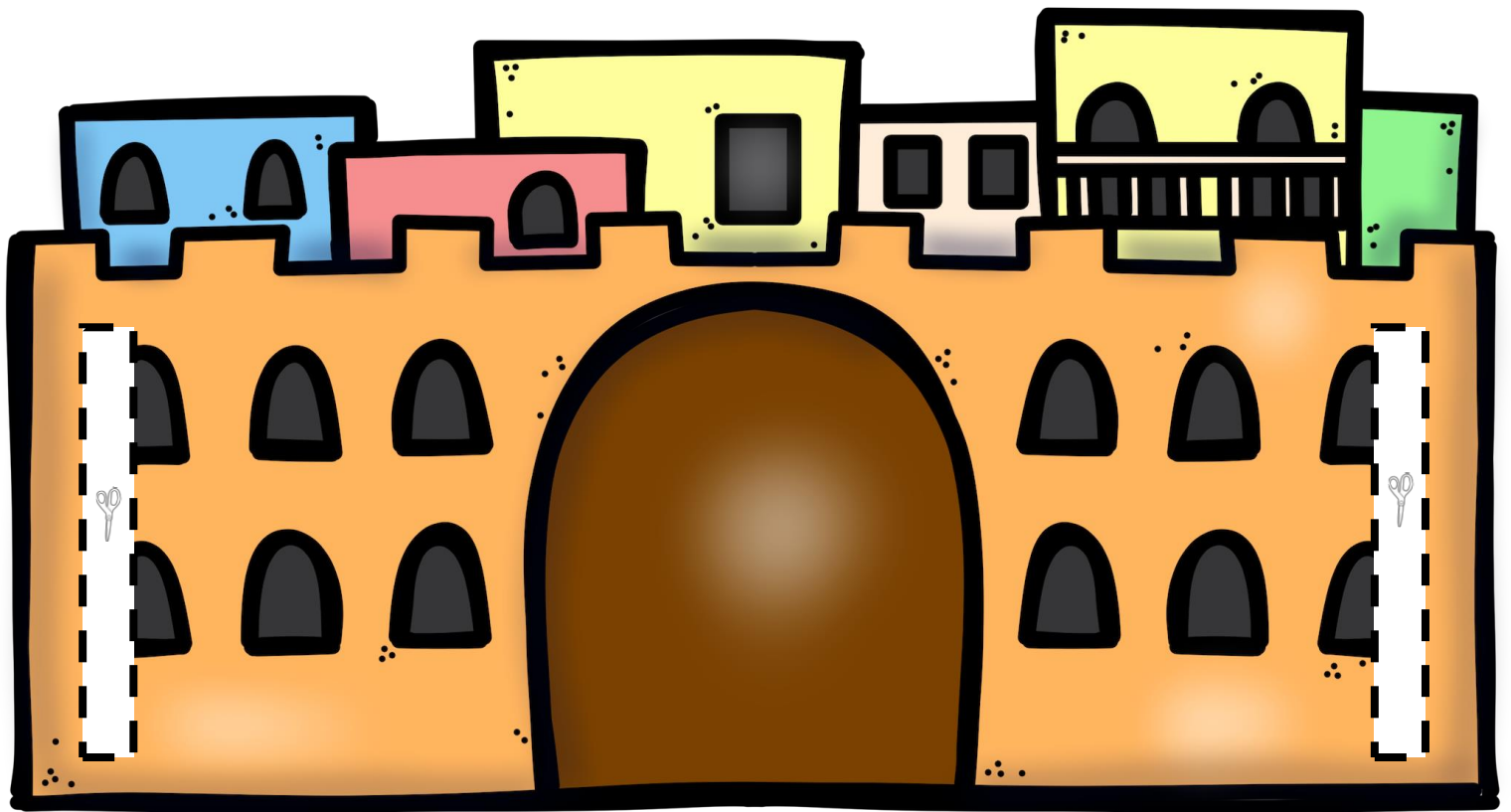
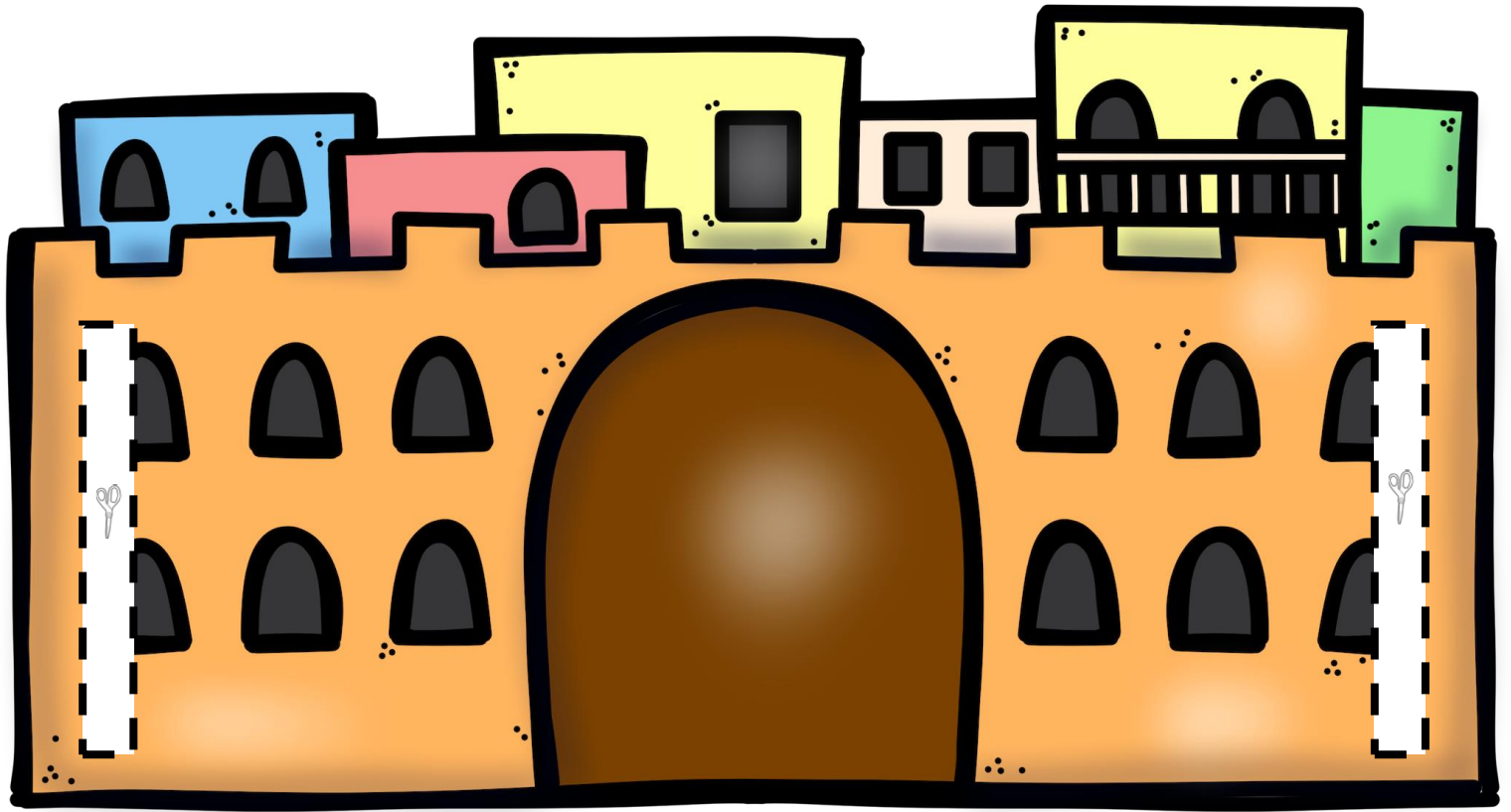
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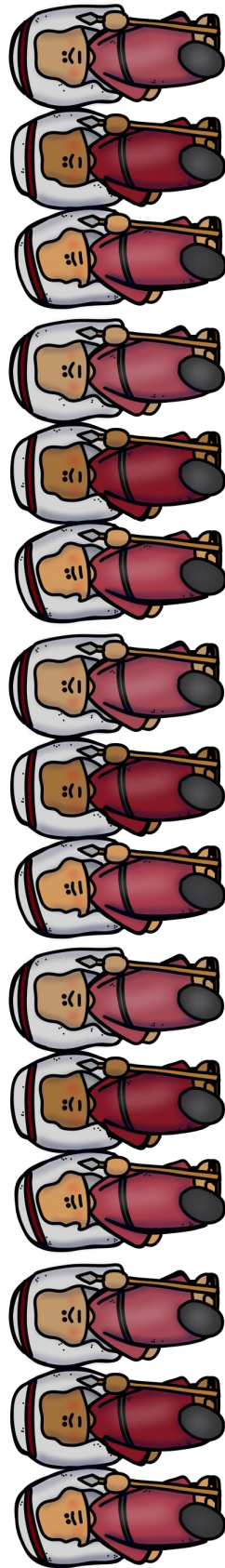
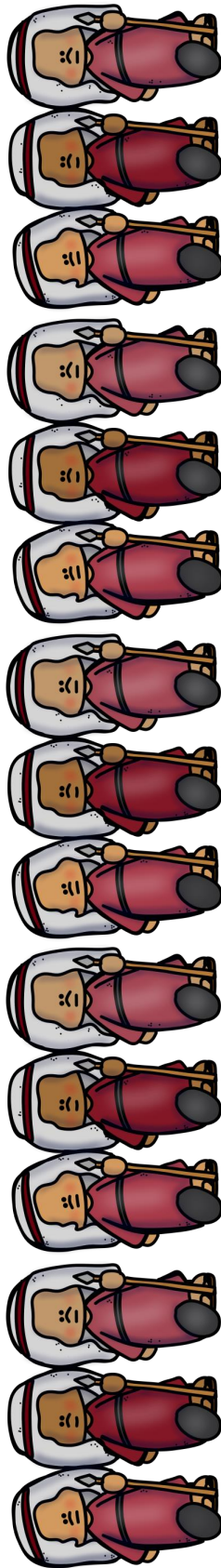
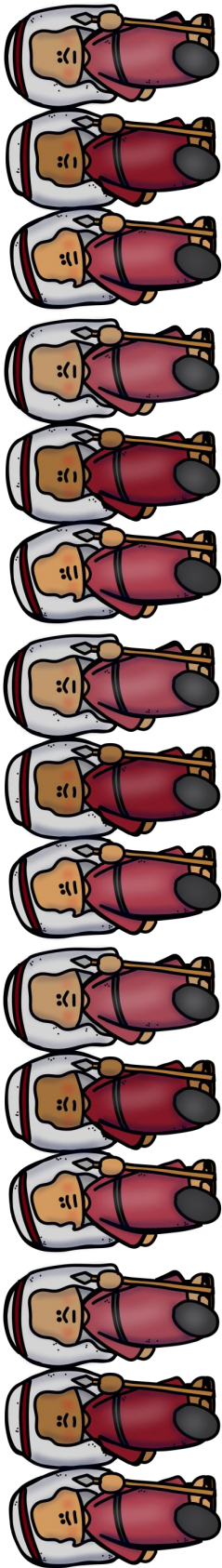
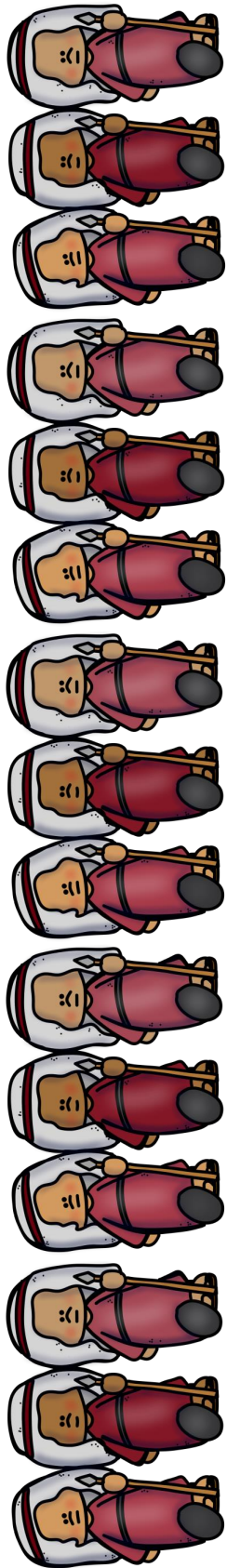


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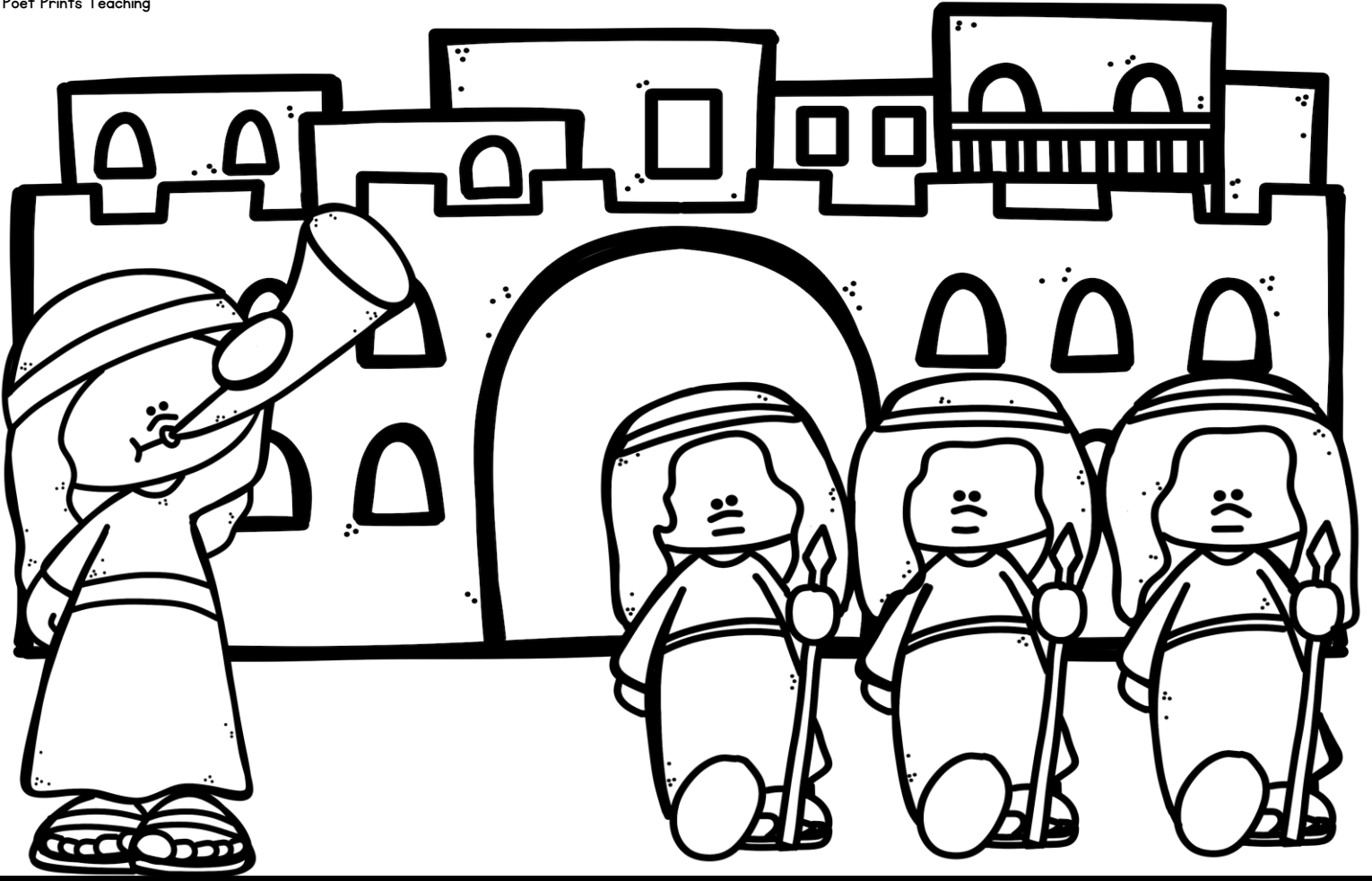
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Joshua 6:16b NIV

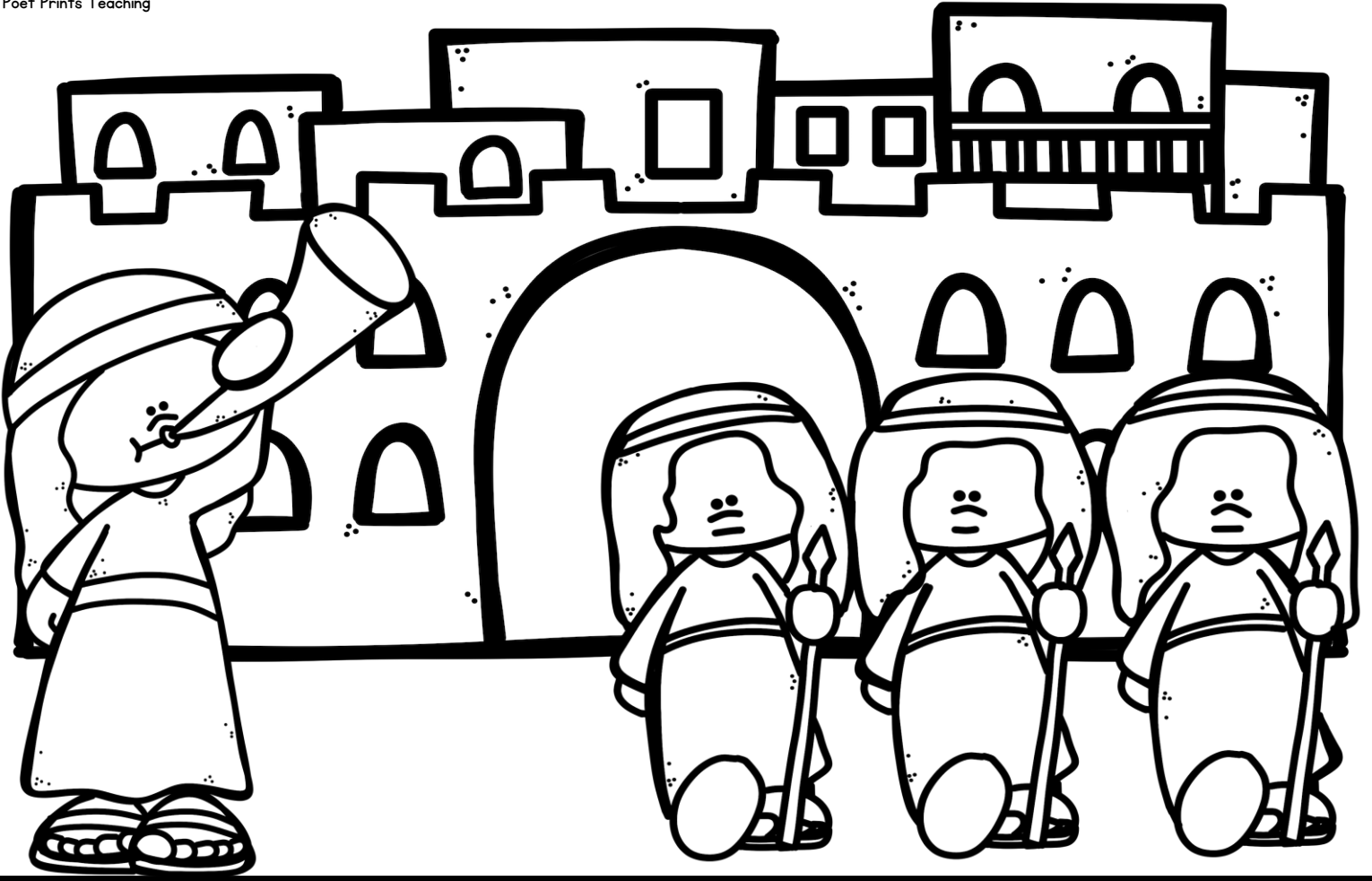
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the people, Shout;
for the Lord hath
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