

## THE WALL OF JERICHO

by JOHN COSPER

**GENRE:** Comedy

**SYNOPSIS:** A pair of guards on the wall of Jericho mock the Israelites and their marching around the city, but their mocking turns to fear when they learn about the miracles God has done for Israel.

**DIRECTOR'S TIP:** The set can be simple, but it's crucial to bringing the audience in and giving them a sense of place - really making them feel like they're witnessing the Biblical story.

**TIME:** 5 minutes

**CAST BREAKDOWN:** 1M, 1F

**THEME:** Children, Bible story

**SCRIPTURE REFERENCE:** Joshua 6

**CHURCH YEAR SEASON:** Any

**SUGGESTED USE:** Children's ministry

**CHARACTERS:**

CONNIE and JERRY - Guards from Jericho

**PROPS:** A fake wall, spears, swords, other weapons

**COSTUMES:** Ancient soldier armor

**SOUND:** Wireless mics if desired

**LIGHTING:** General stage

**SETTING:** Jericho, on top of the wall

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*A wall is set up at center. Connie and Jerry are dressed as soldiers - modern or ancient - and as the scene begins, both are hidden behind the wall. Connie stands up, as if waking from a nap, stretching. She looks over the wall and sees the people of Israel below.*

**CONNIE:** Hey, Jerry, check it out. The lunatics are back!

*Jerry stands up, looks over the wall.*

**JERRY:** I don't believe it!

**CONNIE:** I know!

**JERRY:** Here they come, marching around the city with all their men, women and children.

**CONNIE:** Ohhh I'm so scared!

**JERRY:** *(yells over the wall)* Hey! I thought the parade was yesterday!

**CONNIE:** And the day before!

**JERRY:** Where are the marching bands?

**CONNIE:** Forget the marching bands! I wanna see some big balloons!

**JERRY:** Yeah, yeah, where's Spider-Man?

**CONNIE:** And Snoopy? I want to see Snoopy!

**JERRY:** *(to Connie)* Can you believe those chumps? What do they think they're doing, looking for a weak spot in the wall?

**CONNIE:** There are no weak spots! This is Jericho! They can't get through our wall!

**JERRY:** And if they think they're coming over, I got a thousand gallons of hot oil here says they can't!

**CONNIE:** *(yelling over the wall)* Hey, you with the sword, did your mommy say it was okay for you to play with that thing?

**JERRY:** Careful you don't hurt yourself!

**CONNIE:** Yeah, you could put an eye out with that thing!

**JERRY:** *(to Connie)* Who are those guys anyway? Where did they come from?

**CONNIE:** They're the Hebrews.