God’s people had lived in the desert for ages

 They were sick of sand

 and eating the same thing all the time

God had promised them a new country

 a great country

and he’d given them a leader called Joshua to show them the way.

Joshua was a soldier,

 a warrior,

 a leader,

And Joshua had a special name

 his name means ‘God rescues’.

And he was going to see just how God could do that.

Before God’s people could go into their new country

 they had a big problem

 A really big problem

In the form of a really big city

 called Jericho.

Jericho had big walls

 really big walls

 so big no army would be able to knock them down!

God’s people couldn’t do it on their own.

But Joshua was about to find out he didn’t need an army

he needed to listen to God

and to do what God told him.

God gave Joshua really strange plan

 “Don’t fight” said God

 “Just walk all around the city” – huh?

So that was exactly what they did

They walked once around the city.

And the next day

They walked around the city again

For six days they walked around the city once each day.

On the seventh day God told them to do something a bit different

 “Don’t fight” said God

 “Just walk around the city seven times

Then make as much noise as you can”

So that’s what God’s people did.

Seven times they walked around the city

1-2-3-4-5-6-7

And after the last time everybody shouted really loudly

(Can you all shout with me?)

And the really big walls of the city

 Just fell down!

God had done it!

 God’s people hadn’t even touched the city

God had rescued his people.

God had got his people into their new country.

One day, along time after Joshua,

God’s true king would come.

The true king’s name would also mean ‘God rescues’

 Because God would do everything that needed to be done

 So that all his people could be rescued

 Because no-one could do it on their own.