# Superheroes Talk 3:

# ‘Commander of Israel’

* **Welcome & INTRODUCTION:**

**[Slide 1]**

**Introduce the week’s Theme:**

**‘Superheroes Mission’**

**[Slide 2]**

**Superhero KEY Questions!**

**SONG: ’10, 9, 8 . . . God is Great!’**

* **SUPERHERO of the DAY:**

**[Slide 3]**

**Superhero of the Day . . . . . . . Clues!**

**[Slide 4]**

**Spiderman . . . . . . 4 Key Questions!**

**SONG: ‘Super Saviour!’**

* **BIBLEHERO of the DAY & MAIN TALK:**

**[Slide 1]**

**Bible Hero of the Day . . . . . . . . Clues!**

**[Slide 2]**

**Joshua**

**[Slide 3]**

**Episode 3 – ‘Commander of Israel!’**

**[Slide 4]**

**TIMELINE . . . . . Where does the story fit in?**

**[Slide 5] – Map**

* Explain the Geography of the area.

**[Slide 6] – 40 Years before . . .**

* After Israel were saved by God through the Red Sea, they went to Mount Sinai.
* At Mount Sinai God gave Moses the 10 Commandments, telling them how they should live, now that God had saved them.
* Then they headed for the Promised Land.

**[Slide 7] – Operation . . . ‘Spy Out The Land’**

* When they got to the edge of the Promised Land, Moses sent in 12 spies to check it out, to see what the people were like and what the Cities were like and what the fruit and veg and plants were like.
* After 40 days, the spies returned.
* 10 of the spies said the land was great for producing fantastic things, like fruit etc. BUT the people were like giants and the cities huge and too difficult to destroy.
* 2 of the spies said, “God is with us, He will give us the victory.”
* Unfortunately, the people wouldn’t listen to the 2 spies. So Israel didn’t trust God.
* God punished Israel by sending them away from the Promised Land to wander for 40 years. When they came back to the land 40 years later, only Moses and the 2 spies were the adults still alive from before! One spy was called Caleb & the other was called Joshua.
* Then Moses died before they went into the land, and God chose Joshua to lead Israel. He needed to be a fighting leader to lead the Army of Israel.

**[Slide 8] - Jericho**

* The first City that Joshua came to was Jericho. It was a huge, well fortified city, that no-one could get into.

**[Slide 9] – God Instructs Joshua**

* God gave Joshua very specific instructions to conquer Jericho. It would be God’s victory, through Joshua & would be amazing.
* God said, “March all your soldiers around the city once per day for 6 days. Have 7 priests carry 7 Rams horn trumpets in front of the Ark.

**[Slide 10] – Further Instructions**

* On the seventh day, March around the city 7 times, with the priests blowing their trumpets. Then the whole army MUST shout a mighty war cry!

**[Slide 11] – More Instructions**

* God told Joshua that the city walls would then all collapse and they could march in and win the victory.

**[Slide 12] – Day 1**

* So Joshua got up early on the first day and they did as God had instructed.

**[Slide 13] – Back to Camp**

* Then they went back to camp.

**[Slide 14] – Soldiers in Jericho**

* They did this for six days.
* The people of Jericho thought it was all very strange!

**[Slide 15] – Day 7**

* On the seventh day, they circled the city seven times.

**[Slide 16] – Big Shout**

* The trumpets sounded, and the army gave a mighty war cry.

**[Slide 17] – Walls came down**

* And the walls all collapsed to the ground.

**[Slide 18] – Israel charge in**

* Joshua and his army charged straight into the city and won an amazing victory. just as God had said they would.

**[Slide 19] – Joshua**

* Joshua trusted God, & God gave Joshua the power to win many victories. Israel followed Joshua & lived there for a long time.
* Joshua divided the Promised Land up into areas for each tribe of Israel.
* Then before he died he spoke to all the people of Israel and told them they needed to choose who they would follow . . . . . The ONE TRUE God or other gods, like the Egyptian did?
* Joshua said, “As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.

**[Slide 20] – 4 Key Questions**

Joshua was an amazing Bible Superhero! He led Israel just as God told him to. He trusted God so much and was obedient, but he was also just a human who made mistakes and did things wrong . . . . . he wasn’t perfect.

**[Slide 21] – BIG Question**

**“Joshua was good . . . . . But we need a better SUPERHERO than even Joshua!”**

**[Slide 22]**

**The Perfect Superhero**

All this week we have seen stories about Bible Superheroes, who were given their power by God. It was God who was the real SUPERHERO!

In each of our stories, Israel has needed rescuing, and God’s choice of Superhero was the right one for the situation.

We need to be rescued because God has to punish us for not living His way, for not obeying what He says.

We need a Superhero who is better than Joseph, Moses and Joshua, so that we can be rescued like Israel. Then we can be friends with God.

The Bible tells us that there is ONLY one SUPERHERO who can take our punishment . . . . He is the ONLY perfect Superhero!

He has already taken our punishment and if we say sorry to God and trust His Superhero, we can be friends with God and His PERFECT SUPERHERO Forever!

**[Slide 23]**

**God shows us through the Bible, that it is . . . . . . JESUS!**

And if we believe & trust in Jesus, God says we will be His friends forever.

**NOW Tomorrow, we will see another Superhero, and see how he saved and whether he is like Joseph, Moses & Joshua . . . . . . . or even better!**

**SONG: ‘Mighty, Mighty Saviour’**

* **SUPERHERO GROUP ASSIGNMENTS:**
* **SUPERHEROES DEBRIEF:**

**SONG: ’10, 9, 8 . . . God is great!’**

* **Superheroes Quiz:**
* **Memory Verse:**

**“As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord.”**

**Joshua 24v15**

**SONG: ‘Super Saviour!’**

* **FINISH:**