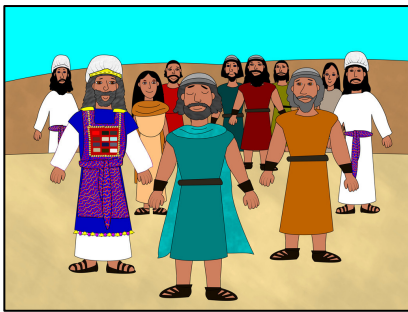


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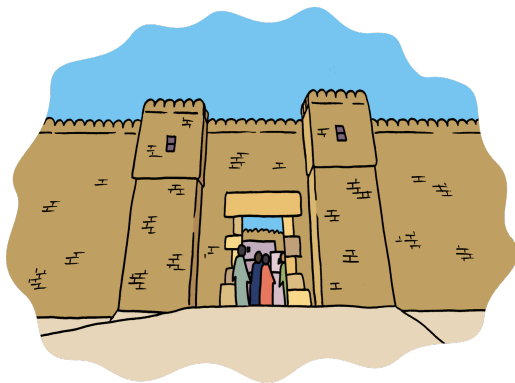


Lesson #2: SPIES AND RAHAB (Joshua 1-2)



The Bible says that Joshua was the new leader of God's people. The Israelites were tired of wandering around in the desert. They were ready to live in houses and have farms. The Promised Land would be the perfect place to live. Joshua knew that because he had been there as a spy forty years ago. Joshua told the people, "Get ready to go into the Promised Land!"

Joshua chose two men to go and explore the land. They were to sneak into the large city of Jericho and see how strong the enemy was.



The 2 spies found a place to cross the Jordan River. They pretended to be ordinary travelers. They went inside the gates of the city.

Inside Jericho the 2 spies found the house of a woman named Rahab. Sometimes she would let travelers stay in her home. Rahab had been a bad woman in the city. But she had heard about how God helped the Israelites. So, Rahab let the spies stay with her.





Rahab knew that the King of Jericho would want to hurt the spies. She remembered that she had put stalks of flax on her roof to dry. That would be the perfect hiding place! She told the spies to go onto the roof and hide under the flax stalks.

The king of Jericho sent soldiers to find the spies. The soldiers banged on Rahab's door shouting, "Bring out the 2 spies that are staying here!" Rahab said, "Two men were here but they have just left. If you hurry you can catch them." The soldiers ran off to find the spies.



Rahab went back up to the roof and told the spies, "The soldiers are gone." The spies asked, "Why did you help us?"

Rahab said, "I know the Lord has promised you this land. I have heard how God divided the Red Sea for you and brought you through the wilderness. When you attack this city, please save me and my family."

*The Lord your God
is God in heaven above*



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The spies said, "Tie a red rope in your window so we will know which one is your house. Everyone inside will be saved." Rahab's house was built on the city wall. She tied the rope to the window. The spies climbed down.

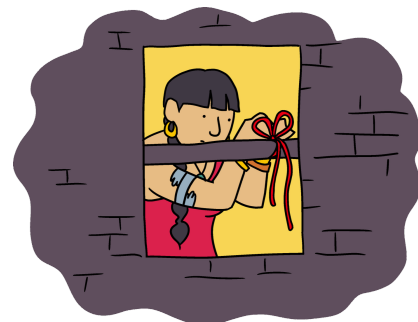


Even though Rahab had been a sinful woman in the past, now she had FAITH and COURAGE to help God's people! The two spies returned to the Israelites' camp. Joshua knew that it was now time to enter the land.

We'll learn that Rahab went on to become a part of God's special people. Many years later, Jesus came from Rahab's family.



God wants everyone to have FAITH and COURAGE to be a part of His great plan!



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RAHAB
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THINK ABOUT THIS:

1. Why do you think Rahab chose to help the spies, even though it was risky?

2. What do you think it felt like for the two spies to lay on the roof under flax stalks?

3. What do you need to help you to make good choices like Rahab and the spies did?
 (Read the last paragraph on pg. 2 of our lesson.)

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