

RAHAB'S HELP

SCRIPTURE REFERENCE: JOSHUA 2:1-15



The STORY

Read "Secret Mission" and "The Red Cord" from The Children's Bible in 365 Stories (pages 92-93).

Please note: The discussion questions in the following sections are written to serve as a guide in teaching our youngest children. Three to six year olds are not going to be able to answer these questions like their older brothers and sisters. Please refer to the God's Story Preschool Curriculum Outline for additional ideas.

After reading the story, use the following questions to involve the children in a discussion.

- Who was Rahab? (Rahab was a woman who lived inside the city of Jericho. Her house was along the wall of the city.)
- What did Rahab do? (She allowed the spies into her house and protected them from the king's secret police.)
- Who was Rahab afraid of? (Rahab feared God and believed that the God of Israel was the true God.)
Read what she said from Joshua 2:9-11.

CRAFT QUESTIONS

Coloring sheets have been provided that exemplify today's lesson: Rahab letting down a rope from her window and the two spies escaping down from the walls. Engage the children by asking:

- Do you think the spies were afraid? If so, why did they still do what they did? (Yes, they probably were afraid but they feared the Lord more. They would have known that the spies who Moses sent were judged because they did not believe the Lord could protect them.)
- What report do you think the spies brought back to Joshua? (They would have reported that God spared them and that God is working ahead of them as evidenced by the testimony of what Rahab did for them. They would also have told Joshua what the city looked like close-up.)
- How were these spies different from the spies that Moses sent out? (They trusted the Lord and did not come back with a fearful report in spite of the fact that Jericho was a great walled city that no one seemed to be able to attack.)

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SNACK QUESTIONS**While the children are eating the snack, engage the children by asking:**

- How did God provide for Israel's spies? (God provided the woman Rahab to shelter the spies.)
- What is unusual about what Rahab did? (Rahab turned against her own people to protect the Israelite spies.)
- Why did Rahab turn against her own people? (God gave her understanding into his great power and revealed to her that he was the true God of the heavens and the earth, see Joshua 2:11.)

WHERE IS JESUS?

Please use the following comments connecting today's lesson to the Gospel to help inform your understanding and serve you by aiding your preparation for class. Remember, we want to do more than present disconnected Bible stories and lessons to our young children. We want them to understand how each story in the Bible plays a part in God's greater plan of redemption.

Rahab as a forbearer of Christ. She was in David's lineage. She was Boaz's mother, Boaz was the father of Obed with Ruth, Obed the father of Jesse, Jesse, the father of David...and Jesus of course...the Son of David. The Matthew genealogy intentionally includes two Gentile women, Rahab and Ruth. This is a foreshadowing of God's intention to reach the nations.

SWORD BIBLE MEMORY**BE A DOER OF THE WORD**

Take time during the class to review the SWORD Bible Memory verses with the class. Provide the opportunity for each child to recite the verses to an adult worker.

