



At-A-Glance: Ages 6-7
God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua
Unit 9, Lesson 46

Promised Land: Rahab and the Spies

Lesson Aim: To see salvation comes to all who believe.

THE WELCOME

MEET & GREET: When have you been very brave?

GAME: Spies in the Flax

THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SENDS

Read Worship Scripture: Matthew 27:51a.

Sing songs and worship God.

Bless and collect the offering.

Perform High Seas Adventures script or read storybook.

THE WORD RAHAB HELPS THE SPIES

Children sign note cards; place in Golden Bowl. Classroom Covenant.

Review: God sent an angel to correct Balaam.

After wandering in the desert for 40 years, God's people were ready to enter the land He had promised them. When Moses died, Joshua became the new leader. Point to Joshua (Circa 1450 B.C.). **Joshua planned to capture the city of Jericho, so he sent two spies ahead to check it out.** Point to Jericho. **The spies stayed at a house in Jericho that belonged to a woman named Rahab. Today, we will discover how God used Rahab to help Joshua's two spies escape from the king of Jericho and his men.** Reveal Bible Story Scripture Reference: Joshua 2:2-15, 17, 21. Pray. Perform Readers' Theatre or read passage.

THE WAY GOD SAVES ALL WHO BELIEVE

The people of Jericho believed in false gods. However, Rahab, who lived in Jericho, had heard how God parted the Red Sea and that miracle showed her the Israelites' God was more powerful than the false gods of Jericho or her king.

Who sent the spies to Jericho? (Joshua.) **The spies were in danger because the king found out they were spying on his land and he wanted to capture them. Who hid the spies from the king and his men?** (Rahab.) **Rahab bravely risked her life to help the spies. She**

knew she should help the spies because they belonged to the one true God. How did Rahab hide the spies? (She hid them under the flax.) **How did she help them escape?** (She helped them climb down over the city wall on a rope.) **Imagine you are the spies sliding down the rope to safety. How do you think they felt about Rahab helping them?**

The spies knew Joshua would soon send the Israelites to capture Jericho. What did Rahab ask the spies to do for her and her family? (Save them when the Israelites captured Jericho.) **What did the spies tell Rahab to do so she and her family would be saved?** (Place the scarlet cord in her window and take all of her family into her home.)

By helping the spies, Rahab showed she believed in the one true God. Later, when Jericho was captured, Rahab and her family were saved because she hung the scarlet cord in her window.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God used Rahab in His plan to save the spies. Even though Rahab's people were an enemy of the Israelites, God saved Rahab because she proved her faith by saving the spies. Over 1400 years later, God saved the world by sending His Son. Reveal John 3:16. Read.

Stand in a circle. Stretch the scarlet cord so each child is holding a section. **Let's say our Bible Memory Verse.** Repeat John 3:16 together. **Just like our Bible Memory Verse says, God sent Jesus to save everyone who believes in Him. When we believe, He gives us life forever with Him!**

Let's lift the scarlet cord high in the air. It helps us remember how Rahab believed in God. She helped the spies, and God saved her and her family. The cord also reminds us that God saved us by sending Jesus. Cut a section of cord for each child for their Treasure Treat.

THE GOLDEN BOWL: Pray for individuals. Pray the Lord's Prayer.

FINAL FIVE MINUTES:

- TREASURE TREAT: Scarlet cord
- DAILY WAY CHALLENGE
- OFFERING OF ART: The spies climbing a rope from Rahab's window
- PRAYER REQUESTS
- BIBLE MEMORY VERSE SONG

GOT TIME?

SNACK: Red Treat

GAME: Hide and Seek

CRAFT: Scarlet Ribbon Bookmarks

DISCUSSION: The Original Spies, Commandments 8-10

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITIES: The Wave, Musical Chairs

BIBLE TIMELINE REVIEW