



At-A-Glance: Ages 8-9
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,
so we must spread the word.

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 water from a rock to quench the Israelites' thirst.

After Moses died, Joshua became the new leader. Point to Joshua (Circa 1450 B.C.). **Joshua planned to capture 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, 23-24. . Find It First. Highlight Key Verse: Joshua 2:11. Pray. Perform Readers' Theatre or read passage.

THE WAY SPREAD THE WORD SO OTHERS MAY BELIEVE

Who sent the spies to Jericho? (Joshua.) **Why were they in danger?** (The king knew they were spying on his land and he was looking for them.) **Who helped the spies hide from the king and his men?** (Rahab.)

What had Rahab heard about the God of the Israelites? Rahab had heard how God parted the Red Sea. That miracle showed her the Israelites' God was more powerful than the false gods of Jericho or her king.

Why do you think Rahab bravely risked her life to help the spies? Where did she hide the spies? (Under the flax.) **Flax is a type of plant that was dried and used to make clothing. How did she help the spies escape?** (She helped them climb down the city wall on a rope.)

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.)

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God sent Rahab to help 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 after Rahab was saved, Paul reminds people that God saves everyone who believes in Him. Every person on earth is important to God. Reveal Romans 10:12-14. Find It First. Highlight. Read.

Stand in a circle. Stretch the scarlet cord so each child is holding a section. **God sent Jesus to save anyone who would believe in Him. Does this include your enemies?** (Yes.) **Does this include people who have grown up believing in false gods as Rahab did?** (Yes.) **Rahab believed because she heard about God's power. How can you tell others about Jesus? What can you tell them?**

Let's each cut off a piece of our scarlet cord and take it home to remember how Rahab believed in God. She helped the spies and God saved her and her family. Remember, we must tell others about Jesus so they can believe too. Cut a section of scarlet cord for each child to take home 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, Manna Scrambler

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