

RAHAB AND THE SPIES

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¹Then Joshua son of Nun secretly sent two spies from Shittim. “Go, look over the land,” he said, “especially Jericho.” So they went and entered the house of a prostitute named Rahab and stayed there.

²The king of Jericho was told, “Look! Some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land.” ³So the king of Jericho sent this message to Rahab: “Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land.”

⁴But the woman had taken the two men and hidden them. She said, “Yes, the men came to me, but I did not know where they had come from.” ⁵At dusk, when it was time to close the city gate, the men left. I don’t know which way they went. Go after them quickly. You may catch up with them.” ⁶(But she had taken them up to the roof and hidden them under the stalks of flax she had laid out on the roof.) ⁷So the men set out in pursuit of the spies on the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and as soon as the pursuers had gone out, the gate was shut.

⁸Before the spies lay down for the night, she went up on the roof ⁹and said to them, “I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you. ¹⁰We have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt, and what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed. ¹¹When we heard of it, our hearts melted and everyone’s courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below. ¹²Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign ¹³that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all

who belong to them, and that you will save us from death.”

¹⁴“Our lives for your lives!” the men assured her. “If you don’t tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land.”

¹⁵So she let them down by a rope through the window, for the house she lived in was part of the city wall. ¹⁶Now she had said to them, “Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.”

¹⁷The men said to her, “This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us ¹⁸unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house. ¹⁹If anyone goes outside your house into the street, his blood will be on his own head; we will not be responsible. As for anyone who is in the house with you, his blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on him. ²⁰But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.”

²¹“Agreed,” she replied. “Let it be as you say.” So she sent them away and they departed. And she tied the scarlet cord in the window.

²²When they left, they went into the hills and stayed there three days, until the pursuers had searched all along the road and returned without finding them. ²³Then the two men started back. They went down out of the hills, forded the river and came to Joshua son of Nun and told him everything that had happened to them. ²⁴They said to Joshua, “The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands; all the people are melting in fear because of us.”

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POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	QUESTIONS
5		1.) What did Joshua ask the two spies to do? (Verse 1)
5		2.) What did the king of Jericho tell Rahab? (Verse 3)
5		3.) What did Rahab do to protect the two spies? (Verses 4-6)
5		4.) Why do you think Rahab treated the spies so well?

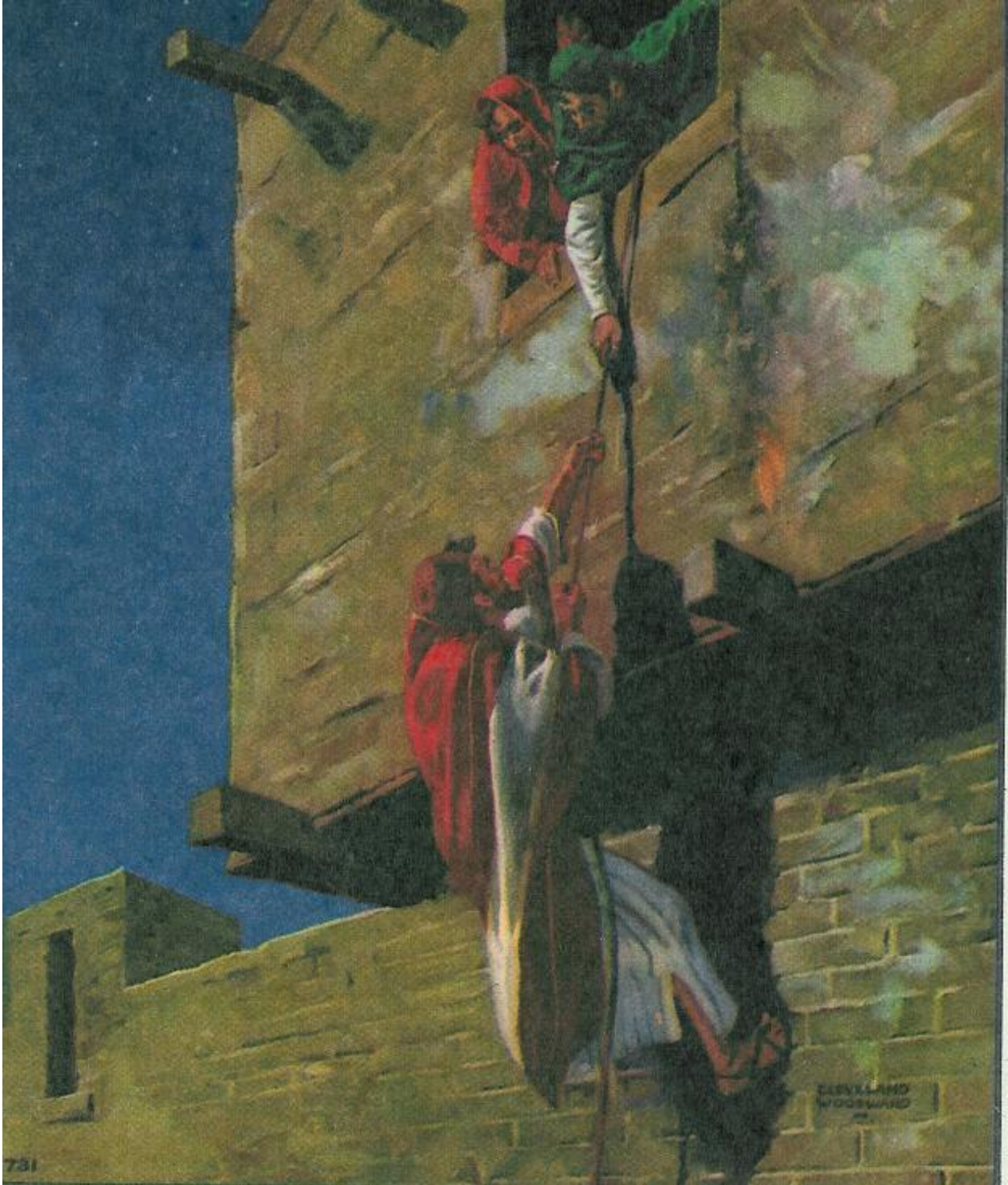
POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	MEMORY VERSE
10		“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves.” Philippians 2:3

POSSIBLE POINTS	MY POINTS	HOME CONNECTION	PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE
5		<i>I have read, or been read, the passage of scripture for this week.</i>	
5		<i>I have answered the questions aloud to an adult at home this week.</i>	
10		<i>I have recited the memory verse out loud to an adult at home this week.</i>	

TOTAL POINTS	CLUB CONNECTION
	LEADER’S SIGNATURE _____ DATE ____/____/____

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Rahab helps two spies get away

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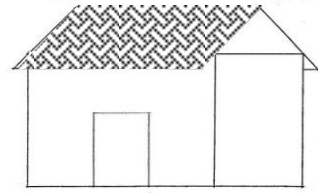
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CRAFT/ACTIVITY: HOUSES

Students will make a house to remind them of how Rahab let the two Israelite spies escape out of her window using a rope.

MATERIALS

1. White 67 lb. Cardstock
2. House Pattern
3. Scissors
4. Glue
5. Tape
6. Crayons, Markers, or Colored Pencils
7. Yarn



DIRECTIONS

1. Copy a house pattern for each student onto 67 lb. cardstock.
2. Have students color the house pattern with crayons, markers, or colored pencils.
3. Instruct students to cut out the house and roof on the solid black lines. Students will fold on the dotted lines.
4. Students will then put glue on the tab that says “glue” and assemble the house.
5. Help students tape the roof on from the inside of the house.
6. Cut a piece of yarn and tape it so that it hangs out the window like a rope.

FOR DISCUSSION

As students are making their houses, remind them of how Rahab recognized that the Lord was giving the land of Jericho to the Israelites. Help students realize that God used an ordinary person to do an extraordinary thing. God changes the lives of sinners and uses their lives for His purposes. God can use the lives of students in your class too!

TIME NEEDED TO COMPLETE:

Approximately 30 minutes

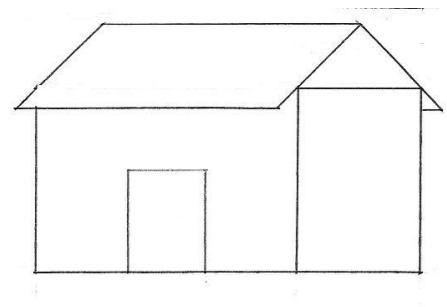
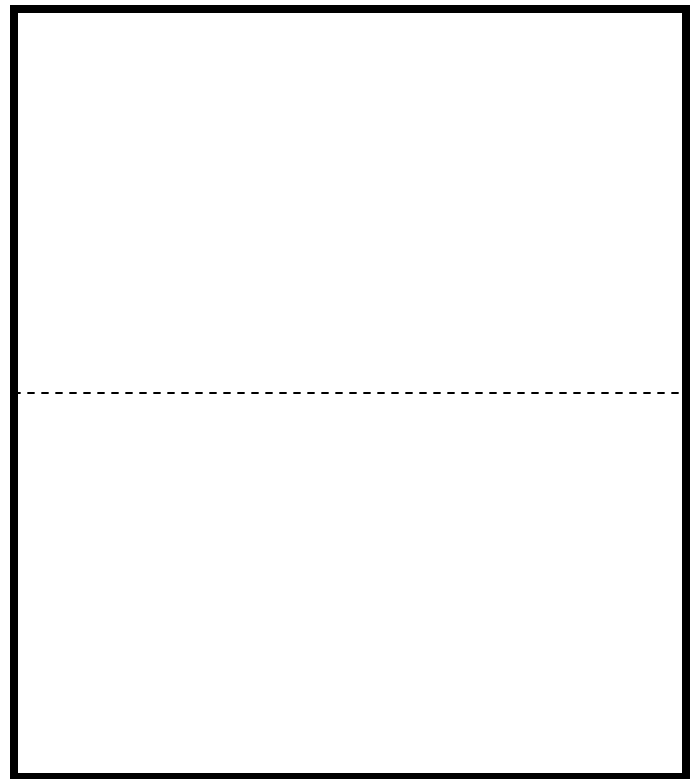
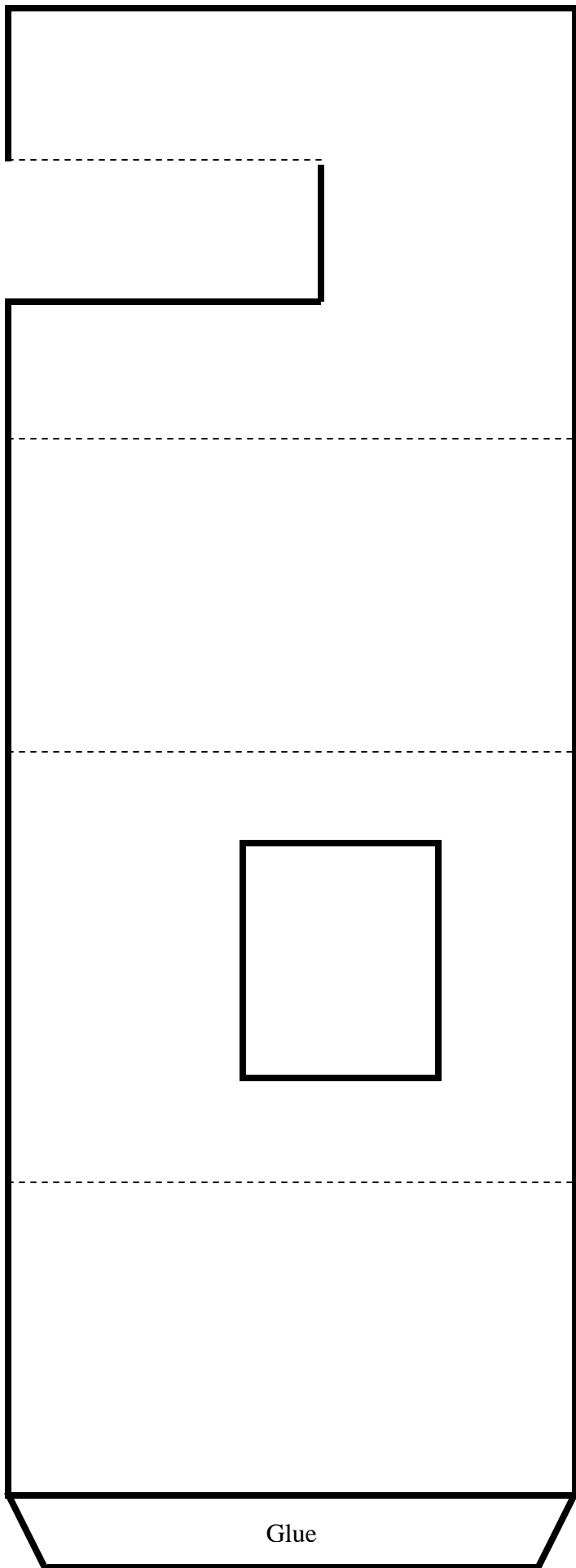
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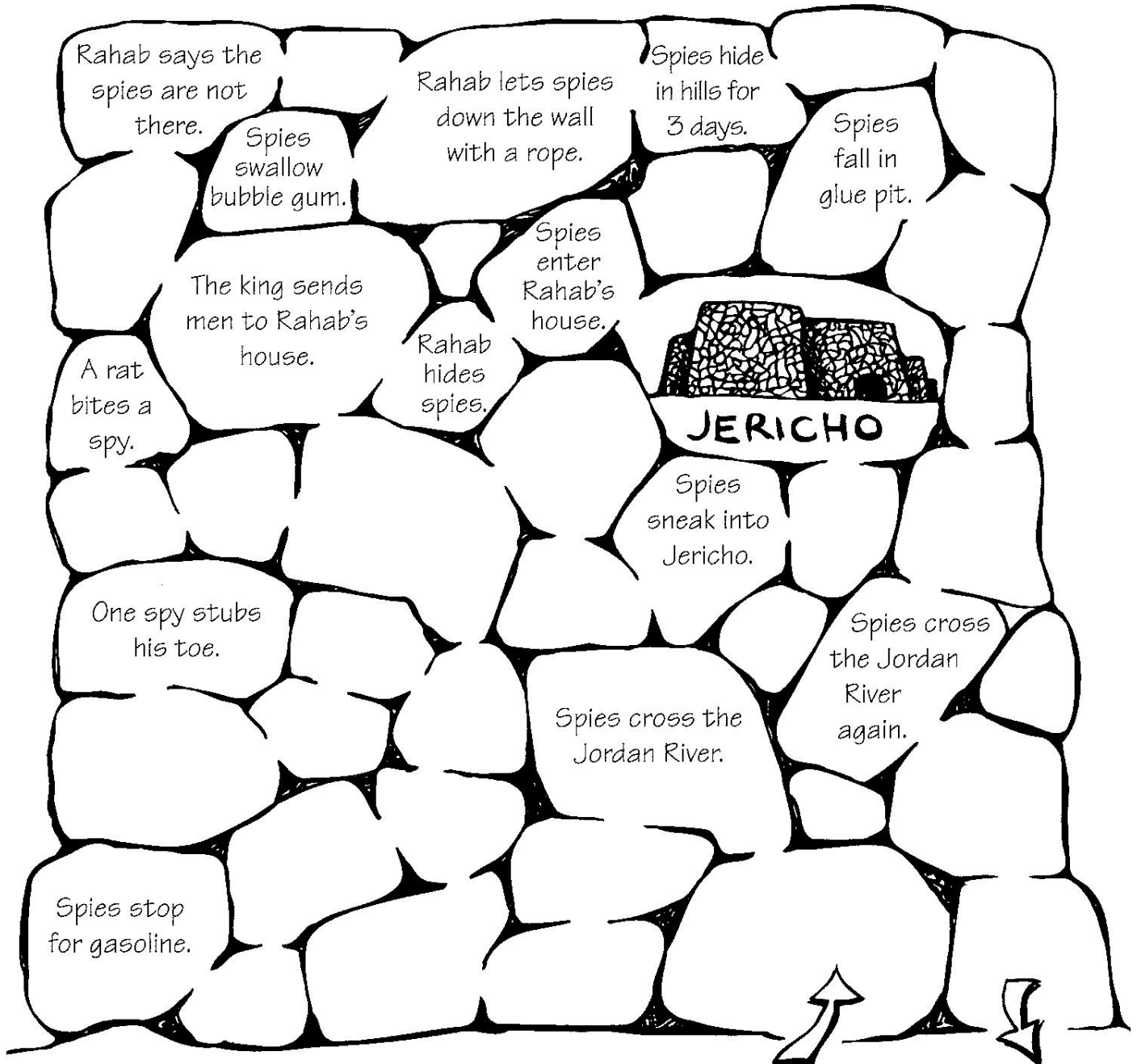
HOUSE PATTERN



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The Israelites were near the Jordan River, across from the city of Jericho in the Promised Land. Joshua sent two spies to go into Jericho to see what it was like. In Jericho, a woman named Rahab hid these spies on her roof. Take the spies through the maze to Jericho and back to Joshua again. Turn back from any stones that have silly writing on them.



God took care of the spies and kept them safe on their trip. Do you ask God to protect you at all times? He will always do what is best for you.

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A SPECIAL REPORT ON JOSHUA 2:1-24

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Joshua secretly sent two spies to the Promised Land to check it out. This was the land that the Lord was giving to the Israelites.

The spies stayed at Rahab's house. When the king of Jericho found out that spies were in

Jericho, he sent a message to Rahab. The king wanted Rahab to bring the spies to him.

Rahab made up a story about the spies running out of the city when it began to get dark. The spies were actually hiding on Rahab's roof.

Rahab talked with the spies and said, "I know that the Lord has given this land to the Israelites. Everyone is scared including me. Please show kindness to my family because I hid you from the king. We do not want to be killed when the Israelites take over our city."

The spies agreed. Because Rahab was kind to them, the spies would keep Rahab's family safe.

Rahab let the spies down by a rope through the window because the house she lived in was part of the city wall.

The spies hid for three days and then went back to Joshua. They told Joshua, "The Lord has surely given the whole land into our hands. All of the people are melting in fear because of us."

Later, when the Israelites entered the city of Jericho, Rahab's family was spared.

For more details, please read Joshua 2:1-24 in your Bible.

QUESTIONS

1. What did Joshua want the two spies to do?
2. What did the king want Rahab to do?
3. What did Rahab do to protect the spies?
4. Why do you think Rahab treated the spies so well?

MEMORY VERSE

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DRAW A PICTURE OF RAHAB LETTING THE SPIES DOWN THROUGH THE WINDOW

