

# Old Testament

## Rahab and the Spies

## Joshua 2:1-24

**Younger Memory Verse** If we tell God our wrongs, He will forgive us our sins and clean us from all our wrongs.  
1st John 1:9

**Older Memory Verse** If we tell God our wrongs, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and clean us from all our wrongs. 1st John 1:9

Teachers: This new unit is designed to help your children understand some of the stories in the Old Testament. Each lesson will have both Old Testament and New Testament passages.

PLEASE remember to always include the New Testament verses—this helps each child see how God's ultimate plan was fulfilled in Christ!

### Welcome Time

Sing songs and review some of the lessons you have learned. See how much they remember. Explain that in today's lesson, a woman hides 2 people. Ask if they can remember another lesson where someone little was hidden (Moses).

### Bible Story

*Please note: This portion of the lesson is given to help in teaching the lesson. Please read through the story and read it in the Bible. Do **NOT** read from this piece of paper. Instead, make a note sheet and place it next to the story in the Bible.*

“Knock, knock,” came from Rahab’s door. He opened the door and saw two men. She knew that they were not from her city, Jericho (Jer-a-ko). She invited them into her home and asked them some questions. She realized that they were God’s people. She knew that God was powerful. Rahab told them that they could hide out in her house for safety. She found a secret hiding place for them up on top of her flat roof. She covered them with flax (it’s like wheat) so that no one would see them.

Suddenly, there was another knock at her door. Rahab hurried to the door. It was the king’s men! The king was asking about the spies! Rahab quickly told them that they were gone. Whew! She was so relieved when they left.

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### Lesson Goals

**To see that God loves all people no matter what they've done**  
**To explain how we can have a clean heart**

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was powerful and had helped His people cross the Red Sea and escape slavery. She told them that the warriors were afraid to fight God's people.

Then, she asked them to promise her that God's people would be kind to her since she was kind to them and saved them. The two spies agreed.

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Rahab lowered the two men down to freedom. She used a red cord to help them escape. She told them to hide in the hills for three days, then go back home. They did this and were safe.

Later, God did help His people conquer the city. Rahab was saved because she put the red cord in her window. All of God's army knew that Rahab had helped God and they were kind to her.

Believe it or not, Rahab had done many bad things in her life. She changed when she decided to help God's people and she believed in God. In fact, Matthew 1:5 lists her as a great, great.... Grandmother of Jesus! God forgave her of all her bad things. He erased them and gave her a clean heart.

God can do this for you too. We must trust Jesus and ask Him to come into our lives. Jesus wipes away all the dirt and gives us a clean heart. He changes our lives too. We become like a new person and want to do things God's way instead of our way.

**Learning Activities**

Use the activities to help the students learn and apply the lesson.

**Memory Verse Activities**

Try writing the verse in a different way with the opposite hand. Talk about how God can clean our wrongs.

**Prayer Time**

Ask God to help us forgive others this week, like He forgives us.

**Snack Time/CleanUp**

Munch on red licorice as a reminder of Rahab's cord.

Planning for Lesson 34  
Joshua and Jericho  
Joshua 5-6

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Preschool Lesson  
For  
Rahab and the spies

(Teachers: bring a red piece of yarn or string so the kids can see and remember)

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Sing a song to the tune of “BINGO.”

There was a girl that God did use and Rahab was her name-o.

R-A-H-A-B, R-A-H-A-B, R-A-H-A-B, and Rahab was her name-o.

(take out a letter each time the song is sung and replace with a clap)

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## Hands-On Activities For Rahab and the Spies

Isaiah 1:18 says that though our sins are like scarlet (red), they shall be as white as snow. God can clean away all the dirty sins in our heart. Bring a little bottle of disappearing ink. Put on a white cloth or towel. Share how Jesus can make the dirty sin in our heart disappear. Watch as the spots disappear.

Make a red cord like Rahab used. Braid several pieces of red yarn or thread together. Tape the verse on the top or bottom of the cord. Hang the cord out the window to remind us of God's forgiveness.

Flax is similar to wheat. Bring a sample if you can find something similar.

God forgave Rahab for the sins that she had done. He will forgive you if you ask Him. When you ask for forgiveness, God wants you to have a heart that wants to do the right thing and not sin again.

Play Hide and seek and remember how Rahab hid the spies.

This is a fun story to dramatize. Choose someone to be Rahab, 2 spies, and the king's men.

Build a wall out of cardboard and cut out a window. Now, hang a red string/cord out of the window. Use it next week too, for the story of how the walls come down!

The spies escaped through a window in the wall. Make pretty window art by tearing pieces of tissue paper and gluing them to a border.

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