

D6 EveryDay™ Parent Page

Date | **July 25, 2021** Family Theme | **Faith Brings Deliverance** Study Text | **Joshua 2:1-24**

Objective: Children understand that because Rahab had faith in the God of Israel, she hid the Israeli spies at great risk to herself. We do what is good and right, trusting that our future is in God's hands.

How This Lesson Fits in the Story of the Bible: This lesson is set around 1406 BC after the Exodus from Egypt and after the children of Israel had wandered in the wilderness for forty years. God made them do this because they refused to trust Him to drive their enemies out and give them the land He had promised them.

Bible Basics: Go over the following question and answer each day this week and work with family members to do so as well. What does the Fifth Commandment mean? Answer: The Fifth Commandment (Exodus 20:12) directs us to show proper respect and obedience to our parents. By extension, the commandment also instructs us to show proper respect to all those with legitimate authority over us.

Read the Word: Joshua 2:1-24

Disciple Your Kids

Help your children and grandchildren understand that trusting God makes it possible for us to do what is good and right no matter what other people might think. We follow God's directions, trusting God to take care of us.



Key Truth: Faith in God Led Rahab to Take Bold Action (Joshua 2:1-14)

Joshua secretly sent two spies into Jericho. The spies entered the city and found lodging at the house of Rahab, a prostitute. Such places often served as inns for travelers. It was a good place to gather information. They did not escape notice, however, and were reported to the king. Rahab hid and protected the spies. She deceived the soldiers, sending them on a fruitless manhunt. Discovery would most likely have meant the death penalty. She did it because she understood that God had given the land to Israel. In exchange for her protection, she asked the spies to save her own life, as well as the lives of her family members. Rahab seems an unlikely convert in many ways. She was a pagan, and a prostitute. Yet, she had come to understand that God was in control. She humbly aligned herself with God's plan for mankind and demonstrated that with action.



Key Truth: Faith in God Led Rahab to Follow the Directions She Was Given (Joshua 2:15-24)

After the spies agreed to keep her and her family safe for keeping their secret, Rahab sent the spies into the hills, away from the route of someone wanting to hurry back across the river. It was a wooded wasteland, with many caves, and ideal for the spies to hide for a few days until after the men from Jericho would give up, assuming the spies had escaped. The spies instructed Rahab to hang a scarlet cord in the same window out of which the spies were let down. This would indicate which house to spare when Israel attacked. The family would need to take shelter in that house, and nowhere else, and not tell where the spies had gone. Rahab agreed and the spies went on their way. After three days of hiding, the spies were able to report back to Joshua. Their conclusion, so different from the report a generation before, had to thrill his heart: *They are scared to death of us; surely this is a sign that God has given us the land!* Obedience is the

proof of our faith. Rahab followed the instructions, and she and her family were spared.

Discussion Starters

Use one or more of the following questions as discussion starters with your kids this week.

- Why is it important that our actions support what we say we believe?
- What are some bold actions we might take because of our faith in God?
- How might putting our faith into action be risky in our culture?
- What is the connection between our faith in God and our obedience to His commands?
- **For Elementary:** How did Rahab show her faith in God?
- **For Elementary:** In what area could you better put your faith into action this week?

Everyday Extras

Field trip! Visit a river in your area — preferably a large river that would help your children understand the difficulty the children of Israel faced when they came to the Jordan River. Brainstorm ways that you might be able to cross the river (swimming, boat, bridge), and add the ideas of carrying your possessions with you and facing enemies on the other side. Talk together about what a river looks like at flood stage and the complications that would make. Throw a stick in the river and watch what happens to it. On your own, how would you get through this difficult situation? What difference does God make when we trust Him in the hard things we face?

Preschool Highlights for SQUARE 1 & ROUND 2

Today your child learned how a woman named Rahab helped others for God. She hid two spies from God's army from the king's soldiers. Because of her faith in God and willingness to help others, we can learn from her example. **I Can Live by Faith** like Rahab did.