

RAHAB HELPS THE SPIES

JOSHUA 1:5-6, 2:1, 2:11, 6:25

LEARN THE WORD

Deuteronomy 7:9

Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love Him and keep His commandments, to a thousand generations.

- Rahab heard of God's miracles and believed He was the true God. God showed mercy to her because of her faith.
- God used Rahab to accomplish His plan to save the spies then rewarded her faith by sparing her and her family from the destruction of Jericho.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

What if your friend said that he didn't think God would ever forgive all the bad things he had done?

What could you say?

Everybody does bad things, or sins. You may think you've committed too many sins to be forgiven, but that's not true. God is able to forgive you. God must judge sin, and a penalty must be paid in order for your sins to be forgiven. But the good news is that God sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for your sins so you don't have to. If you ask God to forgive you, turn away from your sins, and trust in Jesus Christ to be your Savior, He WILL forgive all your sins. Then you can start fresh, walking in obedience to God!

Activity:

Move through Rahab's house like the spies did. Start at the front door, go up to the roof, and then out the window!



HOMESWORD FOR PARENTS

Joshua, as the new leader after Moses' death, sent two spies to the city of Jericho (Joshua 2:1). The two spies found lodging at Rahab's house in the wall of Jericho. However, in God's divine providence, the men were found out. These men were the first to introduce Rahab to the God of Israel whom she had heard so much about and feared (Joshua 2:10-11). Because of her faith in the true God, Rahab offered protection to the spies (Joshua 2:4-7, 2:15-16). This faith eventually saved her family from destruction (Joshua 6:17). By God's amazing grace, Rahab's faith put her in the family line of Jesus, the Messiah (Matthew 1:5).

Rahab misled the pursuers who were sent by the King of Jericho to capture the spies, and she concealed them until she helped them escape back to Joshua (Joshua 2:2-6, 2:15-16). Rahab acted on her belief that the God of Israel would carry out His promises to give the land to His people, and by doing so, she showed an utter dependence upon Him. This faith was remarkable enough to be held up to all future believers as an example of faith (Hebrews 11:31)!

The fact that God would bring to saving faith and use a Gentile woman to fulfill His purpose foreshadowed His intention to break down the walls between Jew and Gentile in Christ (Ephesians 2:14) and to make Gentiles "fellow heirs, members of the same body" with Jews in Christ (Ephesians 3:6). This account reveals God's intention to redeem sinners from every nation.