

Rahab and the Spies Skit

Based on Joshua 2:1–24

Parts: *Narrator, Joshua, Rahab, 2 King's Men, 2 Israelite Spies*

Props: *blanket/tablecloth, red party streamer or rope, optional costumes: robes for the spies and Joshua, jewelry and dress for Rahab, belts and swords for the king's men, etc.*

Scene: *Joshua and the 2 Spies should start on one side of the room with Rahab and the King's Men on the other.*

Joshua: You two, go now and spy out the land, especially the city of Jericho.

Spies 1 & 2: *Travel across the room to Rahab.*

Narrator: The spies came to Jericho and entered the house of a woman named Rahab. But they were spotted by the king's men.

King's Man 1: Those two guys look like Israelites. They're here to spy on our city!

King's Man 2: Let's go tell the king!

Narrator: When the king found out, he commanded his men to go to Rahab's house and capture the spies. But Rahab had taken the two spies to the roof of her house and hidden them under stalks of flax that were drying up there.

Rahab: Hurry! Lie down here, and stay quiet!

Spies 1 & 2: *Lie down and let Rahab throw a blanket/tablecloth over you.*

King's Men 1 & 2: *Knock on Rahab's door.*

King's Man 1: Open up!

Rahab: *Pretend to open the door. Yes?*

King's Man 2: Bring out the men who are in your house, for they have come to spy out the land.

Rahab: True, the men came to me, but I didn't know where they were from. When the city gate was about to be shut at dark, the men left the city. I don't know where they went. If you chase them quickly, you will catch them!

King's Men 1 & 2: *Run off.*

Narrator: After the king's men left, Rahab returned to the spies on her roof.

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Rahab: I know that the Lord has given you the land, for all the people here are afraid of you. We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea before you when you came out of Egypt. And we heard how you destroyed the Amorite kings Sihon and Og. Our hearts melted with fear, for the Lord your God is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath. Please promise that you will spare me and my family!

Spy 1: Our lives for yours! If you will not tell your people what we are planning, when the Lord gives us the land, we will deal kindly and faithfully with you.

Rahab: You must escape the city now. Go into the hills and hide there for three days until the king's men give up looking for you.

Spy 2: Thank you for helping us. Now, this is what you must do: put a scarlet cord in your window and bring all your family into your house. Then we will see the cord and spare all those in your house.

Spy 1: But if you tell our plans to your people or fail to put the scarlet cord in the window and gather your family inside, we will not be responsible for your lives.

Rahab: So be it.

Narrator: So Rahab let them down by a rope through the window, for her house was built into the city wall. And she tied a scarlet cord in the window. The spies escaped out of the city, hid for three days in the hills, and returned to Joshua.

Rahab: *Tape or tie the red streamer/rope to the wall or table.*

Spies 1 & 2: *Travel across the room to Joshua.*

Spy 2: A woman named Rahab saved our lives! She hid us from the king's men and helped us escape the city. She believes that our God is the one true God! We promised to spare her and her family. They will be in a house with a scarlet cord in the window.

Joshua: We will spare them for her sake. What else did you learn?

Spy 1: The Lord has given all the land into our hands. All the people are afraid because they've heard what amazing miracles God has done for us!

Joshua: Then we must attack the city of Jericho!