

Sneaky Spies

Materials

- ☐ Several beanbags, sponge balls, or other small objects
- ☐ Optional: masking tape

Instructions

Choose one student to be the king's guard. Have him/her stand at one end of the room. Place the beanbags (or other small objects) on the floor a few feet away from the guard. Have the rest of the class line up on the other end of the room. You may want to use tape to make a starting line.

Explain that the beanbags represent the information the spies needed to learn and take back to Joshua. The students are spies going into Jericho trying to get the information without being caught by the king's guard. Whenever the guard turns away from the spies, the spies will sneak toward him. But whenever the guard turns around, all the spies must freeze in place. Anyone still moving must return to the starting line. Allow the guard to turn randomly, but be sure to give the spies a chance to move. The goal is for all the information to be collected and taken back to the starting line. Play several rounds, choosing a new guard each time.

Option: If any spies are caught moving when the guard turns around, the guard can take them prisoner. Have them stand near the guard and wait until another spy gets close enough to tag them before they can run back to start.

Suggested Discussion

Joshua sent two spies into the city of Jericho to find out all they could about the city. They stayed at Rahab's house where she hid them and told them the people were very afraid because they heard what God had done for the Israelites. She let the spies down by a rope through her window on the outside wall so they didn't have to try to sneak past the guards at the gate, which was closed at night.