

Hidden Spies

Materials

- ☐ Large shoe boxes, one for each team
- ☐ Shredded paper or raffia, enough to fill boxes
- ☐ Small objects (e.g., small action figures, crayons, dice, etc.)
- ☐ One sheet to lay under each box

Instructions

Divide class into teams. Place one small object in each box for each team member. Cover the objects with shredded paper or raffia to represent the flax Rahab used to cover the spies. Close and shake the boxes.

To keep the mess contained, spread a sheet on the floor under each team's box. Have teams gather around their box. Assign the first player. Explain that when you say go, the first person will use only one hand to dig through the shredded paper (trying not to pull the paper out of the box), find one object, and take it out. The box is then passed on to the next teammate and so on until all the objects are found. The first team to find all the objects wins.

Option 1: Play this relay style. Have students race to one end of the room, dig through the box (set on top of a sheet) for one object, then race back with the object to tag the next teammate.

Option 2: Use a larger, closed box with hand holes cut into the sides for students to put a hand in and search for objects they can pull out.

Suggested Discussion

When the king of Jericho heard there were spies in his city, he sent his men out to search for them.

- ?** We found the objects that were hidden in the boxes. But when Rahab hid the spies underneath the flax, did the king's men find them? *No!*

Rahab knew the spies were followers of the one true God, so she hid them up on her roof under the flax. The spies later escaped out the window.

Rahab showed great faith in God, which gave her the courage to do what she knew was right and help God's people.