



## K-1<sup>st</sup> Lesson

### Review

Refer to Lesson 63 Flip Chart. God led Moses and the Israelites to the place where they were just outside the Promised Land. On the way there, a king named Og attacked the Israelites.

- ? What was different about King Og? *He was a giant. Og slept in a huge bed. He was probably 9–12 feet tall, taller than any basketball player!*

King Og was a giant man. And there were tall walls around his cities, too. But God helped the Israelites win against Og.

Then there was King Balak. He was afraid that the Israelites would attack him next. So he hired Balaam, a false prophet, to curse the Israelites.

- ? What kind of animal did Balaam ride on his way to see King Balak? *A donkey.*
- ? As Balaam rode his donkey, who blocked the way and scared the donkey? *The angel of the Lord.*
- ? What did God cause the donkey to do? *Talk to Balaam.*

God made the donkey speak to Balaam! Then God opened Balaam's eyes to see the angel and reminded him to obey and only say words of blessing for the Israelites and not to curse them.

The Israelites were God's chosen people. He promised to bless them as they came into the Promised Land. Today, we're going to see how God used a lady named Rahab to help the Israelites get ready to go into the land.

### Joshua Becomes the Leader

The time had come for Joshua to lead all the people! Moses had died when he was 120 years

old. Now it was Joshua's job to lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land. This was a scary task! They would have to fight many battles against the enemies who lived there. Let's find out what God had to say to Joshua.

### Joshua 1:5–6

Refer to the Books of the Bible Poster. We're going to read from the first chapter of the book of Joshua. Have the student bring up the Bible and open it to the sticky note. Listen to what God told Joshua. Read Joshua 1:5–6.

- ? Would God leave Joshua? *No.*

God promised to be with Joshua just like he had been with Moses. He reminded Joshua to make sure he obeyed God and his laws and said that Joshua would bring the Israelites into the land so they could have it for their own.

### Joshua 1:9

Now let's read what else God told Joshua from our memory verse. Turn to the Flip Chart Memory Verse Page and recite the verse together.

Joshua would need God's strength and courage to lead the people in the fight against their enemies.

- ? Do you think this would be a scary thing to do? *Allow answers.*
- ? God reminded Joshua that he didn't need to be frightened. But what does it mean to be dismayed? Do you know? *Allow discussion.*

Being dismayed is when you're so scared that you lose your courage and feel like you can't do the job. Joshua and the Israelites had a huge job ahead of them. They would have to fight for their land against giant men, strong armies, and walled cities.

- ? But who would give Joshua strength and courage to lead the people? *God.*

### Rahab Helps the Spies

The first city they would come to in the land was a huge, walled city called Jericho. Joshua wanted to know more about this place, so he sent two spies to sneak into Jericho and look around. Let's act out what happened to them. Watch and listen carefully so you can answer some questions.

### Rahab Skit

Choose 6 students for the parts. Set out props and help actors put on any costumes you brought. As you read the Narrator's part, tell the students what to say and have an assistant direct them as they act out the skit.

Refer to the Lesson Flip Chart. Rahab's house was a good place for the spies to hide. They could find out a lot about the city there—and it was built right into one of the city walls! It would be a safe place with an easy escape out the window.

- ? It didn't take long before the king found out there were spies in his city. What did he do? *He sent men to Rahab's house to look for the spies.*
- ? How did Rahab hide the spies? In our skit we pretended the blanket was something else. What was it supposed to be? *Flax*

Refer to the Flip Chart. Flax is a plant with long stalks that was used to make material for clothes. Rahab took the spies to the roof of her house where she had laid the flax out to dry. This was a flat rooftop where she could go to sit or work on projects. She told the spies to lie down, and then she piled the flax on top of them so they couldn't be seen.

When the king's men knocked on her door, Rahab lied to them and said the spies had already left the city.

- ? Was it okay for Rahab to lie? *Allow discussion.*

God hates all sin, and lying is a sin. God commanded his people not to lie. It was the ninth commandment. At this time, God had just given these commandments to the Israelites, so Rahab didn't know them yet.

- ? The Israelites were planning to attack and take over her city, so Rahab asked the spies to do something for her. What did she ask? *Save her and her family.*

The spies said she must keep their secret and not tell about their plans. They told her to make sure her family was with her when the battle began.

- ? She was also told to hang something from her window. What was that? *A scarlet (red) cord.*

Refer to the Flip Chart. Scarlet is a bright red color that the Israelites would be able to see easily

so they would know which house she was in during the battle.

- ? How did Rahab help the spies get away from the city and back to Joshua without being caught? *She let them climb down the wall with a rope from her window.*

Remember that Rahab's house was built into the wall. When she let the men climb out her window, they were outside the city walls and didn't have to go through the gate, which was closed at night.

### Rahab Shows Faith

Rahab would have been in big trouble if the king's men had found the spies on her roof or found out that she helped them escape! But Rahab had faith in God, so she chose to help the spies because she knew that God was with them.

The people in Jericho were wicked and worshipped false gods. But Rahab believed in the God of the Israelites. She told the spies that all the people in Jericho were afraid when they heard about how God parted the Red Sea and helped the Israelites win the battle against King Og.

### Joshua 2:11

Let's see what she said about God. Listen to Joshua 2:11. Read the second part of the verse.

- ? What did Rahab say? He is the God in what? *God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath.*

Yes! Rahab believed that the God of the Israelites was the one true God—the only one who had control over all the heavens and the earth. She put her faith in God, and he showed her mercy and kept her and her family safe during the battle of Jericho.

After the battle, Rahab and her family went to live with the Israelites! She married a man named Salmon and later became the great-great-grandmother of King David! And many years after that, Jesus was born into King David's family line! That means that Rahab was part of Jesus' family line! What an honor God gave her! Like all of us, Rahab was a sinner, but she was saved by faith and used by God to help the Israelite spies.



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Rahab believed in God.

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She hid the spies on the roof!



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She helped them escape!



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God protected Rahab and her family.

