



UNIT 8: SESSION 2

ACTIVITY

FIND THE SPIES •

CHOOSE A CHILD TO STAND IN A CORNER WITH HER EYES CLOSED WHILE YOU HIDE TWO PEOPLE FIGURES TOGETHER IN THE ROOM. INVITE THE CHILD TO TURN AROUND AND FIND THE FIGURES. LEAD THE REST OF THE GROUP IN SAYING HOT OR COLD TO INDICATE HOW CLOSE THE CHILD IS TO THE FIGURES. CHOOSE ANOTHER CHILD TO FIND THE SPIES AND PLAY AGAIN.

SAY • RAHAB LIVED IN JERICO, BUT SHE HAD HEARD ABOUT GOD AND WANTED TO HELP HIS PEOPLE. SHE HID THE SPIES ON HER ROOF SO THE KING OF JERICO COULD NOT FIND THEM. GOD MADE THE WALLS OF JERICO FALL DOWN. WHEN THE ISRAELITES ATTACKED JERICO, RAHAB AND HER FAMILY WERE SAFE AND THEY JOINED GOD'S PEOPLE. JESUS HAS WON AGAINST SIN AND DEATH. EVERYONE WHO TRUSTS IN JESUS IS SAFE AND BECOMES PART OF GOD'S FAMILY FOREVER.

PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE

BEFORE THE SESSION, WRITE EACH WORD OF THE KEY PASSAGE ON A PIECE OF MASKING TAPE ON A BLOCK. PLACE THE KEY PASSAGE MARKER AT DEUTERONOMY 31:8. INVITE A CHILD TO OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO THE KEY PASSAGE. READ THE KEY PASSAGE ALOUD. SAY EACH WORD OF THE KEY PASSAGE AS YOU STACK THE BLOCKS TO FORM A WALL. INVITE A CHILD TO KNOCK THE WALL DOWN.

SAY • RAHAB BELIEVED THAT GOD WOULD WIN THE BATTLE, AND GOD KEPT HER FAMILY SAFE. GOD DID NOT LEAVE OR ABANDON HER FAMILY, AND HE WILL NOT LEAVE OR ABANDON US. EVERYONE WHO TRUSTS IN JESUS IS SAFE AND BECOMES PART OF GOD'S FAMILY FOREVER.

BIBLE STORY

THE BATTLE OF JERICO – JOSHUA 2; 6

THE ISRAELITES FINALLY GOT TO THE PROMISED LAND OF CANAAN (KAY NUHN), BUT THERE WAS ONE PROBLEM: OTHER PEOPLE WERE LIVING THERE. GOD'S PEOPLE COULDN'T JUST WALK IN AND SET UP THEIR TENTS. THEY HAD TO GO TO BATTLE AGAINST THE PEOPLE, AND THEY HAD TO WIN.

BEFORE GOD'S PEOPLE WENT INTO THE LAND, JOSHUA SENT TWO SPIES INTO THE CITY OF JERICO. THE SPIES STAYED AT THE HOUSE OF A WOMAN NAMED RAHAB (RAY HAB). RAHAB LIVED IN JERICO, BUT SHE HAD HEARD ABOUT GOD AND WANTED TO HELP HIS PEOPLE. SHE HID THE SPIES ON HER ROOF SO THE KING OF JERICO COULD NOT FIND THEM. WHEN IT WAS SAFE FOR THE SPIES TO LEAVE, RAHAB SAID, "PLEASE BE KIND TO MY FAMILY BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN KIND TO YOU. WHEN YOU ATTACK JERICO, PLEASE KEEP US SAFE." SO THE SPIES AGREED, AND THEY LEFT JERICO. RAHAB TIED A BRIGHT RED ROPE IN HER WINDOW SO THE ISRAELITES WOULD KNOW WHERE SHE LIVED.

JERICO HAD STRONG WALLS ON EVERY SIDE, AND NOBODY COULD GO IN OR OUT. GOD TOLD JOSHUA HOW TO WIN AGAINST THE PEOPLE OF JERICO. "MARCH AROUND THE CITY ONE TIME EACH DAY FOR SIX DAYS," GOD SAID. "ON THE SEVENTH DAY, MARCH AROUND THE CITY SEVEN TIMES. THE PRIESTS SHOULD BLOW THE TRUMPETS, AND ALL THE PEOPLE SHOULD SHOUT. THEN THE WALLS OF JERICO WILL FALL DOWN."

JOSHUA OBEYED GOD. HE COMMANDED THE PEOPLE TO CARRY THE ARK OF THE COVENANT AND MARCH AROUND THE CITY. THE PRIESTS BLEW THEIR TRUMPETS. THEY MARCHED AROUND THE CITY ONE TIME. THE ISRAELITES WERE VERY QUIET SO NO ONE INSIDE THE CITY WOULD KNOW THEY WERE THERE. ON THE SECOND DAY, THEY MARCHED QUIETLY AROUND THE CITY AGAIN. THEY DID THIS EVERY DAY FOR SIX DAYS.

ON THE SEVENTH DAY, THE ISRAELITES GOT UP EARLY AND MARCHED AROUND THE CITY SEVEN TIMES. WHEN THE PRIESTS BLEW THEIR TRUMPETS, JOSHUA SAID, "SHOUT, FOR THE LORD HAS GIVEN YOU THE CITY!" SO THE PEOPLE SHOUTED, AND THE WALL FELL DOWN FLAT. THE ISRAELITES WENT INTO THE CITY AND CAPTURED IT. THEY DESTROYED EVERYTHING IN THE CITY, BUT THE TWO SPIES KEPT RAHAB AND HER FAMILY SAFE.

CHRIST CONNECTION: BY FAITH RAHAB BELIEVED GOD WOULD WIN THE BATTLE, AND SHE ASKED THE SPIES TO KEEP HER SAFE. WHEN THE ISRAELITES ATTACKED JERICO, RAHAB AND HER FAMILY WERE SAFE AND THEY JOINED GOD'S PEOPLE. JESUS HAS WON AGAINST SIN AND DEATH. EVERYONE WHO TRUSTS IN JESUS IS SAFE AND BECOMES PART OF GOD'S FAMILY FOREVER.

QUESTIONS/REVIEW

HOW MANY SPIES DID JOSHUA SEND INTO THE CITY OF JERICO? (TWO)

HOW DID RAHAB HELP THE SPIES? (SHE HID THE SPIES ON HER ROOF SO THE KING OF JERICO COULD NOT FIND THEM.)

HOW MANY DAYS DID JOSHUA AND THE ISRAELITES MARCH AROUND JERICO? (SEVEN DAYS)

HOW MANY TIMES DID JOSHUA AND THE ISRAELITES MARCH AROUND JERICO ON THE SEVENTH DAY? (SEVEN TIMES)

HOW CAN WE GLORIFY GOD? WE CAN GLORIFY GOD BY LOVING HIM AND OBEYING HIM.