

Lesson 7: Loyalty

Today's Bible Story

Joshua, the commander of God's people, chose two men as spies to go into the Promised Land and find out as much as they could.

While the two spies were checking out the town of Jericho, they hid in the house of a woman named Rahab. But someone found out about them and told the king of Jericho. So the king sent soldiers to Rahab's house to arrest the spies.

Meanwhile, Rahab had taken the men up to the flat roof of her house and had hidden them under some stalks of flax that she had put there to dry. The soldiers came and demanded, "Let us have the men who are staying at your house. They are spies."

Rahab answered, "Some men did come to my house, but I didn't know where they had come from. They left about sunset. I don't know where they were going, but if you hurry, maybe you can catch them." The soldiers believed her story and went out of Jericho in search of the spies.

Rahab went back up to her roof. She told the spies: "I know that the Lord has given Israel this land. We are afraid, for we heard about all the great things your God has done to bring you out of Egypt and defeat your enemies. Promise me that when you capture the city, you will be kind to my family as I have been to you."

Rahab's house was built into the town wall, and one of her windows faced outside. She gave the spies a rope and said, "Use this rope to let yourselves down to the ground outside. Then go hide in the hills."

The spies told Rahab: "You must tie this red rope on your window, so when we attack, we will know this is your house. Stay inside, and we promise we will keep you safe, along with all your family."



From Joshua 2:1-24

Bible Rhyme

Entering the Promised Land,
Joshua sent ahead two men.
To spy the land, he told them, "Go,"
and so they went to Jericho.

In Rahab's house the spies hid out.
No one knew their whereabouts.
When guards came in to have a look,
Rahab hid them on her roof.

They promised they would keep her safe
if Rahab helped them both escape.
She let them down a long red cord,
for Rahab knew they served the Lord.

Rahab marked her house by hanging a red cord out her window.

Use colored crayons or pens to follow the path of the tangled cords below, tracing each from left to right. Do not make any corner turns. Write the correct color name in the final blank.

1. Purple

2. Blue

3. Green

4. Yellow

5. Orange

6. Red

7. Brown

8. Black

Look around the room you are in. Write down all the things you see that are the color red: