

*Biblical Drama based on Joshua 2:1-24**Character Parts: Narrators 1-5, Rahab Spy 1, Spy 2, Snitch, King, Soldier*

Narrator 1: As the Israelites approached the land promised by God, their leader Joshua sent two men to the city of Jericho as spies. While they were trying to stay hidden, they ducked into the house of a woman whose name was Rahab.

Rahab: Who are you?

Spy 1: We are foreigners. You have to let us hide here!

Rahab: Why?

Spy 2: Because if we are found, we will be killed!

Rahab: Why would someone want to kill you?

Spy 1: We are Israelites, sent to spy on the city. Our army is encamped nearby.

Rahab: I have heard about your people. Your God has promised to give you this land. Come upstairs quickly. I will hide you under the stalks of flax that I have laid out on the roof.

Narrator 2: Meanwhile, word of the spies reached the ears of the King of Jericho.

Snitch: There is a rumor that some Israelite spies have come to our city. They are planning to attack Jericho!

King: Is that what they think? Well, I will take care of them first! Where are they?

Snitch: Some say they are at the house of Rahab.

King: Send my soldiers, immediately! Have the spies brought here to me!

Narrator 3: So the soldiers of the king went to speak to Rahab.

Soldier: Bring out the men who have come to you — the ones who entered your house. They have come to spy on our land!

Rahab: It is true that two men came to me, but I did not know where they came from. When it was time to close the gate at dark, the two men left. I have no idea where they went. Perhaps if you hurry, you can catch up with them!

Narrator 4: So the soldiers chased out as far as the Jordan River. As soon as they had gone out, the city gate was shut. Rahab went up to the men who were still hidden on the roof.

Rahab: I know that the Lord has given you Israelites this land. My people are afraid. We have heard how the Lord dried up the water of the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt. We also heard how you have conquered all the people you have fought against on the way.

Spy 1: The Lord has given us many victories!

Rahab: There is no courage left among us. The Lord your God is truly God in heaven above and on earth below!

Spy 2: Praise be to God!

Rahab: Since I have kept you safe, you must swear by the Lord that you will keep me and my family safe in return. Promise that when you attack the city you will spare my family!

Spy 1: We promise! If you do not turn us in, we will deal kindly and faithfully with you when the Lord gives us this land.

Rahab: Come, I will let you out by a rope through my window. My house is on the outer side of the city wall and this room is part of the wall. You can escape the city from here.

Spy 2: Good idea!

Rahab: Go toward the hill country, so that the pursuers may not come upon you. Hide for three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterward you may go your way.

Spy 1: When we attack Jericho, how will our army know who is part of your family? What if we kill them by mistake?

Spy 2: Tie this bright-red cord and let it hang in the window through which you let us down. That way we'll know which house is yours. When the attack begins, gather your whole family into your house and they'll be safe.

Rahab: I promise to do what you say.

Narrator 5: When the Israelites did attack Jericho, they remembered the promise they made to Rahab and spared her family. God gave them the victory!