

Q5

BIBLE STORYLINE

# Rahab and the Spies

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## Slide: Welcome

*(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)*

**Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.**

## Slide: Series Intro

**Leader Tip:** Before you start, invite a few kids up to be spies without letting the rest of the group know what you're doing. Have the spies hide. Then, pick out a teacher or leader and have them come up to the front and pretend that you have a job for them to do. Then, have the "spies" sneak up to scare the leader.

**Before we get into our lesson I have some questions for you guys. If you could be a spy for a day, what kind of secret mission would you want to go on? (allow kids to answer). Those sound like some super cool spy missions! What qualities make for a good spy? (allow kids to answer). Right, you need to be quiet and sneaky! (If you used the leader tip, talk for a minute about what happened with the spies. Did they complete the mission of scaring the teacher? What did they do right or wrong?)**

**Well in today's lesson we are going to learn about some spies Joshua sent out on a secret mission!**

**We'll learn more about that in a few minutes, but first let's stand and sing a song!**

## Song

*Happy Day*

**Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.**

## Slide: Big Idea

*All together:* Sometimes God uses people that might surprise you. **(Repeat)**

## Video

*Play lesson video.*

## Slide: Recap

**So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...**

- Who sent the spies to check out the Promised Land? (Joshua)
- Why did the spies keep Rahab and her family safe? (she saved the spies, she hid them when the guards came to find them)
- True or False: God only uses really good people. (F)

**No way! This story proves that God can use anyone to accomplish his plans. Rahab had a really bad reputation in her town. She was known for doing a lot of bad things and living a really bad life. Most of the people in the town probably didn't like her! But God used her anyways.**

Rahab had heard the stories of how God protected and provided for the Israelites so she knew God was the real deal. And, she was smart enough to know that she shouldn't stand against God or his people. So, when she met the spies sent by Joshua, she knew it was better to help them rather than turning them in to the king. So, she protected them by hiding them when the king's men came looking for the spies. Because of Rahab, the spies completed their mission and returned to report to Joshua.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

### **Slide: Memory Verse**

"It was by faith (hands over heart) that Rahab was not destroyed (shake finger "no") with the people in her city (point out to crowd) who refused to obey God. (point up)" Hebrews 11:31  
(Repeat)

Rahab trusted God and her faith ended up saving her life. When Rahab helped the spies, all she asked for in return was that she and her family would be spared when the Israelites came to conquer the city. The spies agreed. So, when the Israelites attacked, Rahab hung a red rope from her window so they would know not to attack her house.

Even though Rahab had a bad reputation, her faith in God changed her life. In fact, she goes down in history as a woman of great faith because of what she did to help the spies! She trusted God and he saved her. So kids, remember that God can use anyone to accomplish his plans. Even though we will make mistakes, God can still use us.

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

### **Song**

*Imagine the Impossible*

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

### **Slide: Big Idea**

Sometimes God uses people that might surprise you. (Repeat)

### **Slide: Let's Pray**

Pray and release the kids to small group.