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Lesson Overview

In today's lesson, we're talking about a brave lady and some spies. Last lesson, we learned that Joshua, the new leader of the Israelites, was leading them to the Promised Land. But, there was a problem. There were already people living in the land. So, Joshua sent out two spies to check things out. The spies ended up at the house of a woman named Rahab who was not a respected person in the town. She had made some really bad choices in her life. But, she had heard the stories of how God had saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and how he parted the Red Sea for them. So, when she met the spies, she wanted to help them because she knew not to go against God and his people. When the king of the land heard about the spies, he sent soldiers to find them. But Rahab protected the spies by lying to the soldiers and hiding the spies on her roof. All she wanted in return was protection for her family. The spies agreed that when they came back to conquer the land, they wouldn't attack Rahab's house. She would leave a red rope hanging in the window to remind them of this promise. God did protect Rahab and she goes down in history as a great woman of faith.

Big Idea

Sometimes God uses people that might surprise you.

Key Question

Why did Rahab risk her life for God?

Memory Verse

Hebrews 11:31 "It was by faith that Rahab was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God."

Classroom Agenda

1. (5 min) **Let kids start working on Activity Page #1.**
2. (5 min) **WARM UP: What qualities make for a good spy?** (Tip: A spy needs to be sneaky, quiet and able to remember important details. Joshua sent spies on an important mission.)
3. (5 min) **PREVIEW: Write out the Big Idea, Memory Verse, and Key Question on a whiteboard.** Have the kids copy it down on Activity Page #1 (if applicable).
4. (20 min) **LARGE GROUP: Gather for songs and videos with other kids.** Then return to class to finish this guide.
5. (2 min) **RECAP: Read the Lesson Overview (see above).**
6. (3 min) **KQ: Answer the Key Question.** (Answer: **She knew that God was the real deal.** (Rahab wasn't an Israelite so she didn't grow up learning about God. But, she had heard the stories of how God had miraculously saved the Israelites from slavery in Egypt and all the miracles he had done along the way. She knew that God was special and powerful and she didn't want to stand against him. Her faith in God ended up saving her life.)
 - **Bonus Questions:** Why didn't Rahab know much about God? What had she heard about him? **4-5th** Why do you think God chose to use a woman like Rahab to save the spies?
7. (5 min) **EXPLORE: Read [Isaiah 55:7](#). What should we avoid? What does it mean that God will have mercy on us?** (Answer: Wickedness is another word for sin. Sin is doing things our own way instead of God's way. We should run from sin. But, when we mess up, God is merciful and forgiving. Mercy means we don't get the punishment we deserve. That's why he sent Jesus. Jesus died for our sins so we don't have to.)
8. (10 min) **PLAY: Choose a group activity from Activity Page #2.**
9. (5 min) **CLOSE: Share prayer requests and pray as a class.** Encourage kids to use the Family Guide at home with their parents - and remind them to go online to pursueGODkids.org to find this week's lesson video.

Teacher instructions: Choose an activity for your classroom.

OPTION 1: RAHAB HELPS THE SPIES BRACELET

Instructions:

- Give each kid a piece of red yarn and a set of colored beads.
- Have the kids string on each bead while you describe what each bead signifies in the story.
 - Yellow: The Spies
 - Blue: Rahab
 - Red: The red rope used to help the spies escape and marked Rahab's house
 - White: God
- Then, help the kids tie on their bracelets and read the story of Rahab from Joshua 2:1-16. Remind the kids that sometimes God uses people that might surprise us. Rahab made a lot of bad choices in her life but God was still willing to use her. And, she's famous for her faith in God.
- If you have extra time, play Bible Hangman. (Rahab, Spies were sent out, Red Rope)

Supplies needed: Red yarn (cut into 10 in pieces, 1 per kid), Colored Beads (Yellow, Blue, Red, White, a set per each kid)

OPTION 2: HIT THE TARGET LESSON REVIEW GAME

Instructions:

- Before playing, tape a line on the floor and tape a point value (page 5) on each bucket and then arrange the buckets in front of the line however you like (smaller points closer to the line and higher further from the line.)
- Divide the class into two teams. Give each team a bean bag.
- Have teams line up single file behind the line. Have one team start by having the first kid in line throw the bean bag trying to land it in one of the buckets. This will determine their point value for the correct answer. If they miss the bucket, they'll get 1 point. Then ask a question from below. If correct they get the points they earned from their throw. Then let the other team go. Continue playing until all the questions have been asked. Team with the most points wins.

Questions:

1. Who was the leader of the Israelites in the story? (Joshua)
2. Why did Joshua send out spies? (to check out the land and people)
3. From what book is our memory verse found? (Hebrews)
4. Who helped the spies to hide? (Rahab)
5. T or F: Rahab had a bad reputation. (T)
6. Why did Jesus die for us? (Sins)
7. Who came looking for the spies? (king's soldiers)
8. T or F: The spies were caught. (F)
9. What did Rahab ask the spies to do for her? (protect her family)
10. What did Rahab hang out her window? (red rope)
11. Is this story in the OT or NT? (OT)
12. What's the Big Idea today? (See Board)

Supplies needed: Tape, 2 Bean bags, 5 buckets, Point value template (pg. 5, pre cut, 1 set per class)

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BIBLE STORYLINE

Rahab and the Spies

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When spies came to Rahab's town, she helped to save their lives.

Key Points:

- Joshua sent _____ to check out the Promised Land.
- A woman named _____ saved the spies.
- Because Rahab helped the spies, they kept her and her family _____.
- God sometimes uses the most _____ people.

Memory Verse:

Hebrews 11:31 It was by faith that Rahab was not destroyed with the people in her city who refused to obey God.

Talk About It

1. *What's your favorite part of the video? What's one thing you learned from it?*
2. *What qualities make for a good spy?*
3. *Who did Joshua send to the Promised Land? Why did he do that?*
4. *Who saved the spies? Why did Rahab help them?*
5. *Read Isaiah 55:7. What should we turn away from in our lives? What does it mean that God will have mercy on us?*
6. *How will you apply this lesson to your life this week?*

Instructions: Solve the puzzles.

RAHAB & THE SPIES WORD SEARCH



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CITY
HARLOT
HIDDEN
HOUSE
JERICHO
JOSHUA
LIES
MEN
RAHAB

ROOF
ROPE
SCARLET
SIGN
SPIES
TWO
WALL
WINDOW

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