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Notes for Parents & Teachers

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- a. Remind them that Joshua was a brave man who fought the Amalekites years before.
- b. Make sure they hear the Lord's urging: "Be strong and of a good courage..."—a lovely sentence to learn by heart.
- c. Rahab was brave too. By the way, it seems that she married one of the royal line, from whom David was descended. Though it is not sure, it seems her name is mentioned in the genealogy of the Lord in Matthew.
- d. She hoped that they would save her, and they promised that they would.
- e. Explain how the house was built into the wall, so they could go down by a rope.



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The Lord Sends a Woman to Save Two Spies

Now after the death of Moses the Lord spoke to Joshua saying, “Moses my servant is dead. Now go over the river Jordan and all the children of Israel with you to the land which I promised your fathers. Be strong and of a good courage. Be not afraid, for the Lord God is with you wherever you go.”

Then Joshua sent two men to spy secretly, saying, “Go, look at the land and the city of Jericho.” And they went, and they came to the house of a woman named Rahab and stayed there. When the king of Jericho heard that there were two men who came in the night and were staying at Rahab’s house, he sent a message to her saying, “Bring out the men who are staying with you for they have come to spy out the land.” But Rahab took the two men and hid them up on the rooftop under the flax she had spread out to dry. Then she told the king’s messengers that there were two men who had stayed with her but they had gone.

Then Rahab said to the two men, “I know that the Lord has given your people this land. My people are afraid because we have heard how the Lord has helped you. Since I have shown kindness to you in hiding you, promise that you will protect my family when you come to take the city.” The spies answered her and promised her that they would protect her family.

Then she let them down by a rope from the window, for her house was built on the city wall. And the spies said to her, “Tie this red ribbon on your window. Then when we come back, we will see it and we will save you and all the people who are in your house.”

When the men got back to the camp, they told Joshua all that they had seen and heard. And Joshua promised that he would save Rahab and her family.

Joshua 1, 2

