

Stories About Joshua, the Judges, and Ruth

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The Two Spies and Rahab

Joshua 2:1, 3, 6, 8-15



1. And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho. And they went, and came into an harlot's house, named Rahab, and lodged there.

3. And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, which are entered into thine house: for they be come to search out all the country.

6. But she had brought them up to the roof of the house, and hid them with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof.

8. And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof;

9. And she said unto the men, I know that the LORD hath given you the land, and that your terror is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land faint because of you.

10. For we have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red sea for you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were on the other side Jordan, Sihon and Og, whom ye utterly destroyed.

11. And as soon as we had heard

Memory Verse

**Look unto me,
and be ye saved, all
the ends
of the earth.**

Isaiah 45:22

these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath.

12. Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by the LORD, since I have shewed you kindness, that ye will also shew kindness unto my father's house, and give me a true token:

13. And that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death.

14. And the men answered her, Our life for yours, if ye utter not this our business. And it shall be, when the LORD hath given us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

15. Then she let them down by a cord through the window: for her house was upon the town wall, and she dwelt upon the wall.

Lesson Story

After God set the Israelites free from Egypt, Moses led them through the desert. For forty years, they wandered until it was time to enter Canaan, the promised land.

Then Moses died. God chose Joshua to be the new leader. The people promised to obey Joshua.

When the people got closer to the Jordan River, which separated them from Canaan, they stopped. Joshua sent two men on a secret mission to spy out the land of Canaan. "Go and look at the land, especially the city of Jericho. Bring a report back to me."

When the spies got to Jericho, they came to the home of a woman called Rahab. They stayed there for the night.

The king of Jericho heard that spies had come into Jericho, and he started looking for them. The king's men

shut the gates so no one could leave the city.

Rahab took the spies to the roof of the house. They lay down. She covered them with stalks of a grain called flax to hide them.

She told the spies, “I am sure the Lord has given this land to Israel. All my people are afraid of you. We have heard how God helped you by drying up the Red Sea for you when you came out of Egypt. We also know what you did to the kings of the Amorites on the other side of the Jordan River. We know how you completely destroyed them. So when we heard all these things, we knew your God is a great God.

“Now, since I have been kind to you and hidden you from the king’s men, promise me that when you take the city, you will show kindness to me and my family. Please save me and my family.”

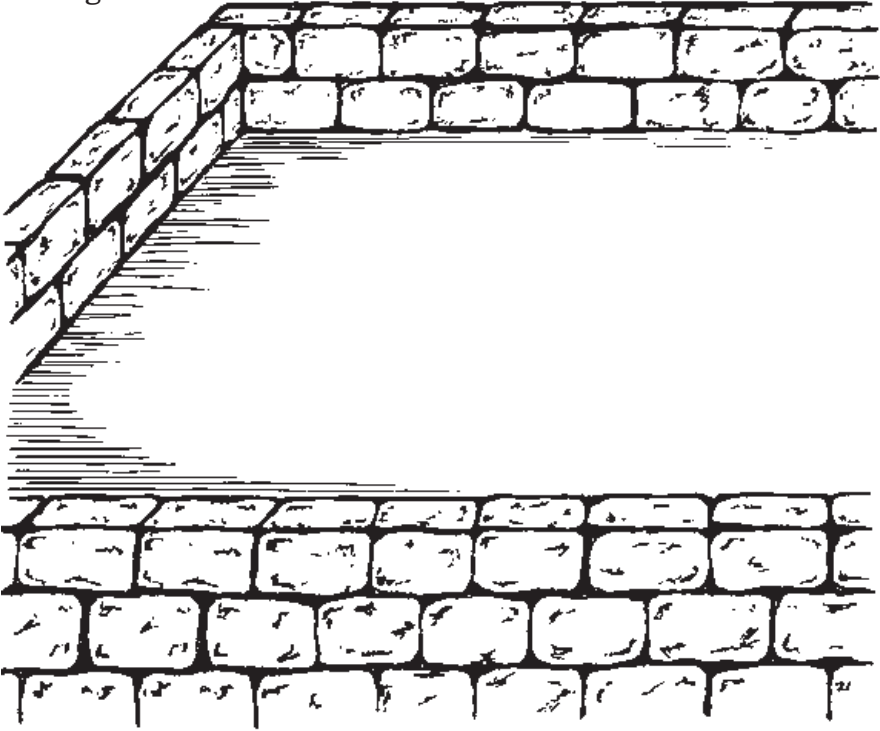
The men answered her, “Yes, if you will help us get out of here safely, we will treat you kindly and fairly. We will spare your lives when we come to take the city.”

Rahab’s house was on top of the city wall, so she let them down by a rope from her window. Then she said, “Go out into the mountain. Stay there for three days until the king stops looking for you. Then you may go back to your people.”

The spies answered, “When we come into the land, tie this red rope in the window where you let us down. Bring all your family into your house. Whoever is inside your house will be saved.”

To Do at Home

On the roof of Rahab's house, draw how many spies were hiding.



To Do in Class

Trusting or Fearful

Read about each child. Decide whether each is trusting God or not. Put a *T* if the child is trusting God and an *N* if not.

- ___ 1. Jason ran as quickly as he could to close the barn door. He wished Father had not asked him to do it. He hated to go out alone in the dark.

- ___ 2. Karen's mouth wrinkled into a pout when Mother walked out the door. She hated to be left alone with only big sister Sue in the house. Then she remembered what Mother had said: "I won't be gone long—just long enough to give Grandma her medicine. And remember, you are not alone. God is always with you, even when I'm not." She changed her pout to a smile.
- ___ 3. *BOOM! BOOM!* Thunder crashed, and bright lightning flashed across the sky. Patty buried her face in her pillow and pulled the covers up over her head. Oh, how she hated thunderstorms! In spite of herself, the tears started to push their way out of her eyes. Soon Mother stood by her side. "What's wrong, Patty?" she asked. "God made the storm, and He made you. He will take good care of you all through the storm. If you ask Him, He will help you not to be afraid. Let's talk to Him right now."

Kindness Returned

Listen to the stories your teacher reads. Write the names of the children who were kind.

1. In Story #1, _____ was kind.
2. In Story #2, _____ was kind.

Crossing the Jordan

Joshua 3:5, 10-17

5. And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves: for to morrow the LORD will do wonders among you.

10. And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Jebusites.

11. Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you into Jordan.

12. Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, out of every tribe a man.

13. And it shall come to pass, as soon as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of the LORD, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of Jordan, that the waters of Jordan shall be cut off from the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand upon an heap.

Memory Verse

**The people
passed over
right against
Jericho.**

Joshua 3:16



14. And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over Jordan, and the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people;

15. And as they that bare the ark were come unto Jordan, and the feet

of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brim of the water, (for Jordan overfloweth all his banks all the time of harvest,)

16. That the waters which came down from above stood and rose up upon an heap very far from the city Adam, that is beside Zaretan: and those that came down toward the sea of the plain, even the salt sea, failed, and were cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. 17. And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of the LORD stood firm on dry ground in the midst of Jordan, and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until all the people were passed clean over Jordan.

Lesson Story

When the leader of a group of soldiers wants them to move ahead, he may say, “Forward, march!”

God’s people, the children of Israel, were just about ready to cross the Jordan River. God had given them instructions about how to move ahead. He was going to do something wonderful for them. Now they were waiting until God said, “Forward, march!”

At last Joshua said to the priests who carried the ark of the covenant, “Go ahead of the people into the Jordan River.” As soon as the priests’ feet touched the water, the water rolled up into a pile above them. The priests went on into the middle of the dry river, and all the people walked by them to the other side.

Then Joshua said, “Choose twelve men, one from each tribe. Each man shall go into the riverbed and pick up a stone. He shall carry it to the riverbank and place it on a pile there. When your children ask you what the pile of

stones is about, tell them the story of how God held back the water and dried up the riverbed so you could cross the Jordan on dry ground.”

When the stones were piled on the riverbank, Joshua also piled twelve stones in the middle of the river where the priests were standing with the ark of the covenant. Finally, when everything was done that God had commanded, Joshua told the priests, “Come up out of the river.”

As soon as the priests’ feet came up onto the riverbank, the water that God had held back flowed into the riverbed again. Now the river looked just as if no one had walked through it on dry ground. But all the people now stood on the other side of the river.

To Do at Home

On the stone, draw a picture of something wonderful that you saw or were told. Perhaps it is something that happened to your family.

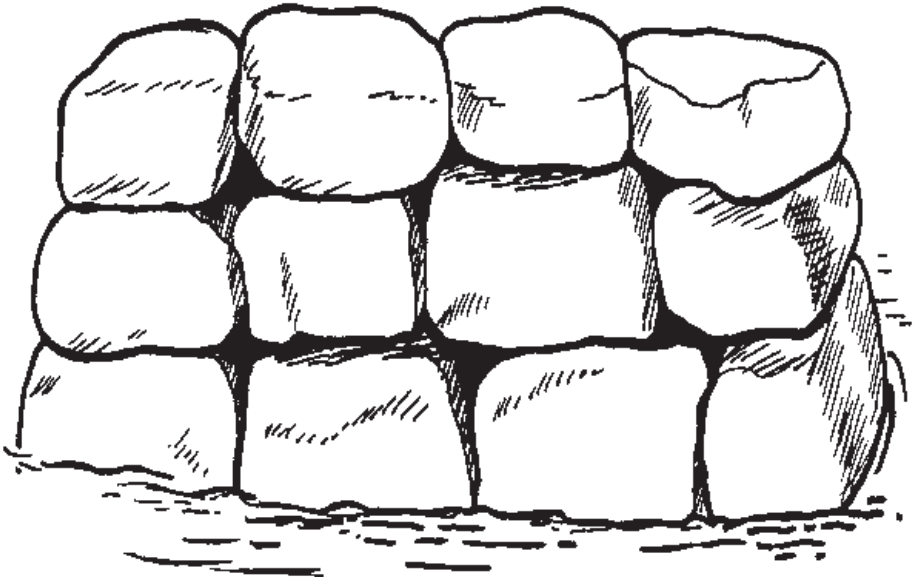


To Do in Class

Twelve Reminders

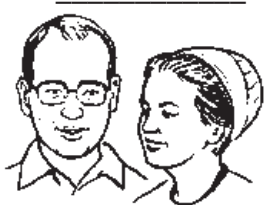
1. Joshua 4:3 tells us that twelve _____ were to be carried from the Jordan River.
2. The _____ would ask questions of their _____ (Joshua 4:6).
3. The fathers could then tell how _____ crossed the _____ River on _____ land (Joshua 4:22).

On the stones, write twelve things you remember that God has given you to eat.



God's Help

God helps you in many ways every day. If you look around, you can see things that remind you of God's love and care. Below each picture write what it is. Be ready to tell how each thing or person shows that God loves you and helps you.



Miracles

Your teacher will read about five miracles. Write the names of the people who saw miracles.

1. _____

2. _____ 4. _____

3. _____ 5. _____