

Family Theme | **Lessons From the Life of Rahab** Date | **November 10, 2024**
Study Text | **Joshua 2:1-21; Joshua 6:17, 22-25; Hebrews 11:30-31; and James 2:20-26**

Read the Word: Joshua 2:1-21; Joshua 6:17, 22-25; Hebrews 11:30-31; and James 2:20-26

Disciple Your Family: Discuss how to put life lessons from Rahab into practice.

Discuss the following Key Events and Life Lessons. Use the questions to spark discussion.



Key Event 1: Rahab's Faith Led Her to Hide the Spies (Joshua 2:1-7)



Key Event 2: Rahab Believed Israel's God Was God Over All Heaven and Earth (Joshua 2:8-11)



Key Event 3: Rahab's Faith Made Her One of God's People (Joshua 2:12-21; 6:17, 22-25)



Key Event 4: Rahab's Faith Resulted in Action (Hebrews 11:30-31; James 2:20-26)

Life Lessons From Rahab

Life Lesson 1: God saves and uses anyone from any background who will turn from sin and trust Him.

- *God saved and used a pagan prostitute who trusted Him. What does that say about God's forgiveness and transformative grace?*
- *Why do you think God chose to use someone like Rahab rather than a mighty ruler or a person of great influence?*
- *When we meet a person like Rahab or Paul who has a powerful transformation story, we might be reluctant to accept his or her faith as genuine. How can we show true Christian love to these types of people, even when skepticism tries to override our minds?*

Life Lesson 2: Real faith results in good works.

- *What attitudes and actions might demonstrate that a person's faith is genuine?*
- *In what ways is your faith being demonstrated in your everyday life?*

Life Lesson 3: We can trust that God is all powerful and in control of all things.

- *What helps us know that God will keep His promises and accomplish His purposes? (Fulfilled prophecy, promises kept, and powerful miracles in Scripture; promises kept, provision for needs; and working His will in our own lives; etc.)*
- *How has God kept His promises and accomplished His purposes for you?*

Life Lesson 4: Those who are saved become God's special people.

- *How does it encourage you to know you belong to God?*
- *How can this knowledge help you when you feel alone or you're being mocked for your faith?*

Life Lesson 5: Following God sometimes means going against the culture around us.

- *Why do you think some people would rather give in to culture than stand for truth? How do you see peer pressure still affecting adults today?*
- *Rahab acted contrary to her society by protecting the Israelite spies. What are some ways believers need to act contrary to our society?*
- *What role does boldness play in standing for truth? What role does humility play?*

Build a Foundation: Discussion questions for elementary students.

- If you were in Rahab's place, would you have made the same choice?
- How does Rahab's transformation encourage you to share your faith with unbelievers?
- What do your words and actions show others about your faith?

Work together to memorize the Verse of the Month: **Joshua 1:9**



Discuss This Week's Building Block:

Rahab was the great-great-great grandmother of King David and part of the genealogy of the Messiah.

Everyday Extras:

Make a "bouquet of belief." Use construction paper to create some flowers and glue them to craft sticks. On the flowers, write ways to put your faith in action: help an elderly neighbor by doing yard work or taking their trash to the curb, pick up trash around your neighborhood or community, volunteer at a local food bank, etc. As a family, choose a flower every week to put your faith into action.

Preschool Highlights:

Today your child learned Joshua sent two spies into Jericho. They were at the house of a woman named Rahab when the king's men came looking for them. She protected the spies by hiding them under some grass on her roof. The spies promised to save her and her family's life when they returned. Rahab lived by faith and help your child learn to do the same. **I Can Live by Faith.**