Israel Found a Friend

Joshua 1 and 2

Knock, knock, knock. Two spies from Israel knocked on Rahab's door. "Sh-h-h, we need a place to hid," they whispered.

Rahab knew their God was powerful. She took the men to the roof of her house and hid them under drying flax plants.

"Your God is mighty, and He will help you conquer Jericho. Promise me that when Israel attacks this city, you will not kill my family or me," she said.

"We promise," said the spies.

Rahab had faith in God and believed the spies. She carefully covered them up so no one could see them. When the king's guards came, Rahab told them that the spies had escaped, and if they hurried, they could catch them. Rahab went to the roof and told the spies that she believed in their God and asked them to show her kindness when the city was attacked.

"If you do not tell about us, we will be honest and true with you and your family," they said.

Rahab helped the spies escape down the city wall with a long red rope. She told them to hide in the mountains for three days until it was safe. "When we attack the city, put this red rope outside the window. Whoever is in the house with you, we will help escape," they said.

Rahab chose to follow God and trusted God to keep her safe. She joined the people of Israel and lived with them. ■

Theme
God is true and worthy of our faith.

Measurable Response
My child will acknowledge God as worthy of our trust.

Memory Verse
"For the LORD your God, he is God in the heavens above and on the earth beneath" (Joshua 2:11).

Bible Story Questions
Ask your child these review questions.

- Who was at Rahab's door?
- Why did Rahab hide the spies?
- What did the spies promise?
- What was the sign in the widow?

Lucas and God's Word

Jeremy ran into the house before Mommy and Daddy. This was a special Sunday. Lucas was coming over for dinner and staying to play with him. Lucas's family didn't go to church. Jeremy had invited Lucas to go to Sunday School and Vacation Bible School, but he had never come.

Jeremy was just putting on his sandals when he heard the doorbell. He heard Daddy tell Lucas he could go to Jeremy's room.

Lucas smiled and said "hello" when he came into the room. "I'm glad we can play together today. Oh yeah, your dad said to give you this. You left it in the car."

Lucas threw Jeremy's Bible across the room. It hit the wall and fell to the floor.

"Hey, be careful. That's my Bible! Dad gave it to me for my birthday," said Jeremy as he picked it up. Jeremy laid the Bible on his bed and smoothed out a couple of wrinkled pages.

"It's just a book," said Lucas.

"No, it isn't," said Jeremy. "The Bible is the Word of God. It is how God talks to us. We need to take care of it."

Lucas laughed. "How can God talk in a book? Does He live inside it?"

"God told special people to write what He wanted us to know. It is His words," said Jeremy.

"Jeremy is right," said Daddy as he came in the room. "The Bible IS the Word of God. It is very powerful. Just like God."

"I'm sorry, Jeremy. I know your God is powerful. I guess I don't know very much about Him," said Lucas.

Daddy smiled. "Jeremy is learning a lot about God and His Word at Sunday School. I'll tell you what. When it is time for you to go home, I'll walk over with you and ask your parents if you can sleep over next Saturday and go to church with us on Sunday. Would you like to do that?"

"I sure would. I need to know more about your God. I need someone to teach me," said Lucas.

"He's your God, too, Lucas. Don't forget that," said Jeremy. ■

Rahab Reminder

Rahab knew doctrinal truths about God even though she was not a Hebrew and did not have Scriptures to read. By observation she learned that God is the One true God. He is mighty and powerful, and He is to be trusted. That was enough for her to have faith in Him. She joined the Israelites and appears in the linage of Christ.

The spies had to lower themselves hand over hand down the red cord. Make a reminder of this event. Unfold a red plastic table cloth and gather together vertically, tying at intervals with red yard. Have your child trace his hand on skin-toned construction paper five times—3 left hands, 2 right hands. Cut out the hands. Print the following word or phrase on each hand: (left hand 1) Rahab, (right hand 2) Asked for, (left hand 3) Help, (right hand 4) And, (left hand 5) Believed God. Have him use a crayon or marker to trace over the capital letters that spell RAHAB on each hand. Use double-sided tape to put the hands on the red cord, in order from the top down. It will look like someone is climbing.

Life Application

- What did Lucas do with Jeremy's Bible?
- What did Jeremy call his Bible?
- What did Lucas need to know?
- How will Daddy and Jeremy help Lucas?

Growing at Home

This curriculum is based on the belief that the Bible is the inspired Word of God and that it is the only standard for our faith and practice. Therefore, it is important to communicate to pre-primary children the important truths about this Book.

Keep these truths in mind as you teach your child God's Word.

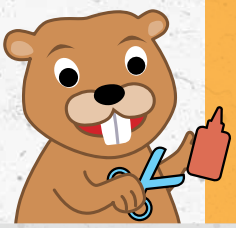
- God is real, and the Bible is a Book of His written words.
- The Bible is perfect and never changes.
- God wants us to listen to His Word and worship and trust Him alone.
- God wants us to learn and obey His Word.
- We handle our Bibles carefully.

Measurables

Look for these indications that your child understands that God is the only One worthy of our faith.

1. My child knows that God is a real, living Person.
2. My child understands that God is the God of Heaven and of earth.
3. My child has learned that Rahab put her trust in the One true God, not in the spies or the red cord.
4. My child can verbalize Who God is and why we should believe in Him.

STRONG kids at home



Directions: Make a reminder of Rahab's promise. On the wall, trace the dotted words on the stones. Read the words of the verse. Color the wall and Rahab's house. Glue a length of red rickrack trim on the line from the window to the ground.

A Promise Is A Promise

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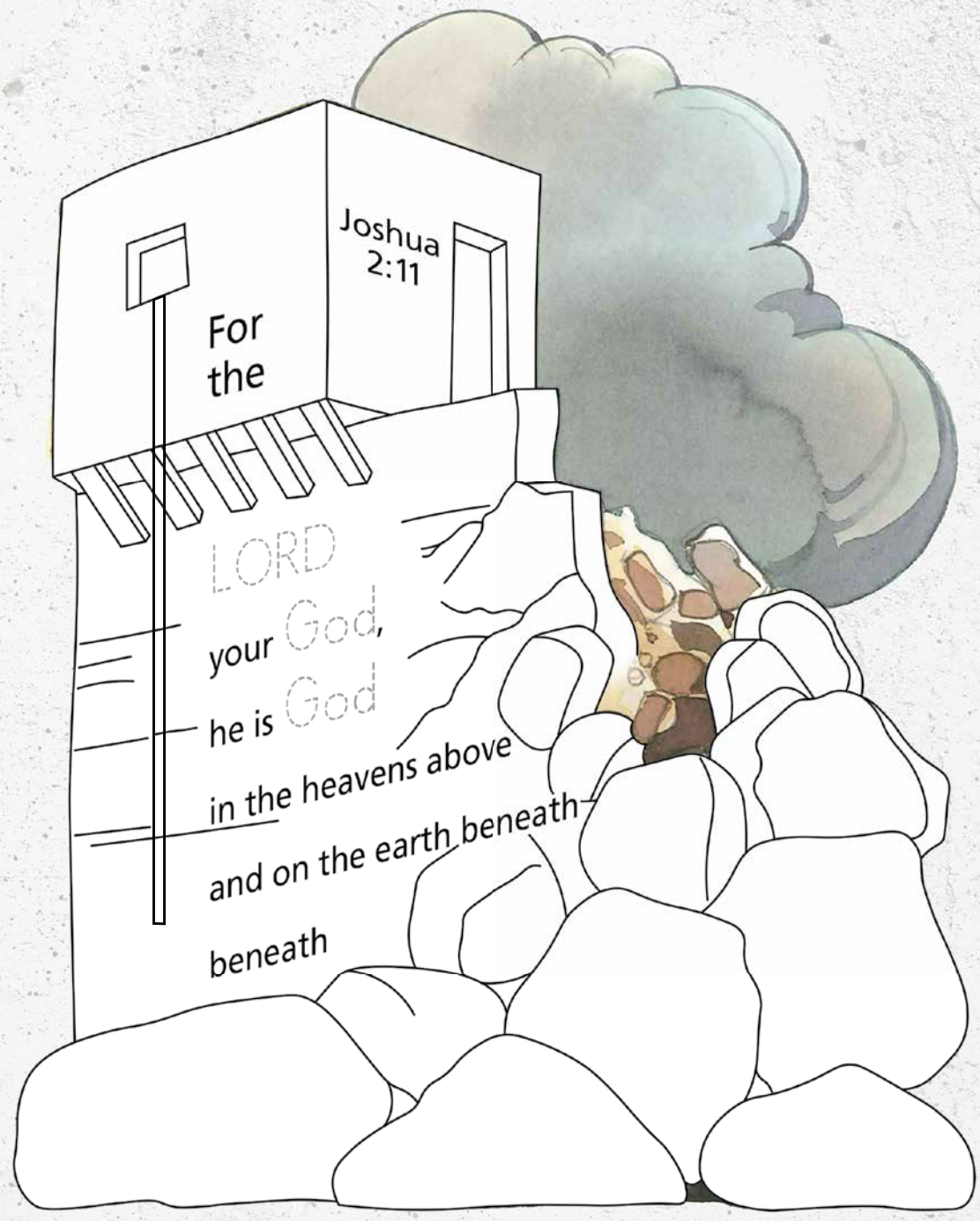

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