

## L5 RAHAB TRUSTS GOD

Objective: Faith is hearing and believing God's Word.

Key verse: Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. Romans 10:17

Review: God promised to be with the children of Israel. He tells us, "I will never leave you," (Heb 13:5b). That was the verse we learned last time. God is with us but He is also IN us. Is there anywhere that we can go where God is not with us?

### Introduction:

Joshua and the people are getting ready to enter the land. They are believing God's Word and they are being strong in the Lord because they know that God is with them. Joshua has decided to send spies into the land. Remember when Moses sent in spies and many of them came back afraid? Who was not afraid? *Joshua and Caleb*. Instead of twelve spies, Joshua sends two into the city of Jericho.

The spies came to the house of a woman named Rahab. The king of Jericho found out that they were in the city and sent soldiers to search for them at Rahab's house. Rahab told the soldiers that she had met the two men, but that they had already left the city. So the soldiers left to go and look for them. But the spies were hiding on Rahab's roof, underneath some stalks of flax. She quickly went to them and told them, "I know that the Lord has given you the land. Everyone in Jericho is afraid because of you. We have heard of all the things your God has done for you and we are afraid. Your God, He is the God of heaven above and on earth beneath."

Rahab helps the spies because she believes that God is going to give the Israelites her city. Would you help someone who was going to take your home? Why is she helping them? Because she believes the what God has promised. She has **heard** of God and His miracles, and she believes.

Do you remember what faith is? Faith is believing. The first group of Israelites who were going to go into the land did not have faith. They did not believe that God was going to give them the land because the giants were so big and scary. But this time, Joshua has reminded the people to be strong in the Lord. This time the people are full of faith. And this time, even their enemies believe that God is going to do what He said!

### Conclusion:

The Bible tells us that faith comes by hearing. That means that you have to hear something first in order to believe it. What did Rahab hear? She heard about God and His miracles. The Bible says that we hear by the Word of God- the Bible and Jesus. Let's learn a verse: "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God," (Rom. 10:17)." Just like Rahab heard and believed God, we can listen to the Word of God when our parents and teachers read to us, or we can hear the Word of God when the Holy Spirit speaks in our hearts. Then we can believe that what God says is true. That's faith.

Review:

What did Rahab do to help the spies? *Hide them on her roof.* Why did she help the people who were going to take away her home? *Because she believed that God was with them and was going to keep His promise.* Why did Rahab believe? *Because she had **heard** of the things God had done.* What was our verse? “Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God,” Romans 10:17.