Lesson 89: Rahab Saves the Spies
Joshua 2:1-24

Youtube Link: https://youtu.be/1U_U69CL9I0

Children's Bible Story Video: https://youtu.be/REECEV9xYT8

Worship Theme: God wants us to be faithful to be saved.

Memory Verse: And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrew 11:6)

Songs (Youtube links):
1. Our God Is So Good https://youtu.be/JUMy8rZvqjY
2. I Am Free from Sin https://youtu.be/zosjd2E8cmE
3. Jesus, I Trust You https://youtu.be/Vq_yln2huAM

Prayer

Song: Select songs from the list above.

Icebreaker: How Faithful Is God?
Materials: Clear bowl, big rocks, soil, water

1. Ask children how faithful God is to us. This means God never leaves or fails us. Each time a child tells how God shows his faithfulness, add a rock to the bowl. When the bowl is filled with rocks, ask the children if the bowl is full.
2. When the children answer "Yes, the bowl is full," explain to them that when we think God cannot be more faithful to us, God continues to be faithful to us. Then pour soil in between the rocks. When the bowl is filled with rocks and soil, ask the children if the bowl is full.
3. When the children answer, "Yes, the bowl is full," explain once again that God's faithfulness is neverending. Then pour water into the bowl until it fills up to the top.
4. Explain to the children that God will never leave them or fail them. That means God is faithful. When we trust God, we're being faithful, too. Maybe there are hard things going on in their life right now. Maybe they're wondering if God is really there or if he really cares about them. Encourage them to trust that God will always be with them.

Introduction:
God is always faithful to us. That means we can trust him because he never changes his love toward us. God wants us to be faithful, too. What does it mean for us to be faithful? It means to do what we're supposed to do and to follow God, even when it's hard. Being faithful means that we can be trusted to do what we're supposed to do, even if no one else sees, and even if we don't feel like it. Coming to church every week shows faithfulness to God. Things like sticking by friends when everyone else seems to be against them and keeping your promises show faithfulness. Our faithfulness makes God happy. Today, we will learn about a woman who was faithful to God. Let's find out what she did!

Bible Story:
When Joshua became the leader of Israel, he sent two spies to a place called Jericho. Joshua's spies sneaked into Jericho to see how strong the enemies were. Joshua's spies went quickly into Jericho. They went to the house of a lady named Rahab. Rahab knew that God was a friend of the spies. She knew that God was more powerful than anyone. So when enemy soldiers came to her house to kill the spies, Rahab acted quickly. She hid the spies on the roof of her house. The soldiers couldn't find the spies!

Finally they went away. Rahab said to the spies, “I know that the Lord has given you this land and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you” (Joshua 2:9). She also asked them, “Now then, please swear to me by the Lord that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them—and that you will save us from death” (Joshua 2:12-13)

They agreed to protect Rahab. The spies gave Rahab a red cord. They told her to hang it out her window so they would know which was Rahab’s house. They said they would protect her house. Rahab believed in and trusted God. Rahab was willing to help others. Rahab was faithful. God wants us to be faithful, too. Our faithfulness makes God happy.

Questions to discuss:

1. How many spies did Joshua send? (2)
2. What is the name of the city that the spies were sent to? (Jericho)
3. What did Rahab do for the spies? (She protected them by hiding them)
4. Why did Rahab hide the spies? (Because she had faith in God)
5. How can you show your faith in God? (let the children answer)

Game: Hide and Seek

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2. Rahab hid the spies to save them from the soldiers Select two children and ask one of them to hide the other child in a designated area (please limit the area to play this game)
3. Once the child is hidden, ask the rest of the children to find the hidden child like the soldiers.
4. Repeat the game with different children.

Memory Verse:

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Song: Select songs from the list above

Prayer

Teacher’s Devotion (Please read before you get ready to teach the students.)
Where would you be without Jesus in your life? Take a few moments to think about the answer to that question. What miracles has God performed to bring you to the place where you are today? How did those miracles come about? What people were involved? What were the circumstances? Did you realize a miracle was taking place at the time? Be joyful to know that you have the opportunities to be used in God’s miracles in the lives of others like through teaching children about God.

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Memory Verse: _____

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