

# Rahab's Request

Joshua 1:1-2:24

**Big Idea : Rahab, an enemy of Israel in Canaan, heard what God had done to rescue his people and asked in faith to be rescued too.**

**Aim : To teach that God graciously saves anyone who asks for mercy and obediently trusts the rescue plan he provides.**

# Series Intro Idea



**Match  
the  
pictures**

**What you  
need to  
know**



<https://youtu.be/mK3RLJB52H4>

# Intro game

Today's true story from the Bible is about a woman who heard some very important news, but she was the only one in her entire city who thought it was good news.

Read the  
story





**Canaan**

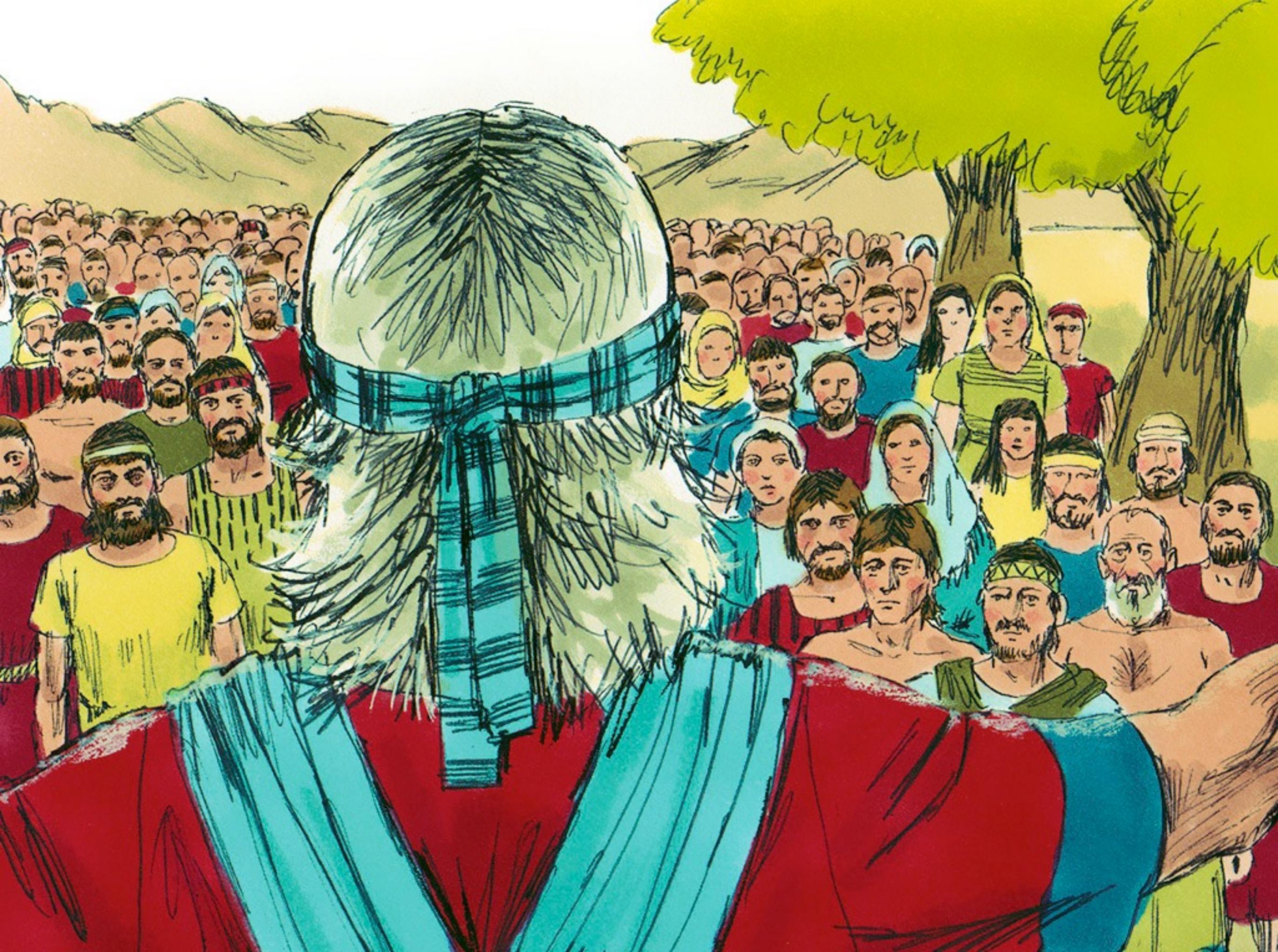
**River  
Jordan**

**Jericho**

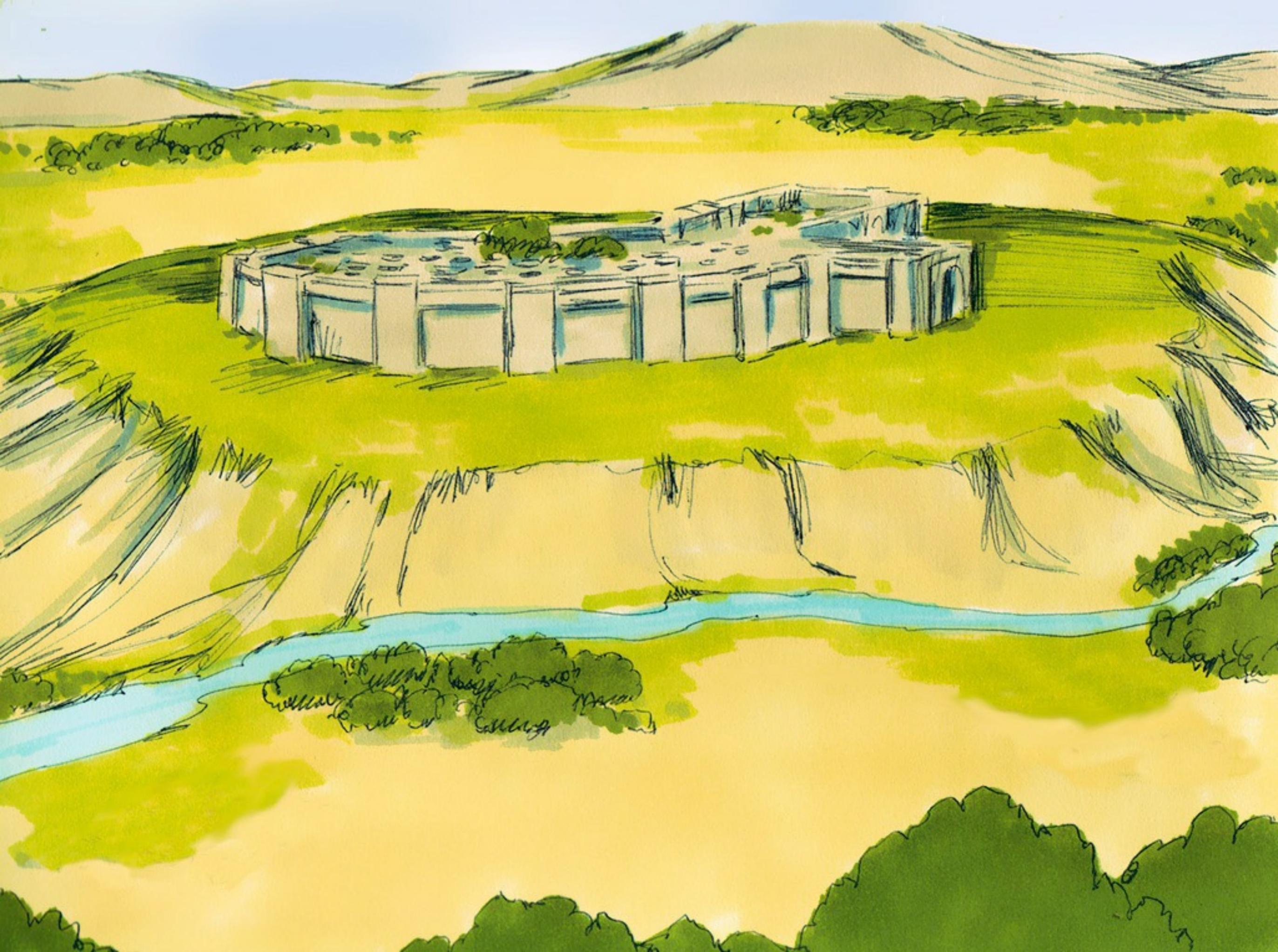
**Abel-Shittim**

**Dead Sea**



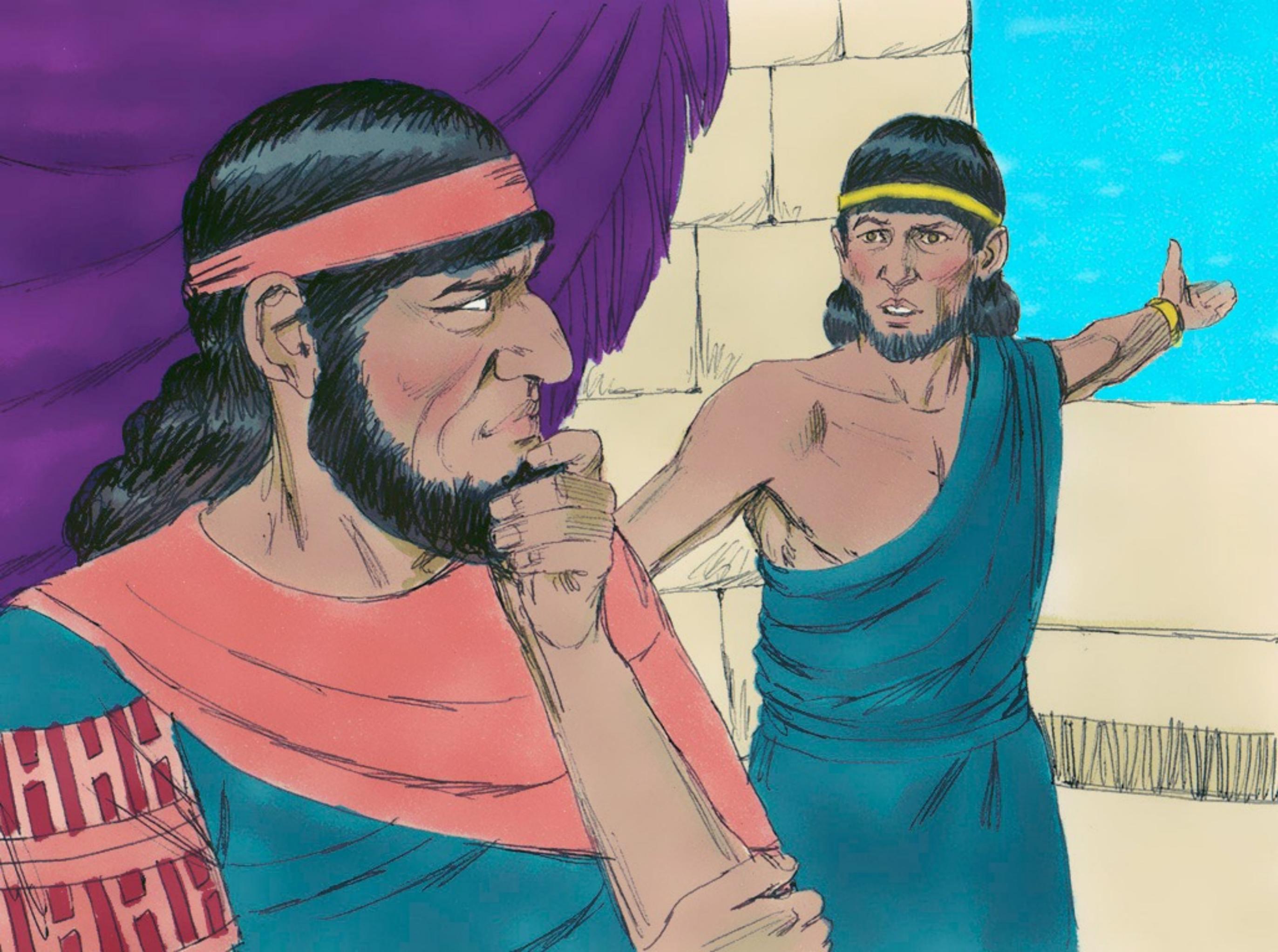














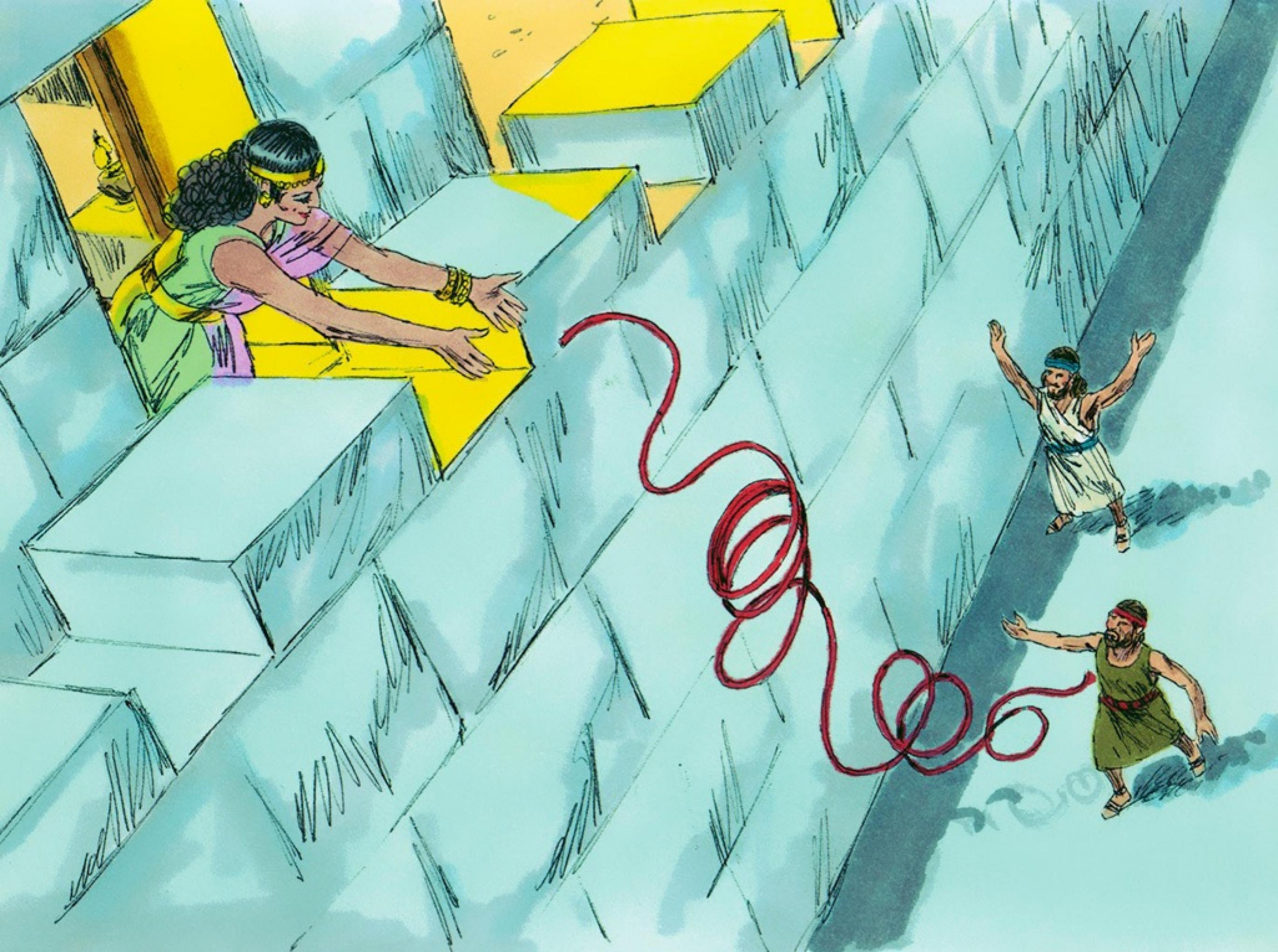




















- 1 *(Deuteronomy 31)*.  
God told Moses that he would not lead the Israelites into the Promised Land. Moses called everyone together and gave instructions to his successor Joshua. 'Be strong and courageous for you are to lead these people into the land the Lord has promised to them. The Lord goes before you and will never leave or forsake you. Don't be afraid or become discouraged.'



- 2 *(Joshua 1)*  
After Moses died, Joshua and the people camped at Abel-Shittim on the east bank of the River Jordan.



- 3 God told Joshua, 'Get ready to cross the River Jordan. Every place you set foot on I will give you and nobody will be able to stand in your way. I will never leave you or let you down. Be strong and show courage. Obey God's law and think deeply about it then you will be successful.'



- 4 Joshua ordered those in charge of the people, 'Go through the camp and tell everyone to pack up and get ready to move. In three days' time we will cross the River Jordan and take over the land God has promised to us.'



- 5 The people answered, 'What you have commanded we will do. Just as we obeyed Moses we will obey you. May God be with you as He was with Moses.'



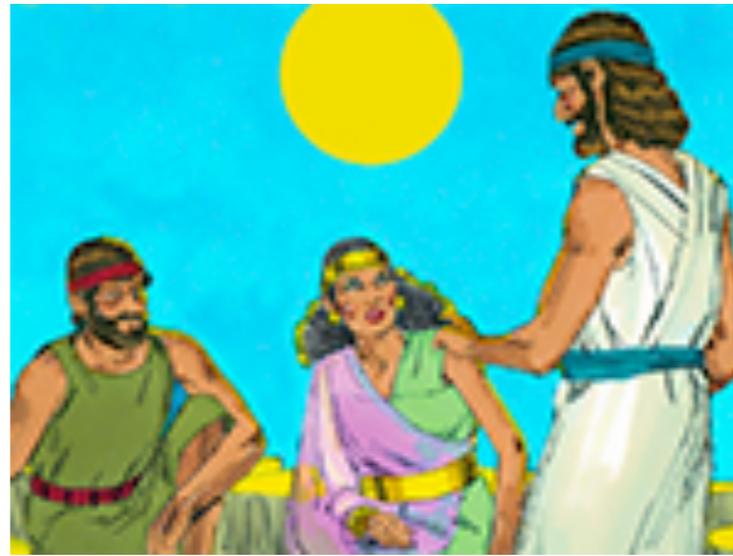
- 6 Ahead of them, just 12 (20km) miles away, on the other side of the River Jordan, was the walled city of Jericho.



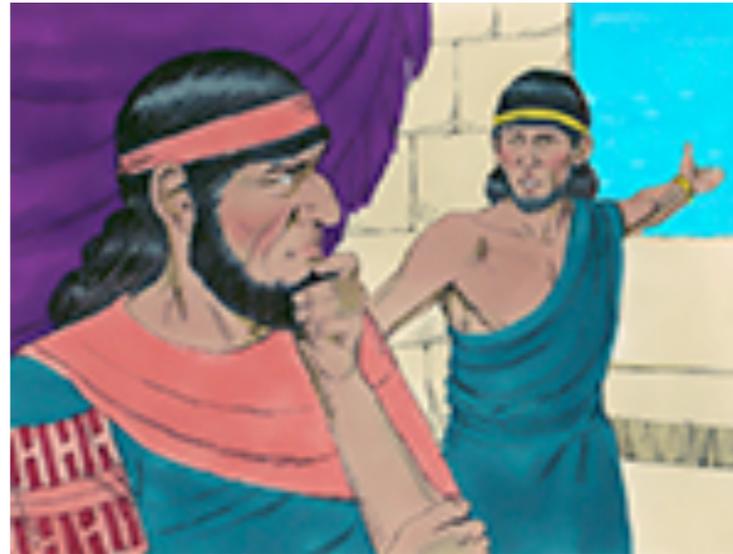
- 7 Joshua secretly sent two spies to check out the land and the city of Jericho.



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- 8 They entered Jericho and made for the house of Rahab, (a local prostitute) who often took strangers and visitors into her home.



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- 9 However the spies had been spotted. The King of Jericho was warned, 'There are Israelite spies in the city.'  
The king gave orders for soldiers to go to Rahab's house and arrest them.



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- 10 Rahab however, sensing her visitors were in danger, took them up to the roof and hid them.



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- 11 When the soldiers arrived she did not betray them. 'There were two men here but I did not know who they were,' she explained, 'at dusk before the city gate was closed they left and I don't know where they are heading.'



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- 12 The soldiers rushed off out of the city and down the road towards the River Jordan searching for the two spies.



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- 13 Rahab went up onto the roof and spoke to the spies. 'I know the Lord has given you this land and everyone here is very afraid. We have heard how God opened up the Red Sea to let you escape out of Egypt and our hearts are melting with fear.'



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- 14 Please promise me that you will show kindness to my family and spare their lives,' Rahab begged. 'Our lives for your lives,' the two spies promised her.



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- 15 Rahab's house had a window in the city wall. That night she let them down a rope to make their escape. 'Go and hide in the hills for three days and when they have given up searching for you, you'll be able to cross the River Jordan.'



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- 16 The men had agreed that Rahab would tie a scarlet cord in her window to signal her house. They told her to make sure her family stayed inside the house when the Israelites attacked. Then they would keep their promise to spare their lives.



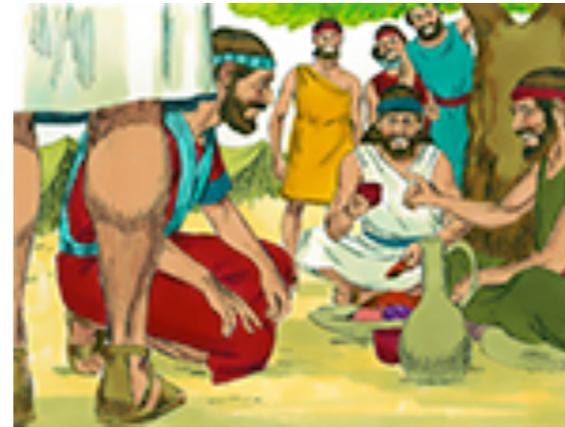
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- 17 Rahab tied the scarlet in the window as agreed.



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- 18 The two men hid in the hills around Jericho until it was clear for them to cross the River Jordan and return to the Israelites' camp.



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- 19 They reported to Joshua, 'The Lord really has given us the whole of this land. The people there are melting in fear because of us.'



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- 20 Joshua was ready to move into the Promised Land. But how were so many people all going to be able to cross the River Jordan, which was in flood?



# You can watch it!



<https://youtu.be/B2TeVixBWG8>

# Quiz

**Butts or brains... if the statement is true, place hands on your head, if false on your butt... points for the first correct action**

<p>God was about to use Moses to lead the Israelites into the promised land (false - Joshua)</p>	<p>Joshua was very confident about leading God's people into the promised land (false - God had to repeatedly tell him to be bold and courageous)</p>	<p>This next generation of Israelites were full of faith in the promises of God</p>	<p>Joshua sent 4 spies into Jericho (false - 2)</p>
<p>Rahab was an Israelite (false - Canaanite)</p>	<p>No one knew that the Israelite spies were coming in (false - the King of Jericho did)</p>	<p>Rahab was ordered to hand over the spies by the king</p>	<p>Rahab told the king where the spies had gone (false - she hid them)</p>
<p>Rahab helped the spies because she thought they were handsome (false - she had heard about their God)</p>	<p>Rahab hid the spies in her roof</p>	<p>Rahab knew that the Lord had give the land to the Israelites</p>	<p>The Canaanites were fearful of God because of all his miraculous deeds he had done for the nation of Israel</p>
<p>Rahab got the spies out of Jericho by escaping out of a window and climbing down a long rope</p>	<p>Rahab was a woman of faith - (true - her faith was seen in her actions)</p>	<p>The spies said that they had no control over whether Rahab and her family would survive when the Israelites invaded the land (false - they said if she helped them they would treat her Kindly and faithfully)</p>	<p>She told the spies to hide in the hills for 3 days</p>
<p>Rahab had to tie a scarlet cord and hang it from her window so that her and her family would be safe</p>	<p>The spies told Joshua that there was no way they would be able to take possession of the land (false - they said that the Lord has surely given the whole land into their hands)</p>	<p>This story reminds us of passover when the Israelites were saved by the blood of the ram on their doorframe</p>	<p>This story has no link to Jesus (false - it reminds us that just like a scarlet cord saved Rahab and blood on a door frame saved the Israelites, so the blood of Jesus saves us from God's judgment)</p>

# What this means for us



[https://youtu.be/0\\_wf9TlChzo](https://youtu.be/0_wf9TlChzo)

<https://youtu.be/vavZeAanGvc>



# The big story



<https://youtu.be/FU7EdNUeHo4>

# Game

***The Scarlet cord***

# Memory verse

Print out the next page and practice it so you are ready for next weeks challenge

**"Now fear the Lord and serve him with all faithfulness. Throw away the gods your ancestors worshipped beyond the River Euphrates and in Egypt, and serve the Lord." Joshua 24:14 [NIV]**

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# Pray

**Dear Lord Jesus**

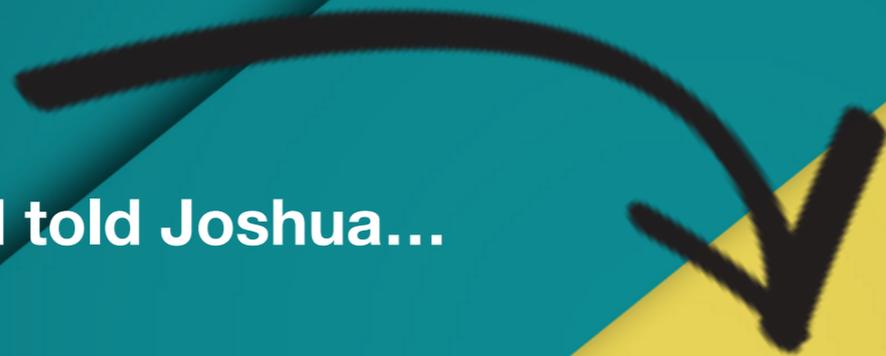
**We thank you for this story of Rahab that is recorded in the bible for us to read today that teaches us so much about who you are. Thank you for the reminder that you are a great and powerful God who is ready to save all those who will turn in repentance and faith to you. Thank you for sending Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we could be rescued and be brought into your family.**

**Thank you for this true story of Rahab and the example that she is to us of faith in action. Please would you help us to show daily that we have placed our faith and trust in you.**

**Amen**

# Sing

Remember what God told Joshua...



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