**Rahab**

**The Journey to Jericho**

**Key Verses**

**Joshua 2:1-9**

**Lesson Overview**

As Joshua and the children of Israel were claiming the land God had promised them, they came to a walled city called Jericho. This city had to be conquered if they were to possess the land. Before attacking, Joshua sent two spies into Jericho. The spies were soon within the city, mingling with the people and gathering information. The spies were found out and the city was on alert. When they turned into the home of a woman named Rahab, she hid them. Sending the soldiers on a futile search through the streets of the city, she went up to the roof and talked with the spies. She declared her belief that Israel's God was the one true God. Rahab asked for safety when they attacked the city. The spies made a pact with her that they would not destroy her family when they conquered Jericho.

**Lesson Aim**

Students should understand the change that salvation brings to the life of the believer. As new creatures in Christ, we must seek to live a life of faith demonstrated by our works.

**Lesson Goals**

At the conclusion of this lesson, students should:

* Understand man's sinful state before salvation.
* Remove any idols that would hinder spiritual growth.
* Appreciate God's work of redemption in saving sinners.
* Demonstrate true faith by godly actions.

**Teaching Outline**

I. The Reputation of Rahab

A. A reputation of iniquity

B. A reputation of idolatry

II. The Redemption of Rahab

A. Her realization

B. Her repentance

III. The Faith of Rahab

A. To spare the spies

B. To save her family

**Memory Verse**

**2 CORINTHIANS 5:17**

*17 Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come.*

**Study Questions**

1. Describe Rahab's reputation before she was saved.

2. An idol is anyone or anything that takes the place of God in your heart. Take a moment to search your heart and identify anything that may be an idol in your life. Write out a prayer to God, surrendering that idol to Him.

3. According to Joshua 2:9, what did Rahab realize or acknowledge?

4. How did Rahab demonstrate her repentance?

5. Write out 1 Thessalonians 1:9 in the space provided.

6. If our faith lacks works, how does the Bible describe it in James 2:17?

7. What two actions did Rahab perform that proved her faith in God?

8. Read Hebrews 11:31 and Matthew 1:5-6. According to these passages, what two blessings did Rahab receive?