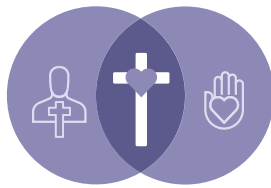


## THE UNLIKELY ALLY

LESSON 4

Joshua 2

GOD IS GRACIOUS.



### CONNECTING IDENTITY & CALLING

#### IDENTITY: WHO AM I?

God calls me to leave behind my sinful past and serve Him in word and deed.

#### CALLING: WHY AM I HERE?

I can serve God in response to His forgiveness and love for me.

### GROWING IN FAITH FOR LIFE

See how this lesson builds on previous learning for each age.

#### ADULT

I can recognize, in the narrative of the spies, how God was gracious to His people and relate that to how He is gracious to me in Christ.

#### YOUTH

I can relate God's grace given to Rahab and the Israelites to the grace He has given me in Jesus.

#### ELEMENTARY

I understand that God is gracious.

#### EARLY CHILDHOOD

I know God sent Jesus to save me.

### BIBLE VERSE

The LORD make His face to shine upon you  
and be gracious to you.

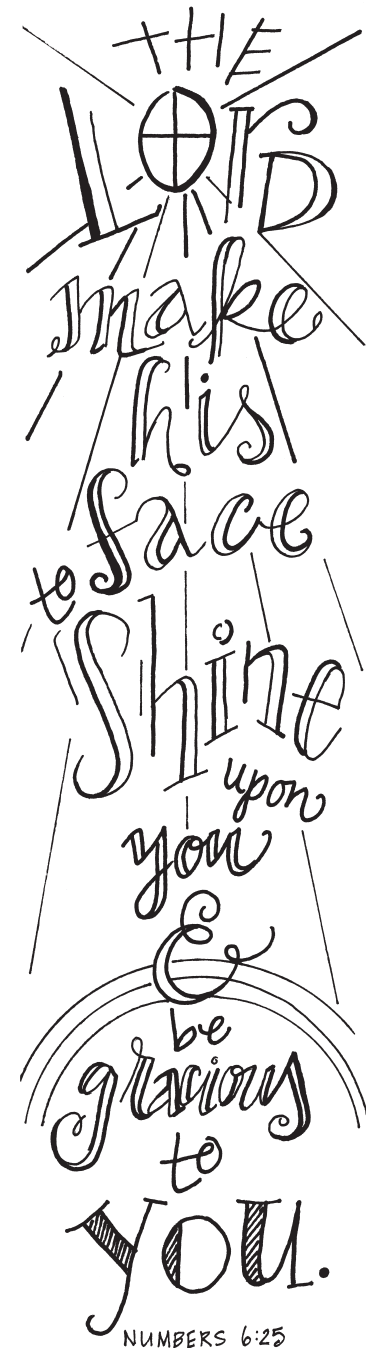
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### SCRIPTURE SNAPSHOT

As they prepare to enter the Promised Land, Joshua sends two spies to explore Jericho. Rahab, a prostitute, first hides the spies from the authorities, and later she helps them escape out her window in the city wall. Because of her faithfulness, the spies promise to spare Rahab and her family when the Israelites come to occupy the city.

### TAKING IT HOME

- ▶ *On the Go*—How did Rahab show strength and courage that could only have come from God?
- ▶ *At Mealttime*—In exchange for keeping their escape a secret, what did Rahab ask the spies to do? How does this show God's mercy?
- ▶ *Something to Do*—The spies kept their promise to Rahab, which was symbolized by a scarlet cord, the same color as the blood Jesus shed for us on the cross. Make a piece of jewelry using scarlet beads or string to remind you that God keeps His promises.
- ▶ *Before Bed*—Talk about a time God granted you strength and courage to help someone like Rahab helped the spies.



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