

Major Event: CONQUEST

Lesson 2: Spying Out the Land

Scriptures: Joshua Chapter 2

Central Text: Joshua 2:11, 24

Suggested Subjects for Teacher to Cover:

God's covenant faithfulness in furthering His land promise (compare 2:11 with Deuteronomy 2:25). Joshua's wisdom in sending spies out "secretly" (2:1) in order to avoid a repeat of Numbers 13 and 14. God's love for even the Canaanite who placed faith in Yahweh (compare 2:11 and 14 with 6:22, 23 and Hebrews 11:31).

Suggested Attributes for Teacher to Cover:

1. Of God: Veracity, Love (Omni benevolence) toward Rahab.
2. Of man: Joshua's Godly wisdom to learn from failure at Kadesh Barnea. Rahab's choice to trust Yahweh by shielding His spies (even though it would mean her certain death if caught).

Suggested Reading for Parents and Child at Home:

Joshua 6:22,23; Hebrews 11:31; Luke 4:24-30

Notes: This passage reminds the reader of God's covenant faithfulness despite His people's previous failure to trust Yahweh in at least 2 major ways: 1. The nation's failure to trust Yahweh (at Kadesh Barnea) after the fearful report of the spies (Numbers 13, 14). 2. The fact that Joshua sends his spies from Shittim, the place where the nation played 'the harlot with the daughters of Moab' and engaged in pagan idolatry (Numbers 25:1) and the spies were actually protected by a real pagan harlot (Rahab) who recognized Yahweh as the One true Creator/God. This same theme is found in Jesus' earthly ministry (see Luke 4: 24-30 and Luke 17:11-19).