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KIDS' DAILY DEVOTIONAL



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THIS POINT IN GOD'S STORY?

Yesterday we talked about how God told the descendants of Abraham that it was time to leave Egypt and go to the land He had promised them. While they were traveling there, He gave them rules that He wanted them to follow, called the 10 Commandments. The people wandered for a LONG time (40 years!) before they made it to the land God had promised. Moses died on the journey and didn't get to go into the land of Canaan with them. The people had a new leader to finish up their journey. His name was Joshua. He took over as leader and led them the last of the way to Canaan. When they got there, there were already other people living there! You can imagine that they weren't too excited about just handing it over to God's people! God wanted them to have the land all for themselves. He promised them that He would be with them and work for them to make that happen. And He did!

They needed to check out the land, so Joshua sent two men as spies to look around the city of Jericho. When they got to Jericho, they stayed with a woman named Rahab. But someone told the king that they were there. The king sent men to Rahab's house. She told the king's men that the spies had already left. The king's men went chasing after them, but really Rahab had hid them on her roof!

BIBLE READING

Joshua 2:8-21 and Matthew 1:5

WHAT DO THOSE VERSES TELL US ABOUT GOD?

Rahab said her people didn't have courage, she did! She was courageous enough to protect the spies. And she was courageous enough to hear about the work of God and to know she would rather be on God's side than on the side of her city. Later, Joshua takes his whole army back to the city and burned everything in it. But first, he sent the two spies back to rescue Rahab, the woman who had been courageous enough to help them. Rahab is important in the story of Jesus. In the first chapter of Matthew, it gives a record of the family of Jesus and Rahab is one of only three women listed in it. Her name is there with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, and all the others who were part of Jesus's family tree.

PRAYER

Dear God, Thank you for working so hard to complete your plan to bring Jesus to us. Help me to be courageous like Rahab and to always choose to be on your side! In Jesus name, Amen.



