

WEEK 2: Joshua, Spies, and Rahab

Big Idea: God can work through unlikely people.

HANGOUT

1. Discuss: What does it mean if something is unlikely? (it probably won't happen)
2. Tell the kids that you're going to ask them a few questions and you'd like them to think of some unlikely answers! Use the following questions or make up some of your own:
 - What's an unlikely month for it to snow?
 - What's an unlikely animal to have as a pet?
 - What's an unlikely food to eat for breakfast?
 - What's an unlikely way to get to school?
 - What's an unlikely flavour of ice cream?
3. Introduce today's Big Idea: **God can work through unlikely people.**
4. Discuss:
 - What does it mean for God to work through someone? (God can partner with us to accomplish his plans and to reveal more about who he is to others)
 - What does it mean that **God can work through unlikely people?** (God can partner with people who we might not expect him to!)

Watch this week's video on the Kids and Youth playlist at youtube.com/themeetinghouse

HEAR

5. Look up and read about Joshua, the spies and Rahab in Joshua 2.
6. Discuss: Who was the unlikely person God used to help the Israelite spies?
7. Note that even though Rahab was a citizen of Jericho and a pagan who believed in many gods, she helped the spies!
8. Discuss: What does Rahab say about God in verse 11?
9. Tell everyone that Rahab's faith and actions not only saved her and her family, she actually became an ancestor of Jesus!
10. Look up and read about Rahab's faith in Hebrews 11:31.
11. Discuss: Who do you think showed more bravery in the story, Rahab or the spies?

HUDDLE

12. Gather your group in a circle. Emphasize that God loves and values everyone. He can work through anyone, even people we might consider unlikely, such as Rahab. God wants to work through each one of us! Pass around a soft object (e.g., pillow or stuffed animal) and prompt each person to take a turn saying, "God can work through me!"
13. Pray, "Thank you, God, that you can work through each one of us to do amazing things! Thank you for working through [name each person in your group if possible], and that you love each of them so much. Amen!"

Help the spies get out of Jericho and back to Joshua.

