

I CAN TAKE RISKS FOR GOD

EPIC

Week 3 – Preschool
Resources for Parents

ACTIVITY | Show Me Your Muscles

This month, we are talking about epic stories in the Old Testament of the Bible! Today, we are going to hear a story about a woman who took a risk – that means she did something scary and daring – and stood strong for God! Before we talk about that, let’s play a game about strength!

INSTRUCTIONS: *Print the images from the printable “Show me your muscles”.*

Whenever I show you a picture of something you can lift by yourself without any help, flex your muscles like this (*Demonstrate a flexed muscle*). Whenever you see a picture of something that is too heavy for you to lift on your own, I want you to look at a friend for help.

THE BIG IDEA | I can take risks for God.

This month, we have been discussing epic stories in the Old Testament of the Bible! We have learned we can spend time with God no matter where we are and that we can trust God. This week, we are learning another important truth - that we can take risks for God!

SCRIPTURE | Joshua 2:1-15

- If you read the story from last week, you might remember Joshua. Joshua took over leading the Israelites after Moses.
- As Joshua was leading the Israelites to the Promised Land, he wanted to see what was happening in the city of Jericho. He sent two spies to Jericho so they could tell Joshua what it was like there.
- The king of Jericho did not like Joshua and the Israelites, so when he heard Joshua had sent two spies, he sent his men to track them down and capture them.
- Joshua's spies heard the king had sent men to capture them and went into the house of a woman named Rahab. Rahab lived in Jericho and allowed Joshua's spies to stay at her house during their journey.
- The king sent word to Rahab for her to bring out the men who were hiding in her house. Rahab told the king the men had stayed in her house, but they weren't there anymore. Which was kinda true, because Joshua's spies were hiding on the roof when the king's men came to look for them! Once the king's men left, Rahab gave the spies a rope to climb down and escape the city.
- Her bravery and willingness to take a risk paid off and Joshua's men were safe. They promised to take care of Rahab and her family for the rest of her life. God blessed Rahab and her family for taking a risk and keeping Joshua's men safe!

ACTIVITY | Where Are They?

In our story today, we heard of a woman named Rahab who hid two of Joshua's Israelite spies. Because Rahab did this, the men were safe from those who were trying to find them! We are going to play a game to see how well we are at hiding!

- Put the cotton ball in one of your hands behind your back, then have your kid(s) choose which hand the cotton ball is in. Or use three cups facing down: put the cotton ball under one of them, shuffle them around, then have your kid(s) choose where they think the cotton ball is.

PRAYER

Dear God, We know You want us to take risks for You, but sometimes taking a risk is scary. Please give us courage to take risks and stand up for what is right.

ACTIVITY | Imagine It

INSTRUCTIONS: Ask your kid(s) to imagine what they would have done if they were Rahab. What if they were the two spies? Give them time to talk through what they would have done and whether or not they think it would have been easy.

ACTIVITY | Rahab's Risk

In our story, Rahab took a huge risk by allowing Joshua's men to stay in her house. We're going to create a picture to remind us of the risk she took for God, and to remind us of our Big Idea: I can take risks for God.

INSTRUCTIONS: Give each kid a piece of paper and have/help them draw what they think Rahab's house looks like. Then, give each kid a cut-out of Joshua's two spies from this week's printable. Help them attach a small piece of string to each of the men and then attach the strings to the roof of Rahab's house.

MEMORY VERSE | 1 Samuel 12:24 (NIV)

