

**BIG TOP, BIG GOD, BIG FAITH**

**LARGE GROUP**

**Teacher:** Hey everybody! I hope you've been having a good time here at Camp Naz Under the Big Top! On the count of three, shout out your favorite thing so far! One, two, three! *(Kids shout)* Wow! It sounds like you have a lot of favorites!

Right now, it's time to do one of my favorite things and that's worship! So, let's stand up and worship together right now!

*(Kids stand up)*

**WORSHIP**

1. Song
2. Song

That was awesome! You did a great job! You can have a seat! Yesterday we heard the story of Abraham and how he faced a big challenge! God asked him to leave everything behind and go to a new land. How scary would that be? I'd hate to leave my home, my friends, my family, and all the things I know in order to go to a brand, new place.

*(For this Bible story, the kids will try to pick the correct response that fills in the story).*

**Supplies Needed:**

- Bible Story (below)

**Teacher:** So, tonight, we're learning a story about a woman who had BIG FAITH! Her name is Rahab, and her story is found in the book of Joshua chapters two through six.

I'm going to read you the story. Throughout the story I'll give you some choices to pick from that will help tell the story. Your job is to shout out the answer you think completes that part of the story. Listen carefully and be ready to answer. Here we go...

*Read the Bible story (below)*

At the time of this story, the Israelites had just crossed the... Jordan River, the Jell-O River, or the Jericho River? *(Kids shout answer)* It was the Jordan River!

Before entering the land just west of the Jordan River, Joshua—who took over for Moses as the leader of the Israelites—sent two... dogs, two spies, or two sisters into the city of Jericho? *(Kids shout answer)* Joshua sent two spies to scout out the land and report back to him.

But the king of Jericho heard about the two spies and he ordered them to be . . . arrested, killed, or brought to him? ***(Kids shout answer)*** He ordered that they be brought to him.

The two spies were staying at the home of . . . Rachel, Rahab, or Rhonda? ***(Kids shout answer)***  
They were staying at the home of Rahab.

Rahab told the spies that the people of Jericho were really afraid of the Israelites ever since they defeated the Egyptians when they crossed the . . . Blue Danube, the Yellow Lake, the Red Sea.  
***(Kids shout answer)*** The people of Jericho heard what happened when the Egyptians tried to chase the Israelites across the Red Sea and so they were afraid that two Israelite spies were hiding somewhere in their town.

Because Rahab knew that the king had sent men to look for the two spies, she agreed to help them escape. Knowing that the Israelites would soon be coming to take over the land, she asked that the two spies promise her they would spare her and her family from the upcoming battle.

They promised Rahab they would protect her and her family, but she had to do something in return. They told her to set her house apart by placing a red rope, a red ladder, or a red staircase outside her home. ***(Kids shout answer)*** It would be the red rope that helped them know which house was hers so it wouldn't be attacked.

The spies told her that she and her family must stay inside during the battle and that she nor her family were to turn on them after the battle was over. Rahab agreed to all three things.

Later, when the king's men came to Rahab's house looking for the spies, she told them . . . she hadn't seen any spies, she threw them out, they left at dusk so they wouldn't be seen. ***(Kids shout answer)*** Rahab admitted that the two spies had been at her house, but she told them the two men left at dusk so they could sneak away without being seen.

After the king's men left, Rahab told the two spies to run and hide in the hills for three days to make sure they were safe before going back to the Israelite camp.

You did a great job helping me complete the story! Way to go! Even though Rahab was not a follower of God, she had heard many stories about the Israelites and about their God. It is because of the stories she heard that Rahab realized that their God was a God of Heaven and of earth below. She realized that this God was someone very special and it was because of this that she made the choice to help the two spies.

Rahab's faith wasn't as big as some, but even her little bit of faith was enough to do something really hard and make a difference for the two spies. And her faith not only helped save her, but it saved her family as well.

Rahab showed BIG FAITH by the action she took to save the two Israelite spies. It wasn't easy—and if she'd been caught, she would have most-likely been killed—but she believed and trusted the things she'd heard about God, and she acted in a way that helped them escape.

When we take action and we step out in faith, God blesses us. Rahab took action and she saved the two spies from certain death. She wasn't an Israelite but that didn't stop Rahab from putting her trust in God and begin following Him.

Well, it looks like it's just about time for us to dismiss. I'm so glad you joined us tonight here at the Camp Naz at the Big Top. I hope you'll come back tomorrow evening so you can hear another story about someone who had BIG faith in a BIG God!

***Teacher Prays***