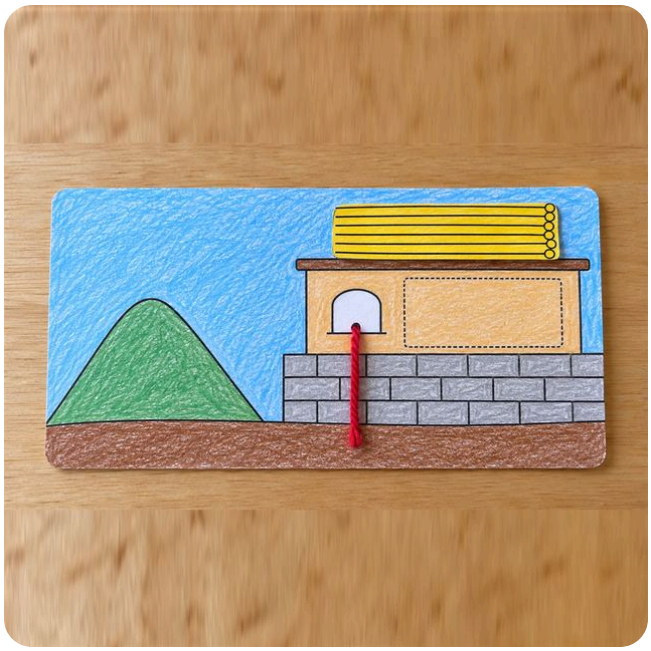
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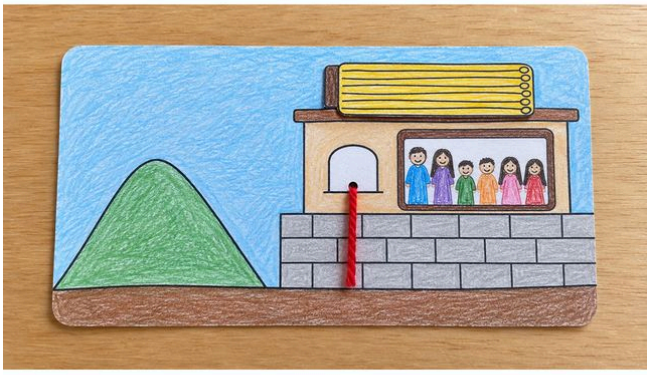
Rahab Craft

He is God in heaven above · Joshua 2 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



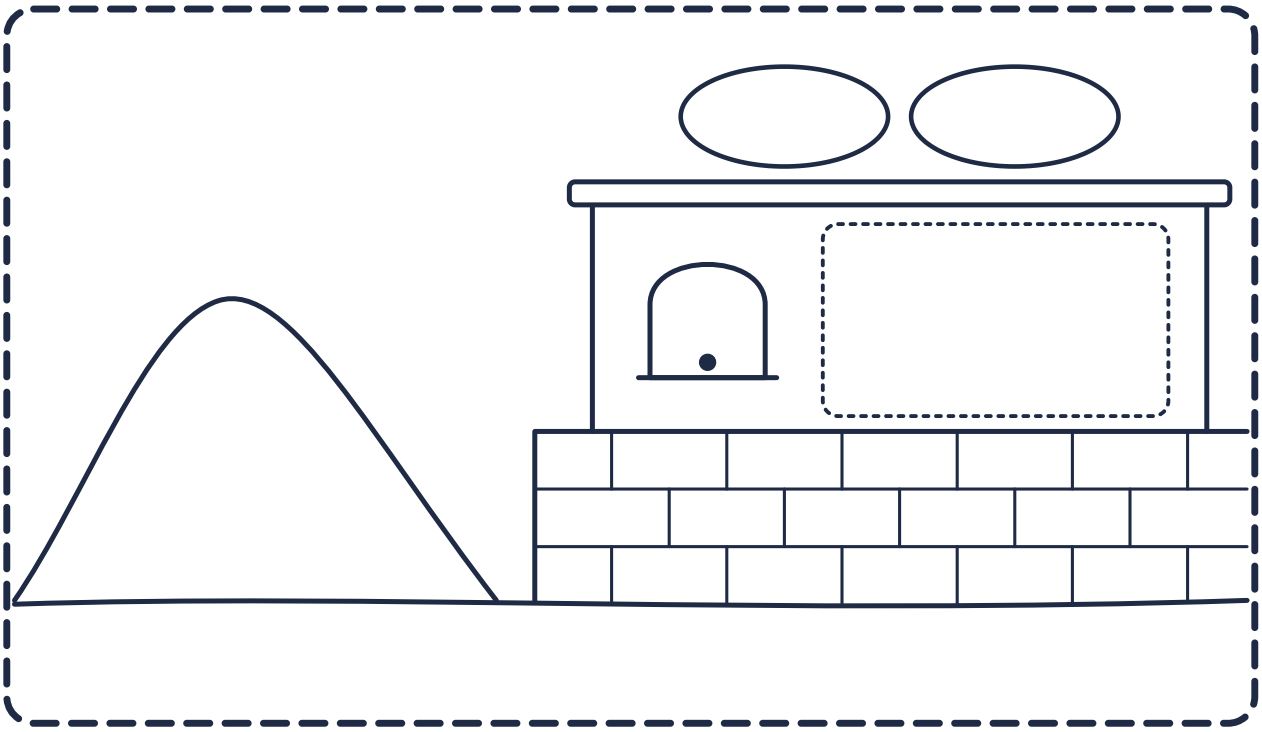
Harder

Both levels are a wide card: a light blue sky, a green mountain on the left, brown ground, and the gray town wall on the right with Rahab's tan house on top of it, "for her house was upon the town wall" (Joshua 2:15). A yellow flap of flax stalks lies on the brown roof; lift it to find the two men hidden underneath (2:6). A real red yarn line hangs from the window down the wall: the scarlet line (2:21). Medium (left): the card. Harder (right): the same card with a window on the house where Rahab's family is drawn, safe at home (2:18).

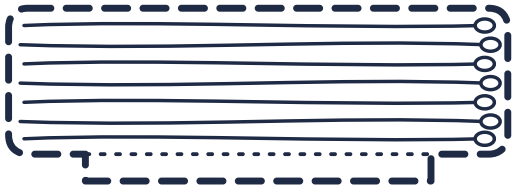
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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



card: sky light blue, mountain green, ground brown, wall gray, house tan, roof brown



flax flap: stalks yellow, tab brown. Draw the two men in the ovals above the roof. Glue the tab on the roof, and lift the flax to find them!

**And as soon as we had heard these things,
our hearts did melt, neither did there
remain any more courage in any man,
because of you: for the LORD your God,
he is God in heaven above,
and in earth beneath.**

Joshua 2:11 (KJV)

red yarn: glue one end on the dot in the window. Verse strip: glue it on the back of the card.
(the dotted box on the house is for the harder level)

Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the card, the flax flap and the verse strip. Glue the flap's tab on the roof and the red yarn in the window.

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Name: _____

✂ Harder level

Family window (harder level)



frame brown; draw Rahab's family inside the window

How to add the family window

1. Make the card from page 2 first, with the flax flap on the roof, the red yarn in the window and the verse strip on the back.
2. Color the frame of the family window brown. Inside it, draw Rahab's family: her father, her mother, her brothers and her sisters (Joshua 2:13). Draw the men with short hair, and the women and girls with long hair and long dresses.
3. Cut out the family window on the dashed line.
4. Find the dotted box on the house, to the right of the window with the red yarn. Put glue on the back of the family window and press it on the dotted box.
5. Tell it: the men told Rahab, "thou shalt bring thy father, and thy mother, and thy brethren, and all thy father's household, home unto thee" (Joshua 2:18). **Brethren** means brothers. Everyone in her house would be kept safe (2:19), and when Jericho fell, Joshua saved Rahab and all her family (Joshua 6:25).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/rahab-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), light blue, green, brown, gray, tan and yellow crayons or markers (plus any colors for drawing people), scissors, glue sticks, and a 2-inch piece of red yarn for each child. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child.
Before class: cut the red yarn into 2-inch pieces. For preschoolers, also cut out the card, the flax flap and the verse strip.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's card, flax flap and verse strip. Kids color, draw the two men in the ovals, and color the flax. Help them glue the flap's tab on the roof and the red yarn in the window. Glue the verse strip on the back for them.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut out and glue the pieces themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the card like the medium level. Then draw Rahab's family in the family window from page 3 and glue it on the dotted box on the house (Joshua 2:18). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color the card:** the sky light blue, the mountain green, the ground brown, the wall gray, the house tan and the roof brown. Leave the window, the two ovals and the dotted box white.
2. **Draw:** in the two ovals above the roof, draw the two men, lying down and hidden (Joshua 2:6).
3. **Color and cut:** color the flax stalks yellow and the tab brown. Cut out the card, the flax flap and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Flax:** bend the tab on the dotted line. Put glue on the tab only and press it on the roof, so the flax lies over the two men. Lift the flax to find them!
5. **Scarlet line:** glue one end of the red yarn on the dot in the window so it hangs down the wall (2:18, 2:21).
6. **Verse:** turn the card over. Glue the verse strip on the back and read it together.
7. **Tell it:** the king said, "Bring forth the men" (2:3), but Rahab "hid them with the stalks of flax" on her roof (2:6). She said, "the LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath" (2:11). She let them down by a cord through the window (2:15), and she bound the scarlet line in the window (2:21).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- Who sent two men to Jericho, and why? *(Joshua, "to spy secretly," to look at the land, Joshua 2:1)*
- Whose house did they stay in? *(A woman named Rahab, 2:1)*
- Lift the flax. Where did Rahab hide the two men? *(On the roof, "with the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof," 2:6)*
- What had the people of Jericho heard about the LORD? *(That He dried up the water of the Red sea for Israel, 2:10)*
- What did Rahab say about God? *("The LORD your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath," 2:11)*
- Point to the wall. Where was Rahab's house? *("Upon the town wall," 2:15)*
- How did the two men get out? *(She "let them down by a cord through the window," 2:15)*
- Point to the red yarn. What did the men tell her to bind in the window? *("This line of scarlet thread," 2:18)*
- Point to the mountain. Where did the men hide, and for how long? *(In the mountain, three days, 2:16, 2:22)*
- Point to the family window (harder level). Who did the men tell Rahab to bring into her house? *(Her father, her mother, her brothers and all her father's household, 2:18)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** to **spy** means to look around secretly; **flax** is a tall plant whose stalks Rahab had **laid in order**, in neat rows, on her flat roof; a **cord** is a strong rope; **scarlet** means bright red; **brethren** means brothers; **beneath** means below.
- **What the Bible says:** Joshua 2 does not say what Rahab's house looked like, what color the flax was, or how high the wall was. The house, the window, the mountain, the colors and the red yarn's length are the craft's simple picture of the story. The flax hiding the men (2:6), the house upon the wall (2:15) and the scarlet line in the window (2:21) come from the text.
- **About the cord and the scarlet line:** the Bible names the cord she let them down by (2:15) and the line of scarlet thread she bound in "the window which thou didst let us down by" (2:18). The red yarn is the scarlet line.
- **People are drawn by the children, never printed:** the two men go in the ovals on the roof, and Rahab's family in the family window (harder level). Men have short hair; women and girls have long hair and long dresses.
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything. Use glue sticks, not liquid glue, and help with the tab and the yarn. Let every child lift the flax and say, "There they are!"
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Rahab lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/rahab.

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