

Sparklers @ Home Week 23.

Joshua makes plans Joshua 2

Hi Sparklers,

This week we start a continue looking at Joshua, in an exciting week we are going to hear about spies undertaking a dangerous mission, but that God was with them and helped them stay safe.

Activity One – Gingerbread people

You will need gingerbread dough (use your favourite recipe). Some people cutter and lots of bits to decorate them.

- Rollout the dough
- Cut out people shapes
- Bake the biscuits and allow them to cool
- Then decorate the biscuits.

Why don't you decorate one to look like you, what are the differences and similarities?

Bible Story.

God had promised his people a new home to live in. But other people already lived there! The leader of God's people, who was called Joshua, sent some spies to the city of Jericho. They sneaked into the city. Then they met a woman called Rahab.

They asked Rahab about the city. She said that everyone in Jericho was scared. They had heard how powerful God was. And they were amazed!

Suddenly, some of Jericho's soldiers knocked on the door. They had heard about the spies! Quickly Rahab hid the spies under some plants.

Rahab told the soldiers that the spies had gone! The soldiers went away. They carried on looking for the spies. Rahab asked the spies to look after her, just as she had looked after them. The spies said yes! Rahab let the spies climb out of her window they ran off into the hills to tell Joshua about the city.

And do you know what? The spies kept Rahab and her family safe. She was able to live happily with God's people!

Activity sheets

Print out the activity sheet 11 at the back of this pack.

Carefully cut out the 2 spies and the plants

Remember our story today can you help hid the spies under the plants.

Activity Two – Door Hanger.

Print out the door hanger at the back of this pack. You may want to print it onto card to be more stiff.

You can either decorate it or why not stick on a photo of yourself and colour in the letters.

You can hang it on your door to remember God is always with you.

Prayer Time

Just as God was with the spies and kept them safe. He is also with us now!

Let's say this prayer together:

Thank you, God, that you are us all the time.

Thank you, God, that you're with us when we're happy.

Thank you, God, that you're with us when we're sad.

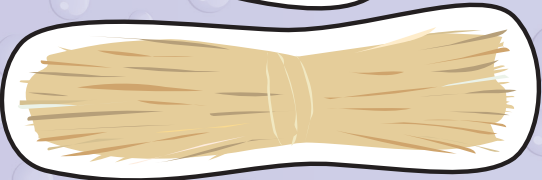
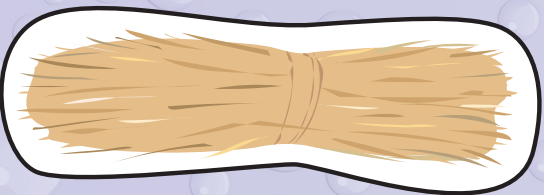
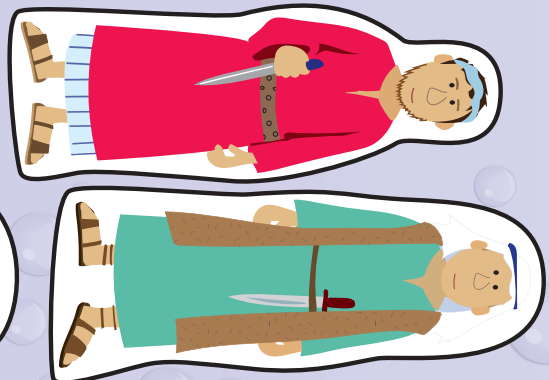
Thank you, God, that you're with us when we're scared.

Thank you, God!

Amen.

Bubbles

Joshua makes plans



Today's aim is to realise that God is always with us and has a plan.
Joshua 2

This is a dramatic story with plenty of excitement and suspense.

Will the king find Joshua's men – and what will happen if he does?

Children love "hiding" games but, here, being hidden or found could be a matter of life and death! But Joshua has not sent his men at random.

Joshua is trusting God. And God shows that he can be trusted. Joshua's men are safe and later, when Jericho is captured, Rahab and her family are kept safe too.

Tell the story with your child using the cut-out pieces and the picture.

The Bible story is on **Bonus Sheet C**.

