

Joshua 2,6

Readings this week:

- S Joshua 2
- M Joshua 3
- T Joshua 4
- W Joshua 6:15-25
- Th Hebrews 11
- F Hebrews 12
- S James 2

The Lord your God is in heaven above and on the earth below. Now then, please swear to me by the Lord your God that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Joshua 2:11-12

Rahab had amazing faith in God. Look in Joshua 2 for evidence of what she knew about God before she met the spies, and how she'd learned it.

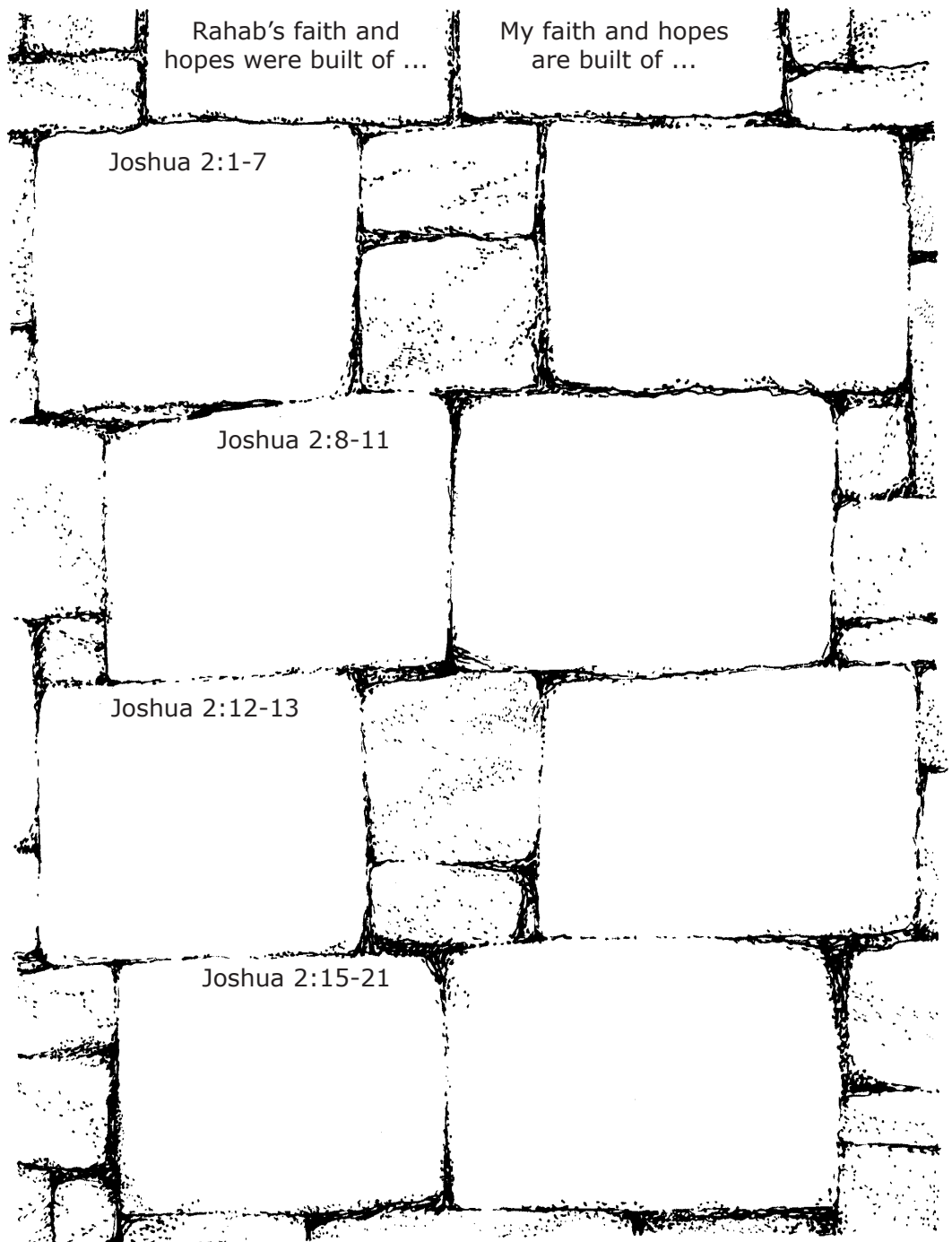
Look at the verses in the left hand side of the wall. Each verse gives you a clue about what her faith was built on. How does she compare with you? Fill in the right hand side of the wall with what your faith is built on.

Think about it!

Divide the story into about 3 parts and do a simple cartoon sketch of each part.

Use a huge sheet of paper and do the sketches together as a group. Instead of writing what people said, write what they were thinking instead. Does everyone in your group agree on what people were thinking?

Look at the thoughts you have written down. Have you ever had those thoughts? What was happening to you when you had them?



HOW were the ways in which Rahab and Joshua learned of God different?

DO you think it matters to God what our backgrounds are?

CAN you think of any examples to support your answer?

What has the story of Rahab got to do with you?

Write down what the story has to teach you about these issues:

Peer pressure

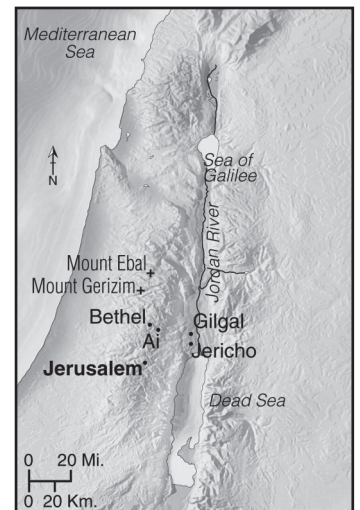
Standing up for what you think

Trusting God

Using evidence about God to make your own decisions

Rahab had a scarlet cord at the window to remind her of a promise to keep her safe. Which of God's promises to you help you feel safe?

Make yourself a scarlet cord or ribbon. Use it as a bookmark to mark the passage which tells you of the promise. Or wear it as a necklace or bracelet to remind you every day of God's promises to you.



Digging Deeper

The promised land

If you don't know how the Israelites entered the land, read Joshua 3.

We talk of the land of Israel at this time as the 'Promised land' but that actual expression isn't used much in the Bible.

Who was the land promised to? Hebrews 11:9

Who else? Exodus 3:17 and Numbers 10:29

Which of these people received the promise? Hebrews 11:13 and Joshua 21:43-45

Do you think God will keep his promise to Abraham?

Can you be included in the promises? Hebrews 11:39-40

Pray
that you
will always
choose God's
way.