



WEEK 3

AT HOME LESSON



BIG IDEA

I can take risks for God.

THE BIBLE

Rahab Helps the Israelite Spies: Joshua 2:1-15

MUSIC | Worship Songs

- Sing some worship songs together as a family!

ACTIVITY | Hide the Spy

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Choose one kid to be "it" and two people to be "the spies." While "it" closes their eyes and counts to 20, everyone helps the "spies" hide. When "it" is done counting, everyone tries to mislead "it" so that they can't find the spies!
 - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** For kids whose movement is impaired by a physical disability, alternatively you can play a hiding game while seated at a table. Have one kid designated as "It" close their eyes while another kid is given a small stuffed animal or object to hide in their lap. When "It" opens their eyes, they must guess who has the stuffed animal or object hidden in their lap.
- See how you worked together to hide the spies so that it was harder for the "it" person to find them? I know that's not how you normally play hide-and-seek, but like we'll learn from today's Bible story, sometimes it's necessary to take some risks to do what is right!

POLL | Epic Risk-Takers

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** Make 4 paper signs with these statements: "I am cautious: I don't like taking risks" / "I am calculated: I take risks after thinking it through" / "I am spontaneous: I take some risks" / "I am risky: I love taking risks!" Place them in 4 different corners of the room, and ask kids to stand in the corner that best describes them.
- **In which situations would it be okay to be spontaneous or risky?**
- **In which situations would it be better to be cautious or calculated?**



VIDEO | Epic, Week 3 – Rahab Helps the Israelite Spies

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Play this week's Bible story video with Pastor Robin and Mr. Harrison!*

SCRIPTURE | Joshua 2:1-15

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Find Joshua 2:1-15 in your Bible and encourage the kids to do the same. Read it aloud.*
 - **SPECIAL NEEDS HACK:** *If you have kids with reading disabilities, consider having the kids pair up to find the verse in their Bibles together. Provide reminders to the group as they find the verse (i.e. "The first book of the Bible is Genesis. Then comes Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, then Joshua," "The big numbers on the page are for the chapters and the little numbers are for the verses," etc.).*
- **What is a risk?** In today's Bible story, there is a lot of risk-taking happening!
- The two spies from Israel took a huge risk for God by sneaking into Jericho. Something terrible could have happened to them if they were caught by the king of Jericho. But they did it anyway, because they knew that their job of spying on the land was a very important one.
- Rahab also took a big risk for God by hiding the spies from the king of Jericho. She could have turned them in—that would have been the safer choice. She might have even gotten a reward for doing it. But somehow she knew that God was about to give Jericho over to the Israelites, and she wanted to do what was right in God's eyes.
- Taking risks is tricky. You should never do anything dangerous or something that breaks the law—God would not be pleased with that! But you will find that there are times when you need to take a risk in order to do something that would please God.
- Let's talk about it: **How do you know when it's okay to take a risk?**

STORY | A Risky Story

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Share a story about a time when you, or someone you know took a risk for God. Try to make your story about something small that kids might be able to relate to.*
 - **PRETEEN HACK:** *Involve your preteens in this segment. Either have kids share a relevant story, or if no one has anything to share, have the kids craft a story that may require taking a risk for God.*

ACTIVITY | Secret Mission

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *In advance, prepare the Secret Mission envelopes. Give one envelope to each kid or small group. Ask them to open the envelope and read the mission. After asking the following questions, compare missions and answers.*
- **Would completing this mission involve taking risks for God? How?**

DISCUSSION

- **What risks did the spies take by going to Jericho?**
- **What risks did Rahab take by protecting the spies?**
- **What risks did Paul take by building new churches for God?**



- Read Philippians 4:13. What does this verse tell us about God's response to your taking risks for God?
- Why is it important to take risks for God?
- When do you think it is okay to take a risk?
- What is one risk you think you can take for God?

MEMORY VERSE | 1 Samuel 12:24 (NIV)

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *See if you can create a song or chant of this month's Bible verse to help you memorize it!*
- Encourage you child(ren) to share their song with Pastor Robin!

PRAYER

- **INSTRUCTIONS:** *Invite kids to write down different ways they each can take a risk for God. Read each one together before this prayer.*
- God, we thank you for helping us to take risks for you. Help us to be wise to know which risks to take. Give us EPIC faith to do great things for you.

**SHOW KINDNESS
TO A BULLY.**

**STAND UP FOR A
FRIEND WHO WAS
BEING BULLIED.**

**STAND UP FOR A
STRANGER WHO IS BEING
TREATED UNFAIRLY.**

**SIT AT THE LUNCH
TABLE WITH A KID WHO
IS SITTING ALONE**

**CANCEL PLANS WITH
YOUR BEST FRIEND TO GET
TO KNOW A NEW FRIEND.**

**MISS A MOVIE TO COMFORT
A FRIEND (EVEN THOUGH
YOU HAVE TICKETS)**

**LET AN ADULT KNOW
IF A FRIEND IS DOING
SOMETHING DANGEROUS.**

**BE LATE TO CLASS TO
HELP SOMEONE WHO GOT
HURT DURING RECESS.**

**PRAY TO GOD BEFORE
YOU EAT YOUR LUNCH
AT SCHOOL.**