

Hiding Spies

(To the tune of The Eagle's "Lying Eyes")

CHARACTERS: Joshua, Caleb, Rahab, Spy 2, King, Soldier

PROPS: Red cord or sash

RUN TIME: 7 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Joshua 2 & 6

FK reading level: 3.7

This musical puppet drama can be done with a human or puppet singer who does verses of song in between scenes. Audience members should be encouraged to join in on the chorus as they hear it repeated. Lyrics are in italics to indicate when they are to be sung.

JOSHUA: Here we are at Jericho. God has promised to deliver the city into our hands. Go get my spies.

CALEB: Spy 1 reporting for duty, sir.

SPY 2: Spy 2 reporting for duty, Joshua, sir. (to CALEB) Hi, Caleb.

CALEB: Stop saying my name. We're spies, remember.

SPY 2: Oh yeah. I forgot; Secret agents and all that jazz.

JOSHUA: Listen up. You two are going to spy our Jericho. Be sneaky and don't get caught.

SPY 2: Gotcha. Did you hear that, Caleb?

CALEB: Stop saying my name!

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Chorus

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KING: Soldiers! I need soldiers! Where are my soldiers?

SOLDIER: Here we are oh great King of Jericho. How may we serve you?

KING: Some of the Israelites have come here tonight to spy out the land. I have heard they are staying at Rahab's house. No go get them. I'll have none of those spies in my city.

SOLDIER: Right away.

NARRATOR: Meanwhile at Rahab's house....

*Late that night her big old house gets crazy,
I guess every form of refuge has its price.
The king was hunting for the men she'd welcomed
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RAHAB: I know you men are spies from the Israelites. I know that the LORD has given this land to you and that a great fear of you has fallen on us, so that all who live in this country are melting in fear because of you.

CALEB the SPY: So you have heard how the LORD dried up the water of the Red Sea for us when we came out of Egypt?

SPY 2: Of course she has, Caleb...

CALEB: STOP saying my name. We're spies. SPIES!

SPY 2: Sorry. What I meant was of course Rahab has heard of our God, Spy 1 because our God is the only true God.

RAHAB: Yes, I have. I also heard what you did to Sihon and Og, the two kings of the Amorites east of the Jordan, whom you completely destroyed.

CALEB the SPY: Really – it was our God who did all that for us.

RAHAB: When we heard what your God did for you, our hearts melted and everyone's courage failed because of you, for the LORD your God is God in heaven above and on the earth below.

SPY 2: Our God is the most powerful God around.

RAHAB: Now then, please swear to me by the LORD that you will show kindness to my family, because I have shown kindness to you. Give me a sure sign that you will spare the lives of my father and mother, my brothers and sisters, and all who belong to them, and that you will save us from death.

CALEB the SPY: Our lives for your lives! If you don't tell what we are doing, we will treat you kindly and faithfully when the LORD gives us the land.

RAHAB: Good. Now quick. Up on the roof. I have to hide you under the flax.

SPY 2: You are going to hide us under stacks? Stacks of what?

RAHAB: Stacks of flax. You know the plants we make baskets and medicines out of.

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SOLDIER: *(banging on door)* Open up in the name of the king.

RAHAB: What do you want?

SOLDIER: I want those spies. Bring out the men who came to you and entered your house, because they have come to spy out the whole land

RAHAB: You're welcome to look around, but if I were you, I'd go after them quickly. You may catch up with them. Try the road that leads to the fords of the Jordan, and shut the gate behind you.

CALEB: Close call. How are we going to get out of here?

RAHAB: I'll let you down by a rope through the window, because this house is part of the city wall. Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until they return, and then go on your way.

SPY 2: This oath you made us swear will not be binding on us unless, when we enter the land, you have tied this scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you have brought your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house.

CALEB: If anyone goes outside your house into the street, his blood will be on his own head; we will not be responsible.

SPY 2: As for anyone who is in the house with you, his blood will be on our head if a hand is laid on him. But if you tell what we are doing, we will be released from the oath you made us swear.

RAHAB: Agreed; Let it be as you say.

(She lets them down the scarlet cord then ties the scarlet cord in the window).

CALEB: Good to be back home. Jericho is locked up tighter than a drum.

SPY 2: The LORD has surely given the whole land into our hands;

CALEB: All the people are melting in fear because of us

SPY 2: They are scared to death of what our God can do.

CALEB: Shaking in their shoes, quaking in their crackers.

SPY 2: But we almost got caught by Jericho soldiers.

CALEB: But a lady named Rahab hid us.

SPY 2: We promised to spare her life when we conquer the city.

JOSHUA: I'll give the orders. Anyone in the house with the scarlet cord hanging out the window is to be left alone. Now, let's get ready to march around the city.

SPY 2: I love parades. Don't you, Ca... I mean (*changing voice to be gruff*) Spy 1?

CALEB: We aren't spying anymore. You can call me Caleb.

SPY 2: Oh. OK.

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JOSHUA: God says He has delivered Jericho into your hands, along with its king and it's fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men. We will do this for six days with seven priests carrying trumpets in front of the ark. On the 7th day, we go seven times.

(Have the audience participate by marching around the room seven times or while standing in lave while the song is being sung.)

*The Israelite army marches 'round the city.
The ark, the priests and the army out in front
Thirteen times they circled round old Jericho*

blowing trumpets like a huntsman on a hunt

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CALEB: Look, the walls of Jericho are falling!

SPY 1: All except for the walls where the scarlet cord is hanging out of the window.

CALEB: Quick, we have to go get Rahab and her family to safety as we promised.

(They go get RAHAB and family)

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