Faith Adventures

sticks or canes, depending on how big you want them to be and how many players you have.

Experience

For this story we recommend using the New Living Translation

Modern parables

Jesus used stories to help people understand the things of God, even though they weren't necessarily overtly Christian stories. Lots of children's books can be used in a similar way as a conversation starter on the week's theme. Examples are shared here but you may think of others too.

'The Lion who Wanted to Love' by Giles Andreae and David Wojtowycz
https://youtu.be/_81RxVe_tXE?t=4

Talking together: How might we talk about the story together?

- If you are not scared, can you be brave?
- Have you ever had to make a courageous decision? How did it feel?
- What other decisions might Rahab have made and what might have been the outcome of them?
- Is everybody brave in the same way? Do people react differently to the same situation?

Wondering together: suggested questions to use during activities

- I wonder what sort of things you are frightened of?
- I wonder why God made it so we need to be brave sometimes?
- I wonder how God is with us in these situations?

What's in the box (for under fives)

Use the special box or bag and sing "What's in the box/bag? What's in the box/bag? Let's see, let's see, what's in the box/bag" (to the tune of The Farmer's in the Dell). You could tap the top of the box twice after the word 'box'. Pull out the things one by one and then let the children play with them, talking about the theme or the story in simple terms.

This week's box could include:

- Emotion faces, such as brave, scared, happy (Talk about what feelings you might have with each emotion and when you might feel them.)
- Lego to build a house and/or a door
- A kitchen set (Come and have a nice cup of tea? It's nice to see you! Welcome! Talk about who we might be brave for.)
- A couple of feely bags with things inside, one with something soft like wool or cotton wool and another with something like plastic creepy crawlies o9 (om)-3 (e(pl)6ct)12.1 (e-6.4 3 (eb

Express

Praying together: how can you involve the children actively in prayer?

Affirmation Jar prayers

You will need:

- lolly sticks or craft sticks
- a jar
- pens

What you do:

Responding together

Here are some suggested crafts and activities, and there is a colouring sheet at the end of this resource. You could also use small play toys and/or have a basket of resources available so children can choose their own way to respond. https://urc.org.uk/wp -content/uploads/2023/01/FACT- how-to-sheet.pdf.

With an online group, plan whether to deliver any resources in advance or how you will encourage them to use what they've got to hand in their response.

However you do it, it is good for the adults to engage in the response too, and all chat together.

Bravery barbells

Rahab was brave in the story, she took a risk to hide those men even though she knew she would get into trouble if found out. She was brave because she wanted to protect the men. Talk about what sorts of situations might require us to be brave. Use the answers to help with this following activity.

You will need:

paper tube

Everyday with Jesus – Walking the Way

What could we do this week to carry on what we've learned? Maybe members of the group could come up with a suggestion. If not, get them to choose from these two challenges:

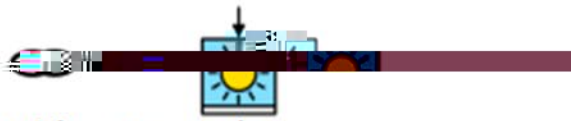
- We often have to choose whether or not to do something that needs a bit of courage. This week try to remember Rahab and be a bit brave, tackling something that makes you feel a bit nervous. Make sure it's a wise choice, though, not a foolish or risky one. Maybe standing up for someone or something you think is right, maybe volunteering to do something like reading in church or helping with a task, maybe even rescuing someone who is scared of spiders by catching the spider and taking it outside.
- At the beginning of each day this week, ask God to be in every decision you make, so that you choose wisely.

We hope you enjoyed exploring the story of Rahab with us.

Please let us know what you liked or what you would find useful by emailing lorrainewebb@urc.org.uk

Why not have a look at next week's resource on Luke 6

Jesus our friend



be with

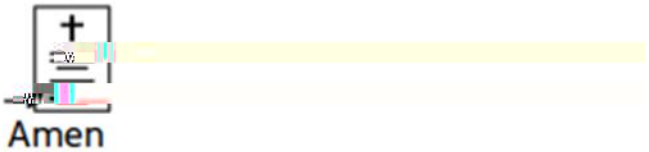
as we share together

pray together

play together

and get to know you better

as children in your family



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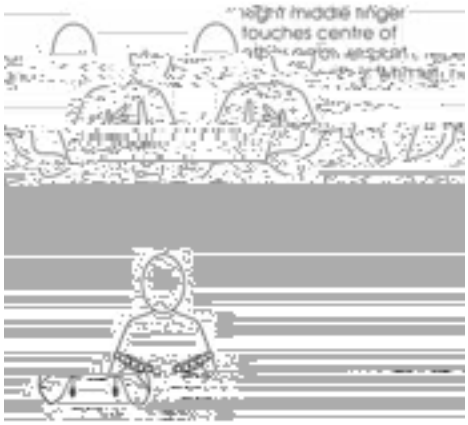

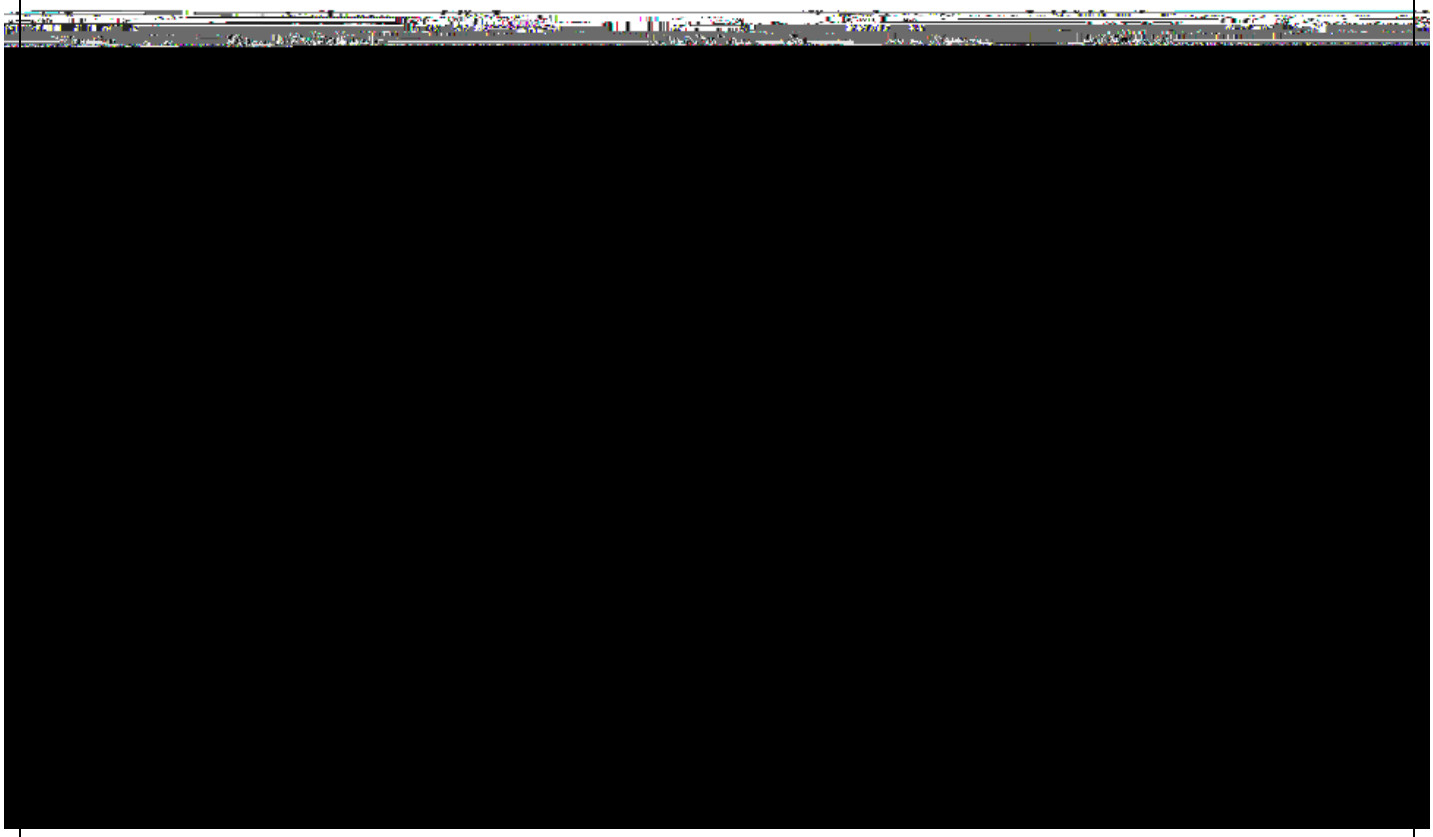

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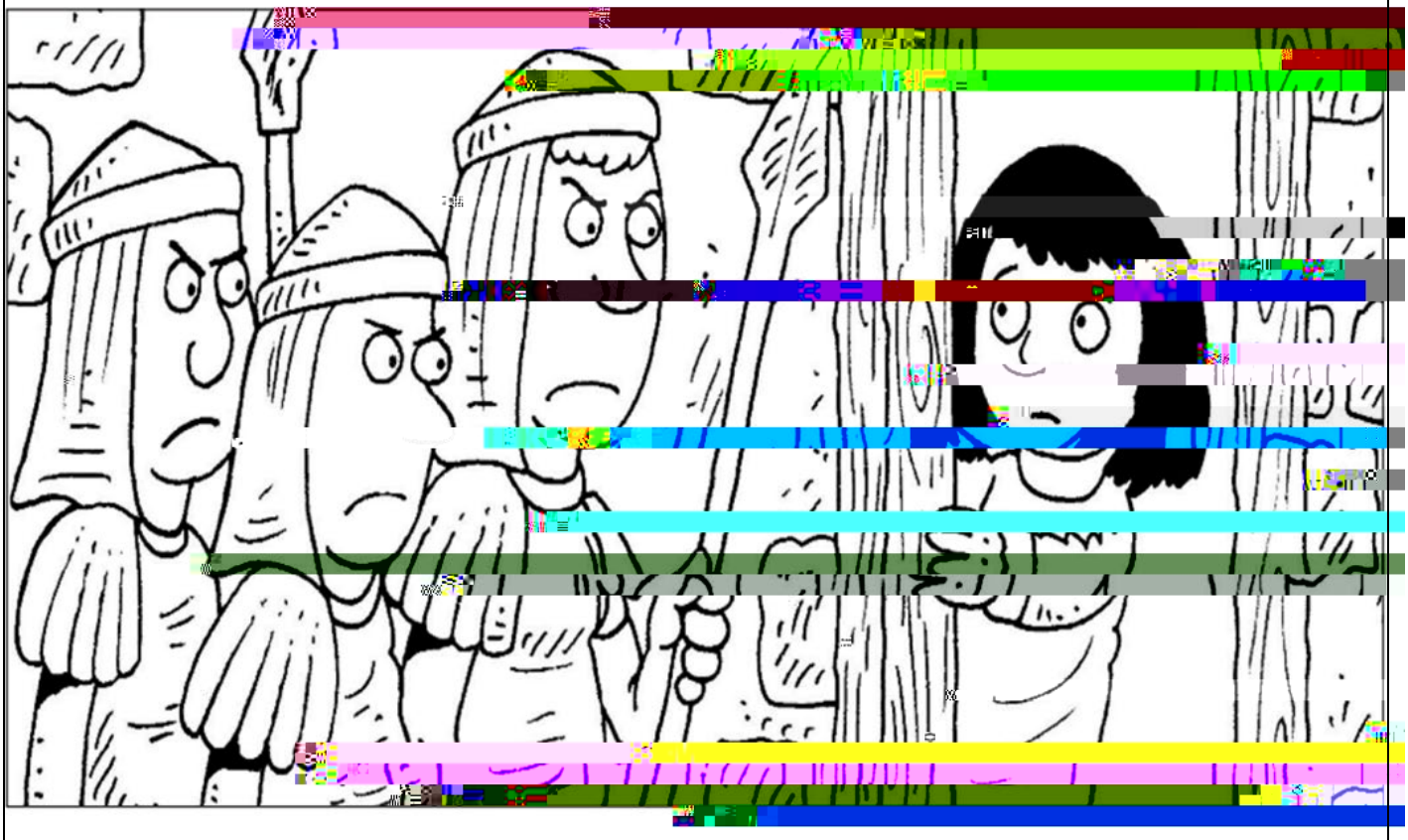
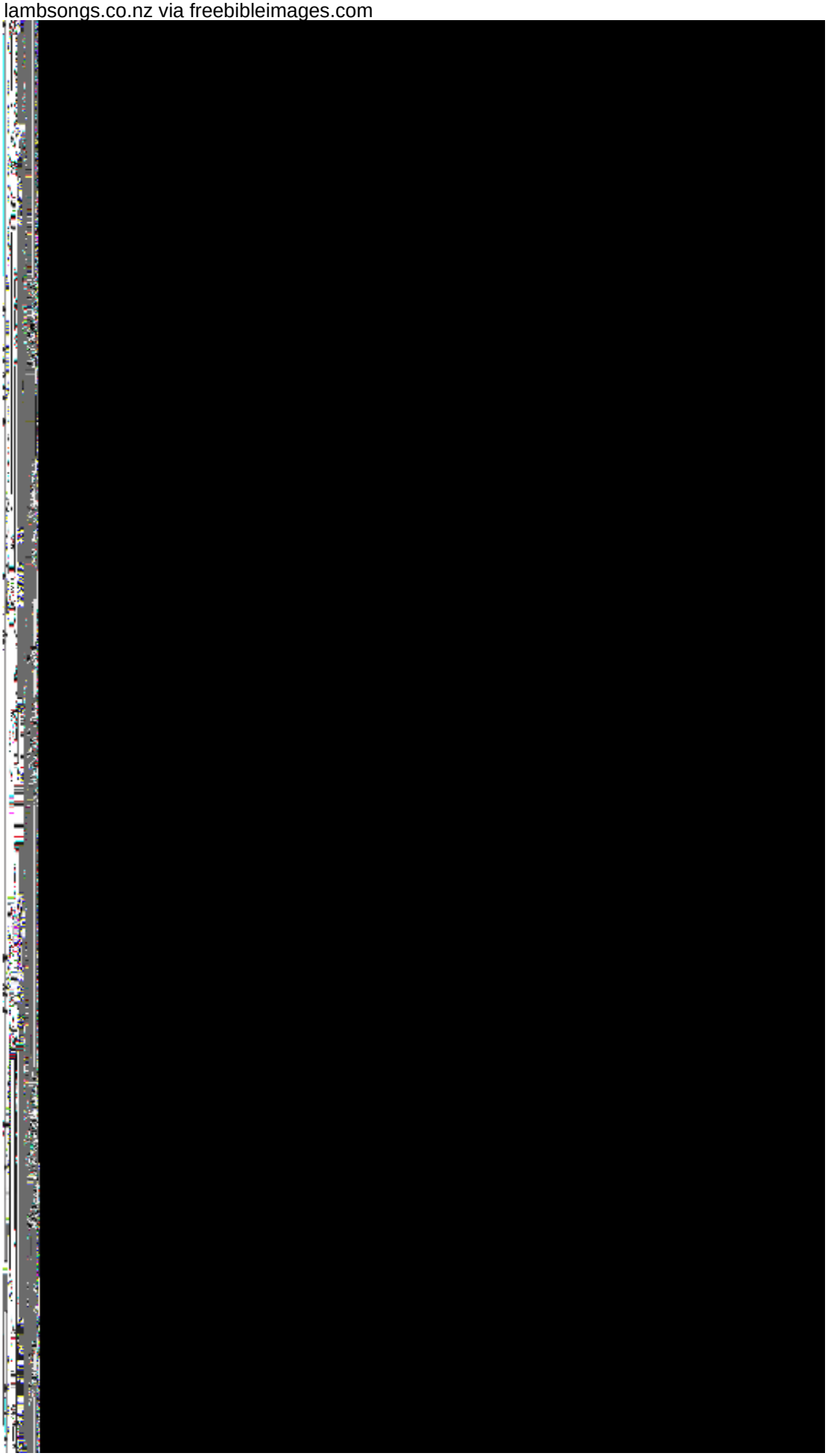
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