

# Hiding Spies

(Song parody is to the tune of The Eagle's "Lying Eyes")

CHARACTERS: 5M, 1F, 1 either, extras as desired. *CALEB is serious; SPY 2 is rather nonchalant about the whole spy thing. He provides some comic relief.*

COSTUMES: Biblical

PROPS: Red cord

SETTING: Jericho

RUN TIME: 12 -14 minutes

SCRIPTURE/BASED ON: Joshua 2 & 6

*NOTE TO DIRECTOR: This musical puppet drama can be done with a human or puppet singer(s) 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. Advise them about what to do during the marching in scene 6 (march in place or follow JOSHUA) If you will use audience members as Rahab's family at the end, tell them ahead of time.*

## Scene 1

*At rise: JOSHUA, CALEB and SPY 2 (can assign a name) are looking at a city.*

JOSHUA: There is Jericho, the city God has promised to deliver into our hands.

CALEB: *(Saluting. serious)* Spy 1 reporting for duty, sir.

SPY 2: *(Overly serious)* Spy 2 reporting for duty, Joshua, sir. *(casually)* Hi Caleb.

CALEB: *(Forcefully)* 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 out Jericho. Be sneaky and don't get caught.

SPY 2: Gotcha. Did you hear that Caleb?

CALEB: *(exasperated)* Stop saying my name!

*City girls like Rahab found out early  
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*Chorus*

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### Scene 2

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: (*saluting*) Right away.

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

### Scene 3

*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  
She had the spies lie down as still as mice.*

*So she tells them they must hide out for the evening  
Then from her window in the dark she let them down.  
She makes them give a promise as they're leaving  
Her family's safety when the army comes to town.*

#### Chorus

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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: 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!

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SPY 2: Sorry. What I meant was of course Rahab has heard of our God, Spy Guy (*elbows him playfully*) because our God is the only true God.

RAHAB: He is. 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: Yup, that 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: (*Bragging*) 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: 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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#### Scene 4

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 wouldn't be wasting my time here. 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. (*Soldier exits and CALEB and SPY 2 enter*)

CALEB: Close call. How are we going to get out of here with that gate shut and guarded?

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RAHAB: I'll let you down by a rope through the window, because this house is part of the city wall.

SPY 2: I hated rope climbing in gym class. Rope burns and all.

RAHAB: Go to the hills so the pursuers will not find you. Hide yourselves there three days until the soldiers return, and then go on your way.

CALEB: 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.

SPY 2: Bring your father and mother, your brothers and all your family into your house too.

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.

CALEB: 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).*

## Scene 5

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?

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

SPY 2: Oh. OK.

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Cause she knows the Lord has brought their army here.*

*Rahab goes out and rounds up all her family  
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## Scene 6

JOSHUA: God will deliver Jericho into our hands, along with its king and its fighting men. March around the city once with all the armed men following the ark and priests who'll carry the trumpets.

SPY 2: *(aside to CALEB)* Easy peesy.

JOSHUA: We will do this for six days but on the 7<sup>th</sup> day, we go seven times.

SPY 2: *(aside to CALEB)* I better pack a lunch. Jericho is pretty big. *(CALEB just shakes his head)*

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

*The Israelite army marches 'round the city.  
The ark, the priests and army out in front  
Thirteen times they circled round old Jericho  
blowing trumpets like a huntsman on a hunt*

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## Scene 7

CALEB: (*pointing*) 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. FAMILY can consist of people pulled from the audience)*

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