

3s/4s**OCTOBER 11, 2026****KEY QUESTION:****WHO WANTS ME TO HELP OTHERS?****BIG IDEA:****GOD WANTS ME TO HELP OTHERS.****VERSE OF THE MONTH:****“LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.” MATTHEW 22:39****BIBLE STORY:****RAHAB HELPS THE SPIES – JOSHUA 2; 6:17-25****OVERVIEW****Centers****Large Group****Circle Time****Table Time****Play Time**

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FLOOR CENTER

SCAVENGER HUNT

In this activity, we'll do a scavenger hunt. Today we'll hear about people looking for the two good spies that Rahab was hiding.

Supplies:

1. "Scavenger Hunt" Activity Page (multiple copies, printed on cardstock)
2. Marker

How-To:

1. Explain to the children that you have a list of things to find.
2. Read each item on the Activity Page aloud, give an example, and encourage the children to use their hands as binoculars to look around the room.
3. When they've successfully found an item, put a check mark in the box next to it.
4. Celebrate when you've found all the items!

Say This:

Before the Activity:

Have you ever played "I Spy"? *(Let children respond.)* It's one of my favorite games! I have a list of things here for us to find with our eyes. To help us see better, let's hold up our binoculars. *(Hold your hands up to your eyes like binoculars.)*

During the Activity:

Okay, the first thing on my list is something round. Use your binoculars to look around the room. Who sees something round? *(Let children point out round items for a few minutes.)* Awesome spying! Let's put a check mark next to that item on our list. *(Put a check mark in the box, and continue down the list.)*

After the Activity:

You did a great job finding all the items on our list. Today we're going to hear about some people who were looking for someone.

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CIRCLE TIME

What You Need:

1. Bible
2. Stickers

Say This:

Prompt the children to remember what they learned in The Playhouse. Celebrate when they remember!

- Rahab lived in a city full of bad (*guys/people*).
- God’s army wanted to save the city, so they sent in two good (*spies*).
- Rahab used wheat to help hide the spies on top of her (*roof*).
- Just like Rahab helped others, God wants me to help (*others*).

Practice the Verse:

Open the Bible to remind the children that our verse comes from the Bible.

Are you ready to practice our Bible verse? (*Let children respond.*) Okay, let’s all say it together.

“Love (*hug self*) your neighbor (*point all around*) as yourself (*thumbs to chest*)” Matthew 22:39.
(*Open hands like a book.*)

Now, who wants to try saying it by yourself? (*Reward each child with a sticker for saying the verse.*)

Talk About It:

Rahab was kind and loving to the two good spies. She showed how she could love her neighbors by helping them. What are some ways that you can help the people you love? (*Examples might be helping their parents set the table for dinner, helping a friend by sharing your snack or toys, or helping cheer up a friend by giving them a hug.*)

Let’s pray and thank God for showing us how to help others!

Pray:

Dear God, thank you for showing us all of the ways we can help others every single day. Please help us remember to help our neighbors and the people we love by (*talk about what you discussed*). We love you, God. Amen.

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TABLE TIME

VERSE HEADBAND

Supplies:

1. “Verse Headband – Label” Activity Page (1 label per child, printed on OL125 labels)
2. “Verse Headband – Stickers” Activity Page (multiple sheets, printed on OL1330 labels)
3. Sentence strips (1 per child, 24" x 3")
4. Colorful tissue paper squares
5. Glue sticks
6. Tape

How-To:

1. Give each child a sentence strip.
2. Help them place a Bible verse label in the middle of their sentence strip.
3. Encourage them to decorate their sentence strip with heart stickers and tissue paper.
4. Measure the sentence strip to the child’s head, and tape the ends together to create a headband.

Say This:

Before the Activity:

Rahab was kind and loving to the two spies by helping them. Let’s make a special headband to wear to help us remember that.

During the Activity:

Everyone gets a strip of paper (*hold up sentence strip*). First, let’s add this sticker with our Bible verse on it. Let’s say our Bible verse together: “‘Love your neighbor as yourself’ Matthew 22:39.” Let’s say that one more time: “‘Love your neighbor as yourself’ Matthew 22:39.” Great job!

Okay, now let’s decorate with heart stickers and tissue paper. When you’re finished decorating, a leader will tape the ends together to create a headband for you to wear home.

After the Activity:

When you wear your headband, remember that Rahab loved others by helping them, and you can too!