

Bible Stories for Young Children

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TWO SPIES VISIT JERICHO

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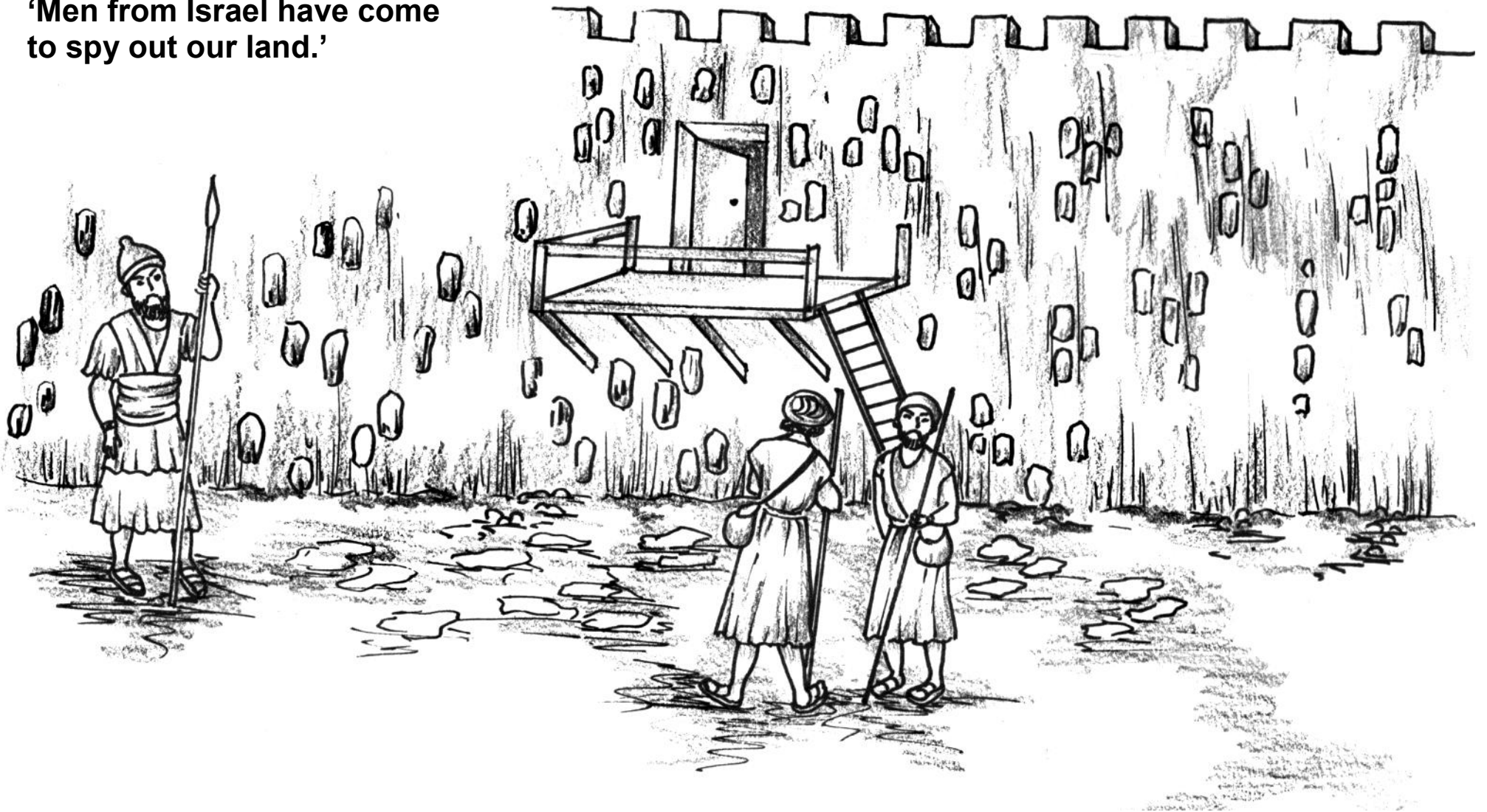
JOSHUA 2: 1–24
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**While God's people were getting ready
to go into the land God promised them,
Joshua secretly said to two men,
'Go across the river and spy out the land.
Go into Jericho and see what it is like.'**



The two men walked into Jericho and went to Rahab's house.

Someone saw them and went to the king saying, 'Men from Israel have come to spy out our land.'

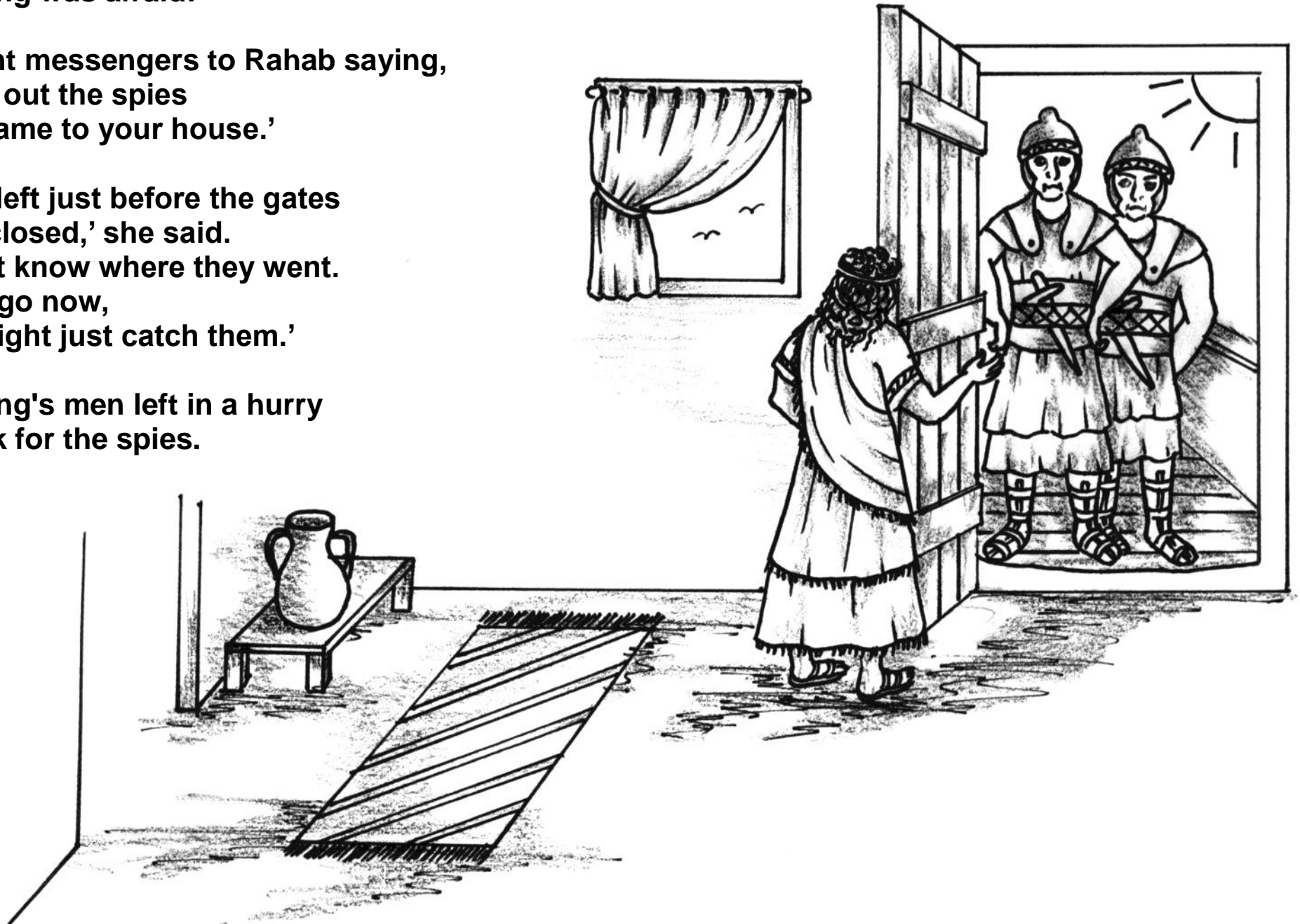


The king was afraid!

**He sent messengers to Rahab saying,
'Bring out the spies
who came to your house.'**

**'They left just before the gates
were closed,' she said.
'I don't know where they went.
If you go now,
you might just catch them.'**

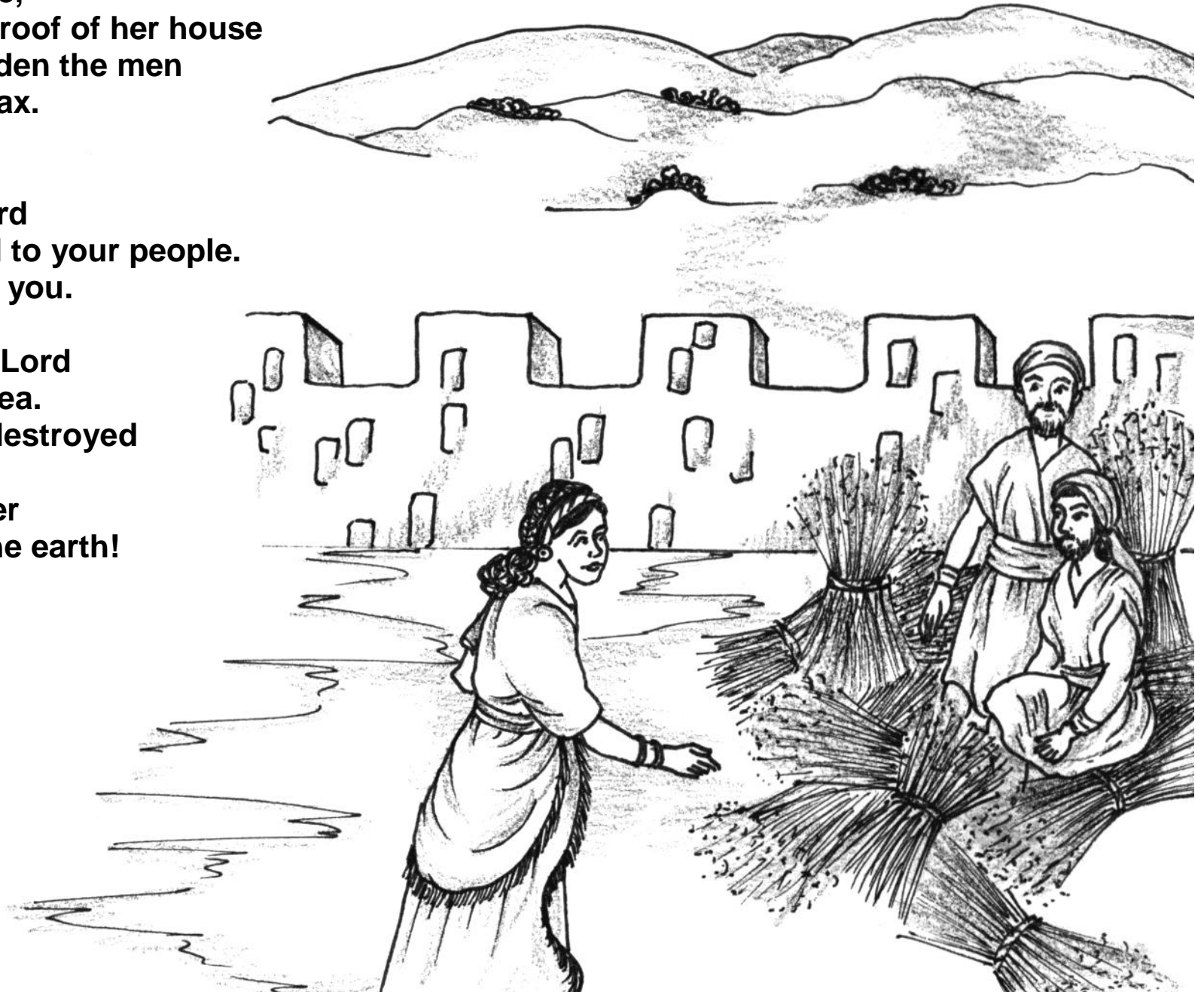
**The king's men left in a hurry
to look for the spies.**



**After they had gone,
Rahab went to the roof of her house
where she had hidden the men
under the drying flax.**

**She said to them,
'I know that the Lord
has given this land to your people.
We are all afraid of you.**

**'We heard that the Lord
dried up the Red Sea.
We heard that He destroyed
your enemies.
Your God rules over
the heavens and the earth!**

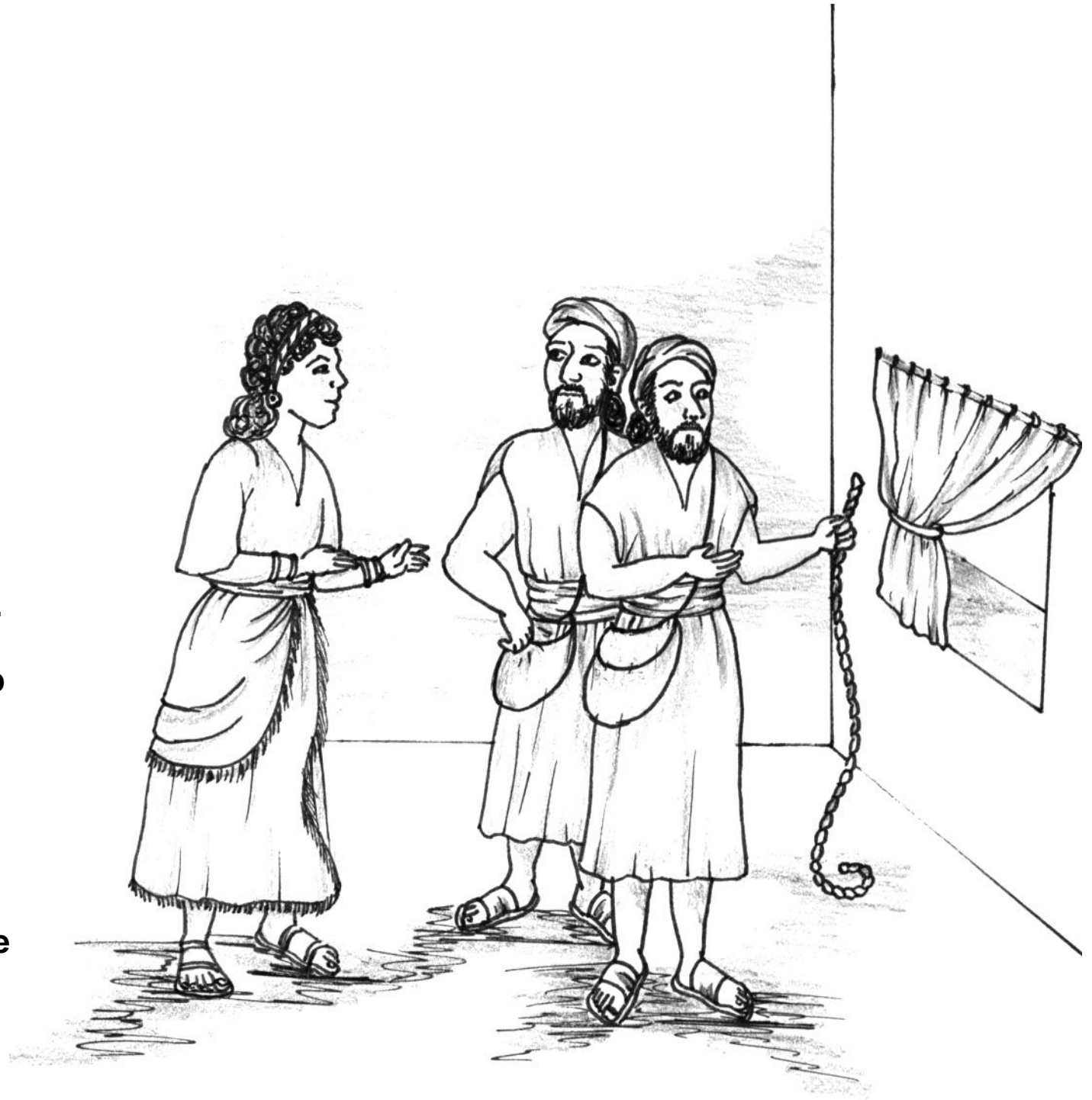


**'Make me a promise
before the Lord,
that you will be
kind to my family
as I have been kind to you.'**

**The two spies answered,
'When the Lord gives us
this land we will help you.'**

**'This is what
you will need to do:
Bring your family into your
house and stay inside.
Don't tell anyone our plans.
This red cord,
which you are using to help
us escape,
tie it in your window.'**

**'When we come back
and see the red cord
in your window,
we will know you have done
what we asked you to do.
You and your family
will be saved.'**



**Rahab's house was
high up on the wall of the city.
She let the spies out
through her window
using a rope
and they escaped.**

**She said,
'Go to the hills.
Stay there for three days.
By then the king's men
will have stopped looking for you.
You will be safe
to go to your people.'**

**When the spies had gone
Rahab did as the spies asked
and tied the red cord
in her window.**



**The two spies hurried to the hills
and hid there for three days.**

**After that,
they went back
across the river
to their people.**

**They said to Joshua,
'The people of Jericho
are afraid of us.
The Lord has
gone before us
and is giving
us this land.'**

