**BIG IDEA:** I can help others.

Week 10

# Kind Rahab



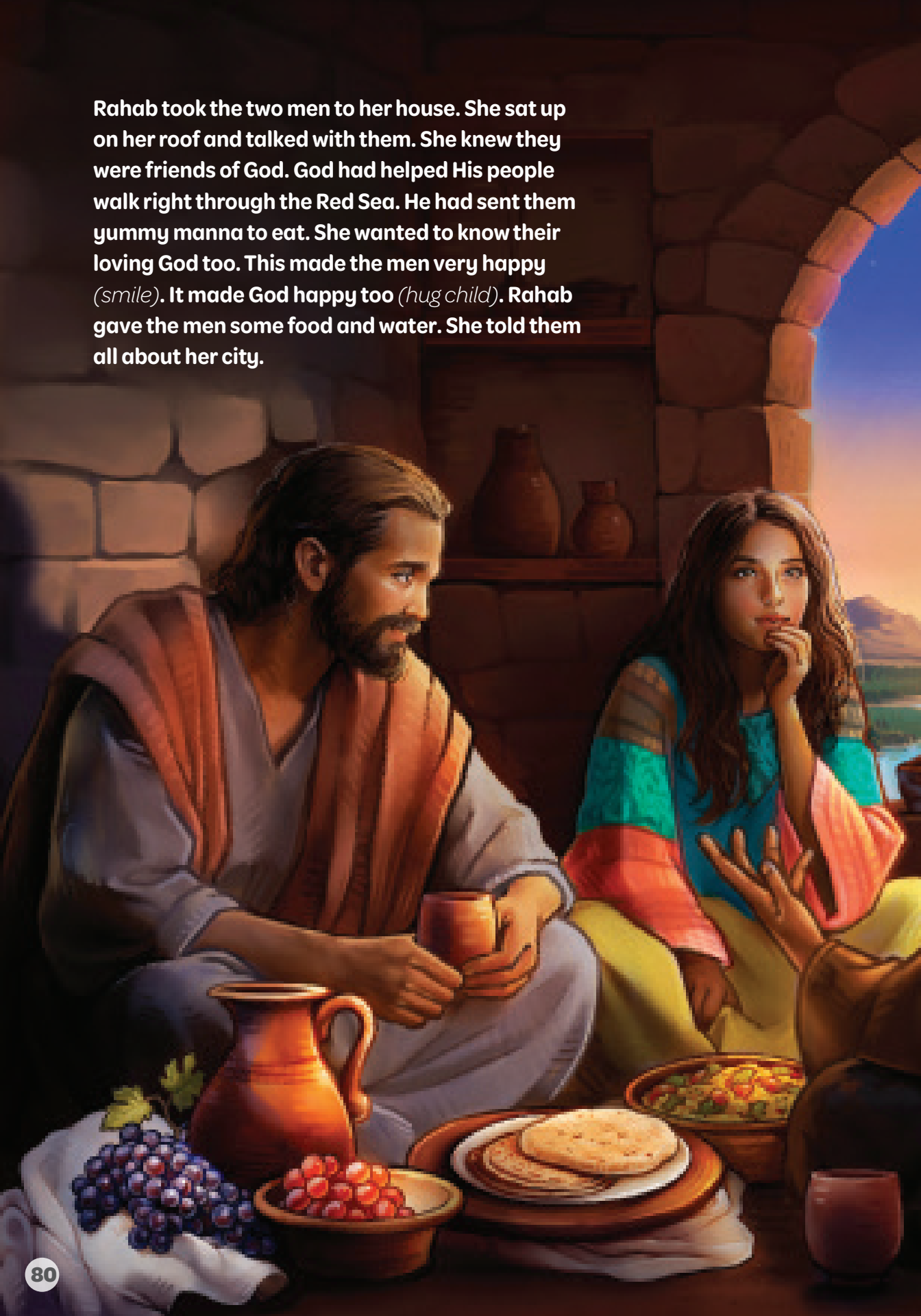
This lesson is based on Joshua 1 and 2 and *Patriarchs and Prophets,* pp. 482, 483.



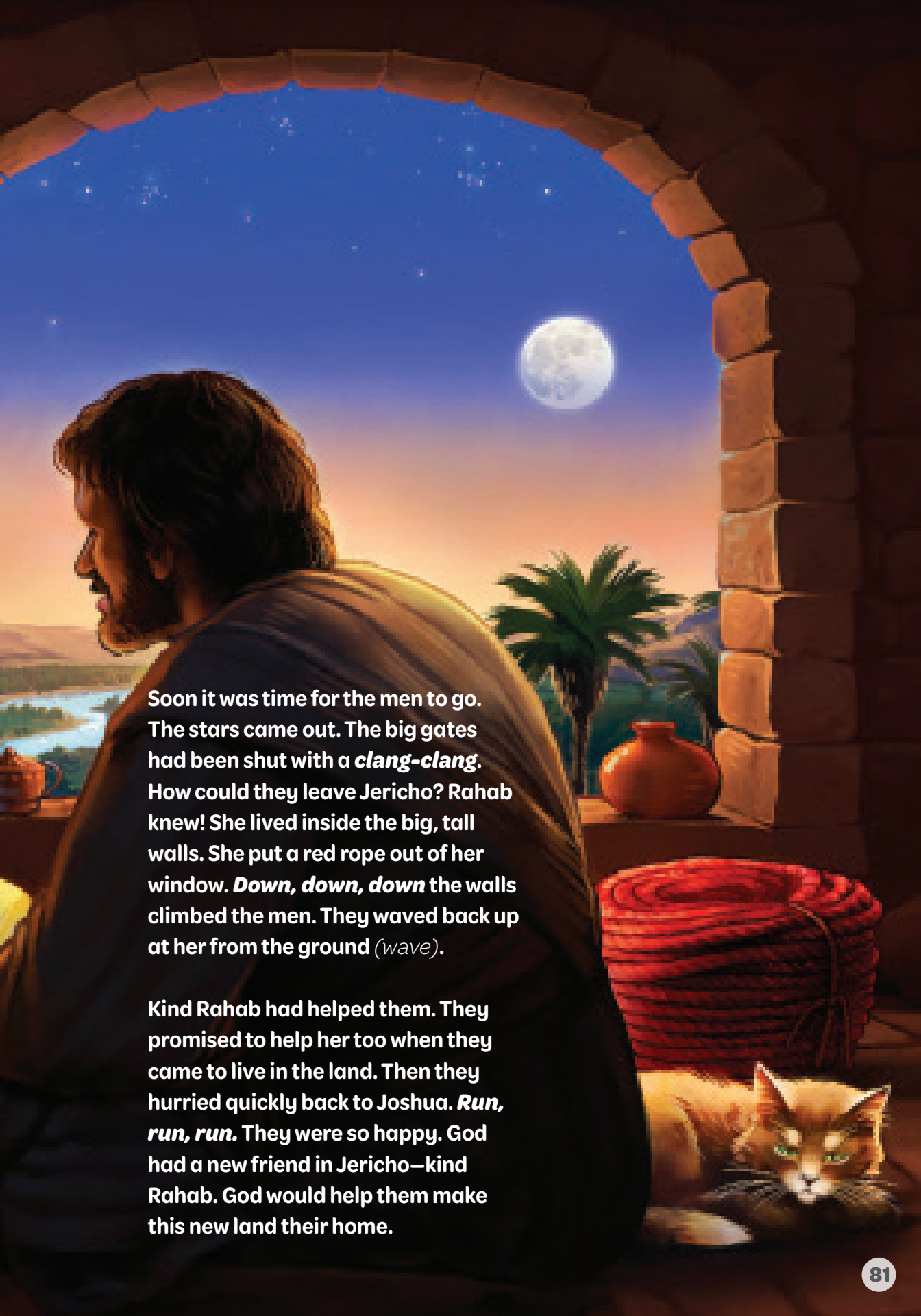
Joshua smiled at the two men. He had a very exciting job for them. They were to go into the Promised Land to find out what it was like. They would go on an adventure, just as Joshua had done many years earlier. They were to go ***looking, looking, looking***. They were to look up high. They were to look down low. They were to look everywhere in the big city of Jericho. Hurry, hurry . . . time to go!



The two men packed their bags and set off. The city of Jericho had big, tall walls all around it. It had big, strong gates that went ***clang-clang*** when they shut tight. The two men went quietly inside the city. ***Shh!*** They looked up high. They looked down low. But they needed a friend to tell them where to go. They met a kind woman named Rahab. She offered to help them!



**Rahab took the two men to her house. She sat up on her roof and talked with them. She knew they were friends of God. God had helped His people walk right through the Red Sea. He had sent them yummy manna to eat. She wanted to know their loving God too. This made the men very happy** *(smile)*. **It made God happy too** *(hug child)*. **Rahab gave the men some food and water. She told them all about her city.**



Soon it was time for the men to go. The stars came out. The big gates had been shut with a ***clang-clang***. How could they leave Jericho? Rahab knew! She lived inside the big, tall walls. She put a red rope out of her window. ***Down, down, down*** the walls climbed the men. They waved back up at her from the ground *(wave)*.

Kind Rahab had helped them. They promised to help her too when they came to live in the land. Then they hurried quickly back to Joshua. ***Run, run, run.*** They were so happy. God had a new friend in Jericho—kind Rahab. God would help them make this new land their home.



Just like Rahab, we can look for ways to help others. We can show people Jesus' love by being kind with our words and actions. Kind words say, "I love you" to your grandma, or "Thank you, Daddy, for my dinner." Kind hands help clean up messes and fold the washing. Kind hearts give a hug to someone who is hurting.

*(Say together)* **Dear Jesus, help me to look after others.**

# play throughout the day

## Create

Find three pieces of red string or yarn and twirl them together to make a little rope like the rope Rahab used to help the two men leave Jericho.

## Invite

With your child, think of someone new you can invite to Sabbath School or over for a play date. Talk about ways we can show God's love to that family. Pray that God will help us to show them kindness.

## Connect

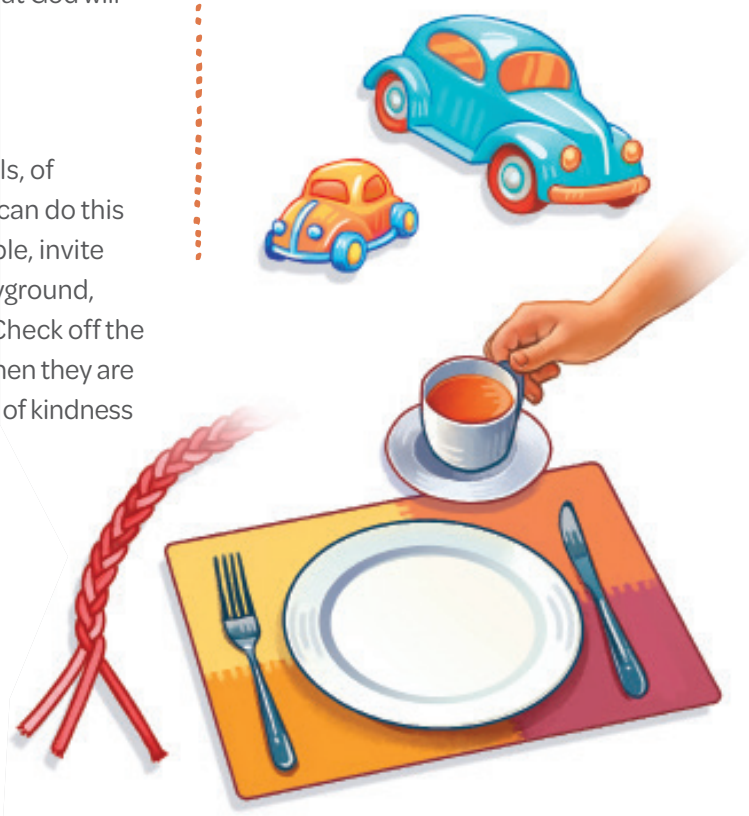
Make a list, using simple symbols, of practical things that your child can do this week to be kind (e.g., set the table, invite another child to play at the playground, share toys with a sibling, etc.). Check off the tasks or put stickers on them when they are completed. Celebrate your acts of kindness at the end of the week.

## Explore

Go for a garden or park walk, if possible, to see how you could show kindness to God's little creatures. You could feed some birds or leave out some water in a birdbath. You might plant some flowers that attract birds or bees. You might like to pile up leaves and twigs to make a home for insects.

## Pray

In family worship, reflect on times when others showed you kindness. How did we show kindness today? Invite your child to share examples. Thank God for the ways He shows kindness to us, and ask Him to help us show kindness to others.



**Extension weekly memory verse:** "Let us do good to all" (Galatians 6:10).

# THE HEART OF THE MATTER

## For You, Parents



Rahab was a woman of faith. She risked her life in taking the two spies into her home; she treated them with great kindness and quite literally saved their lives. She had heard about the God of the Israelites, and unlike everyone in her wicked city, she wanted to know more. She felt the beckoning of God in her life. Not only did He save her when the Israelites captured the city—He included her in the lineage of Jesus! (Matthew 1.) No one is beyond the reach of God's family. His arms are open and waiting for all!

What a loving God we serve! He doesn't have favorites. He sees us, loves us, and reaches out for us. Better still, He uses us to reach out to others on His behalf.

We are God's ambassadors to the Rahabs in our community. All around us are people God wants to reach; minds that are searching for truth and meaning; hearts that are awakening to His love. "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher? . . . As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!' " (Romans 10:14, 15).

God invites us to be part of the weaving of His great tapestry, His salvation plan. As you go about your week, look for the people God sends you, those He wants you to smile at and ask about their day, those who are lonely or lost, and those who need to know of His saving plan for them. Offer them a taste of God's inclusive, overflowing love, just like the love Rahab was shown.