[Narrator] I'll bet you didn't think that the bible would have spy stories in it, Well, it does and we're going to see one of them today. Our story happens in the city of Jericho. Joshua has sent two men to see how strong the city is and to help him plan how the people will conquer Jericho. We will also meet Rahab, the woman who has an open heart that God worked with, The woman who helps the spies and by doing that became one of the outside people who is honored as a child of God. Let's meet the characters in our story. First there is Rahab. She lives in a small home that is built into the wall of Jericho. If the city is ever attacked she would be one of the first to get hurt or even die. Next there are the two spies, Rubin and Joel. Finally, there are the Jericho police who want to catch Rubin and Joel so that they can't get back to Joshua and the people.

[scene][Rubin and Joel are walking together]

[Rubin] I don't know Joel, I know that when God made the Jordan river stop for us so we could cross, well that was impressive. But, the soldiers and police in Jericho, well they frighten me.

[Joel] Our god has done many amazing things and I'm sure that he'll show Joshua how we can capture Jericho.

[Rahab runs onto scene and frantically waves to spies]

[Rahab] pssssst, Over here!! The police are looking for you, hide here.

[Rubin and Joel go behind Rahab]

[Police come on]

[Police man] Hey there did you see some strangers go by here?

[Rahab] Yes, Mr. Police Man two strangers just ran by and were headed for the gate. Maybe you can catch them.

[Police Man] You know that the king said that those Hebrews are very dangerous people. We thought that we could sneak up on them but that didn't work, Come on guys lets catch them.

[Police run off]

[Rahab] [Turns around and faces Joel and Rubin]

[Joel] Why did you do that? Why did you hide us and send the police off like that?

[Rahab] I know who you are, but what you may not know is that for the last forty years we've heard about your people and your God. Your God got your people out of Egypt, and then across the Jordan. I know it may not look like it, but everyone is scared to death of you and your army.

[Rubin] But that still doesn't answer my question, why are you helping us.

[Rahab] If I help you I want you to help me and my family to live when you come and conquer Jericho.

[Narrator] That's exactly what happened. Rahab cleverly hid the spies, so even though the police came back and checked her little home out thoroughly they weren't found. Next, she got them out of Jericho by lowering them out a window in her home.

[Rahab] You'd better go and hide in the hills for a couple of days before you go back to your people.

[Rubin] That sounds like a very good idea. Don't worry, we'll tell our leader Joshua how you helped us.

[Joel] Alright, we have to get going. When we come back with the army leave this chord hanging out of your window so we know where you are. If you do I know that Joshua will make sure that you and your family get out. If you don't we won't be able to help you.

[Narrator] When they got back to Joshua and their people, the Spies told Joshua about what Rahab had told them, and what she had done to help them. Joshua made sure that the promise was kept, so Rahab and her family were saved when Jericho was conquered. God's people remembered Rahab, and she is even remembered as one of the ancestors of Jesus. She is remembered because she had a heart that was open for god to use. Yes, Rahab showed us that God can use a person with an open heart.