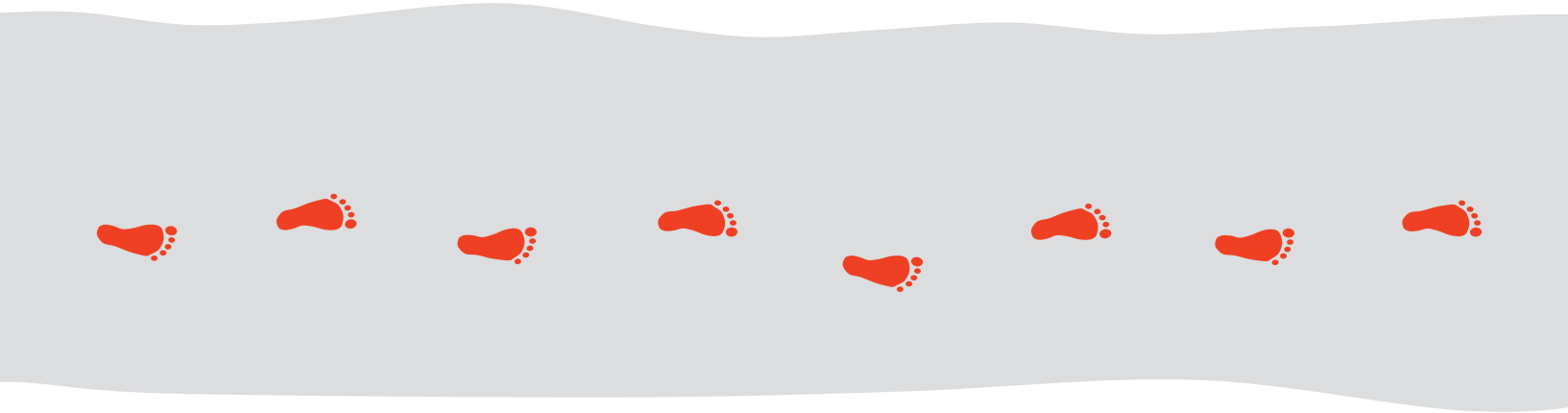




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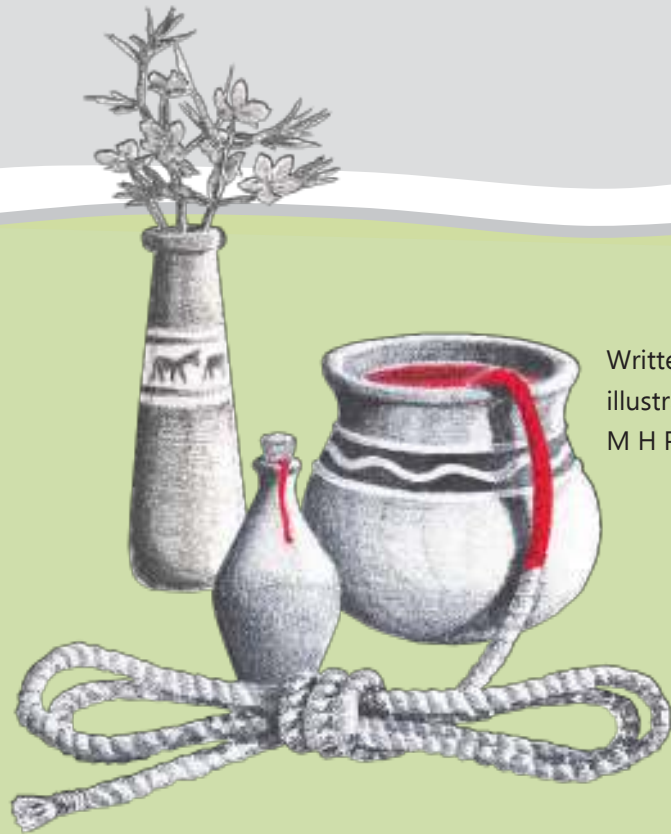
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## Where?

Can you find where these stories took place?

**?** Look on the story pages for the question mark

... and then look for the places on this map.

The children of Israel were attacked by the Amorite kings Sihon and Og. God gave them their land too.

The Great Sea  
(Mediterranean Sea)

# Map



Mt. Carmel

Sea of Galilee

Jezreel

Ramoth Gilead

*Cherith*

Amorites  
(Og)

Tishbe

Abel-meholah

Shechem

*Jordan*

AMMON

Amorites  
(Sihon)

Gilgal?

Jericho

Jerusalem

Bethlehem

CANAAN  
the Promised  
Land

Dead Sea

MOAB

Route taken by the  
Children of Israel to  
reach Jericho

EDOM

Philistines



## Who was Rahab?

Rahab was a woman of Canaan who lived in her home built against the wall of Jericho.

When she lived in Jericho, she was not married but did have a father, mother, brothers and sisters who lived somewhere else in Jericho.

She was a wicked woman before God gave her faith.

## Fact file

### DID YOU KNOW?

Canaan would come to be known as Israel

## What the New Testament says

Rahab is said to be a woman of faith. In *Hebrews* it says this because she welcomed the Israelite spies into her home. *James* says that her faith was shown because she did not betray the spies but rather helped them escape. Although the New Testament says that Rahab was a sinner, Jesus made it clear that sinners (like her) are welcomed into the kingdom of God.

## The Promised Land

The story of Rahab and why Jericho had to be destroyed can only be understood by knowing that God had planned to overthrow Jericho and the other cities of Canaan. God gave the land to the Children of Israel, the nation descended from Abraham.

### DID YOU KNOW?

In Jericho, Jesus went to the house of Zacchaeus, the hated tax collector

This story happened here

## History Timeline

Adam,  
Noah,  
Babel

Abraham,  
Moses,  
Joshua

Judges,  
David,  
Solomon

Kings of  
Israel and  
Judah

Daniel,  
Esther,  
Nehemiah

The Lord  
Jesus  
Christ

# The Promised Land

The story of Rahab starts hundreds of years before she was born, many miles away, in a city called Ur. Here lived a man called Abraham. One day the LORD—the God who made heaven and earth—spoke to Abraham. He told Abraham to leave Ur, and He would show him where to go. God also promised that Abraham’s family would grow so large it would become a nation. He packed up and went where God told him. Abraham believed God and he did what God said. This believing in God is called having faith.

When Abraham came to the land called Canaan, God spoke to him again and made another promise. He said that Abraham’s family would suffer in another country for many years, but afterwards they would come out and have all the land that Abraham could see—the land where the people called the Canaanites lived. This land was the Promised Land.

Abraham has died and hundreds of years have passed. His family has grown into a nation known as the Children of Israel. They had been slaves in Egypt, but when the time was right, God told them to leave and go to Canaan, the Promised Land. Pharaoh, the King of Egypt, didn’t want to let them go and he chased after the Israelites.



*On the map, can you find: **CANAAN***



**DID YOU KNOW?**  
'Israelites' is another name for the Children of Israel

He had them trapped at the Red Sea. They did not have boats. How could they escape?

Then God did something wonderful—he parted the Red Sea. He made the sea like dry land, so that the people could go across without even getting wet. As they walked, the sea towered above them like big walls on the left hand and on the right.



Pharaoh sent his army into the sea after them, but when the Israelites were safely across, God made the sea return, and all the Egyptian army was drowned.

The Israelites came towards Canaan. It wasn't easy, because many nations came out to fight them, even though the Israelites didn't want any trouble. But God helped the Children of Israel defeat their enemies. They have just beaten Sihon and Og, the kings of the Amorites.

God has just chosen someone called Joshua to be the leader of the Children of Israel. God has spoken very kindly to him, and said that He will be with him to defeat the Canaanites. So now Joshua is looking across the River Jordan towards Jericho, planning what to do next. He must decide how to capture the city. Wisely, he chooses two men to be spies, and tells them to go to Jericho and find out as much as they can.

The people of Jericho, like all the people in the land of Canaan, worshipped false gods. They did the most wicked things which God hated. They even killed their little children, thinking that it would please their false gods. The LORD was going to destroy them for being so wicked, and the Israelites would live in the land instead.



*On the map, can you find: the land of the **AMORITES***



At last, hundreds of years after God spoke to Abraham, Joshua is about to lead the Israelites into Canaan, the Promised Land. God's promise to Abraham is coming true.

**DID YOU KNOW?**

The name 'Jesus' is the Greek version of 'Joshua'

*You can read about this in Genesis chapter 12, Exodus chapter 14, Deuteronomy chapter 31, and Joshua chapter 1.*