



Rahab.

The family of God grew and grew
But where they would settle nobody knew
God promised a land where they could be free
So they searched and searched for this place to be.

They camped near a place called Jericho
And sent out two spies on a mission to go
and check out the city, just to see
Was this the place they were meant to be?

The spies arrived at a house full of charm
“Just take us in we will do you no harm
We’re on a mission, we won’t be deterred
We’re like James Bond shaken not stirred.”

The house they arrived at was quite a surprise,
It belonged to Rahab, clever and wise
she looked at them both, straight in the eye
She saw at once through their disguise.

‘You’re sent by God’ she said with a smile
“And while I quite admire your style
I really think that you should know
Guards followed you here not long ago”.

“Quick up on the roof now follow me
No time for questions, I think you’ll agree
Now down on your bellies, drop to the floor”
She covered them up with bundles of straw.

At the door of the house two guards had arrived
“Hey spies” said Rahab, “you owe me your lives”
Then running downstairs she opened the door
“Hello” she said sweetly, “what *are* you here for?”

**“You’re hiding some men”, said the guards, “we can tell
“And those men are enemies as well”.**

“Men?”, Rahab said, and she flashed them a smile
“I believe they’ve both left, though they did stay a while

Best run after them quickly, they left through the gate
You’d better go now, or it may be too late
You really don’t want them getting away”
Goodness knows what the King might say.

She sent them off packing, to search through the night
Then went up to see if the spies were alright.

The spies were confused with straw in their hair
But both still alive mostly thanks to her care.

“Have they gone” groaned the spies, “we’re ready for bed”

“Yes” Rahab said “but let’s talk instead
I’ve got a few things I must say to you
and I won’t let you sleep ‘till I’ve said it all too.”

“I know that the Lord will give you this land
But my people are scared, do you understand
They’ve seen the great things that your God can do
He parted the seas just to rescue you.

I believe he’s the God of the heaven and skies
And I trust he knows best, and I hope that he’s wise
and because I think this, I’ve showed kindness to you
And now I will ask you to show kindness too.

I want you to promise, when you take this land
You’ll look after my family, do you understand?
That none will be hurt, and none will be harmed
They’ll come through this safely and not too alarmed.”

Then she pulled out a rope which was red, it was long,

“Time to escape spies, don’t worry, it’s strong
It’s tied to the window so climb down the wall
For spies just like you, that’s not scary at all.”

**The spies took the rope and shut their eyes tight,
And tried not to show they were shaking with fright
They landed quite safely, their feet on the ground
Rahab was waving and looking back down.**

“Keep the rope in the window” they said, “then we’ll know

That this is the place of your family home.

We’ll keep this house safe, you don’t need to fear”.

“Thanks” Rahab said, “what a clever idea”.

So that was a story of spies in disguise
But it’s more about Rahab, both clever and wise,
She knew the way kindness can help one another
And she became Jesus’ great, great grandmother... (plus a few greats)

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