

Ebi's

Story time

"Shout! For the Lord has given you the city!"
Joshua 6: 16

Ebi recently met David again. "Hi David, nice to meet you again. I would love to hear another story from you. A story about why it is so important for the Jews to live in Israel."

"Good to see you, Ebi. Do you remember the story of Jericho's walls in the Bible? You remember the walls falling when the Israelites entered the city."

"But today I want to tell you about Rahab. She was not an Israelite but a Canaanite who lived in Jericho and did not even know the God of Israel."

"O yes David, I have heard about Jericho, how the Israelites marched around the city and the walls came tumbling down. But please tell me more about Rahab."

"The people of Canaan served other gods. But Rahab heard all the wonderful things that had happened to the Israelites because their God had helped them. They walked through the Red Sea when they left Egypt and again through the Jordan River when they entered Canaan. They won wars that nobody else could win. She knew that the gods her people believed in could never do this for them. So when she heard all these wonderful things, she began to believe in the God of the Israelites and wanted to learn more about Him."



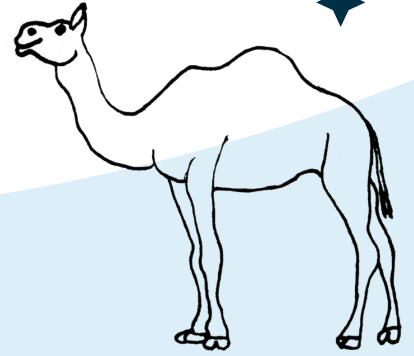
"So how did she learn more about the God of the Israelites?"

"Well Ebi, Joshua was the leader of the Israelites at that time. He sent two spies to find out what would be the best way to make war with the people of Jericho. When the spies came to Jericho, Rahab helped them to hide and flee so that they could give Joshua all the information he needed to invade the land. And because she helped them, she and her family were the only people that were saved after the walls collapsed and the Israelites made war with the people of Jericho."



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"But why did they want to invade Jericho?" Ebi asked.

David explained that God promised Abraham many years before that He would give them that land and now was the time for them to invade it. God chose the Israelites to serve Him and to teach the world about Him. Because just like the Canaanites, other nations had other gods who were actually idols and not living Gods. So, God wanted to give them a land where they could stay forever.

"The Israelites welcomed Rahab's family and she married Salmon. He was an Israelite and he is believed to have been one of the two spies that she had helped to hide and flee. In this way, she met her wonderful husband. She and her family were now part of this nation that God had called to live in this new land which was later called Israel. She even became the great-great-great grandmother of King David."

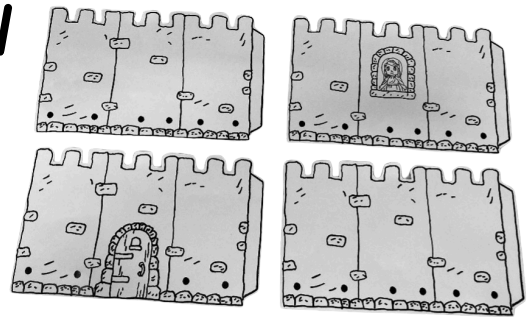
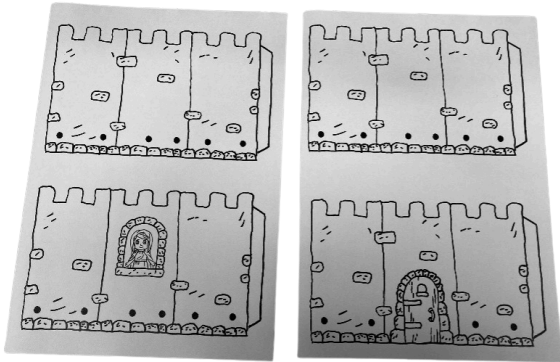
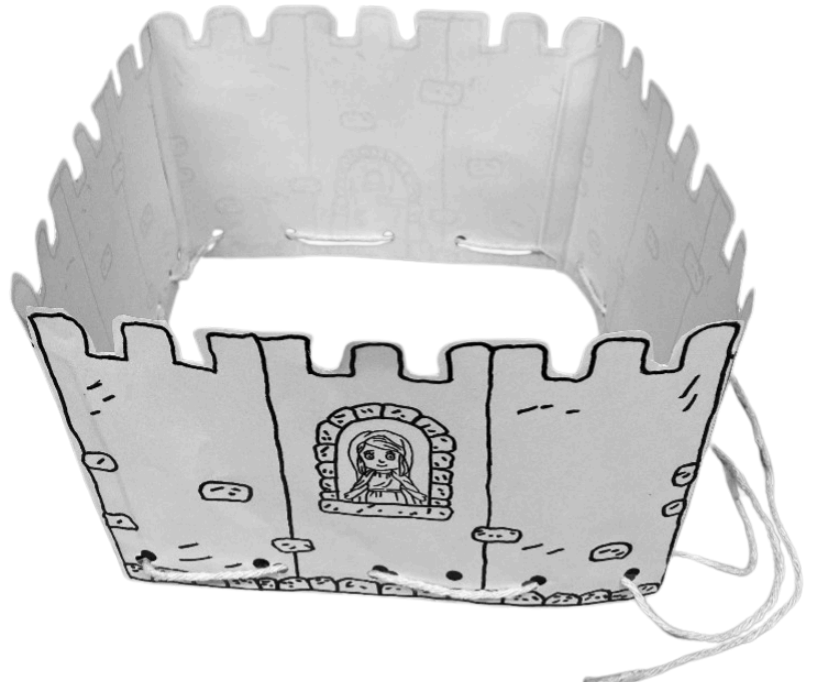
"O David, this is such a beautiful story," said Ebi.

"Yes Ebi, isn't that wonderful? She believed in God after she heard what He had done for the Israelites who believed in Him. And because she helped them, she was saved and became part of their nation. Even today, God wants us to believe in Him and to help the people of Israel and not to make war against them but to love them and pray for them."

"That is why even today Jews from all over the world are moving to Israel to live in the land that God had promised them. And just like Rahab, there are still many people in many countries praying for Israel and helping the Jews to move to Israel."

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Worksheet

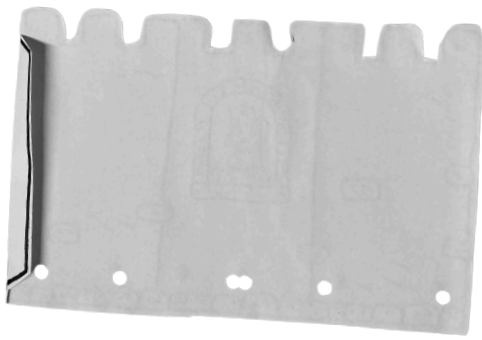


1. Colour in the sheets
2. Optional: glue sheets to card

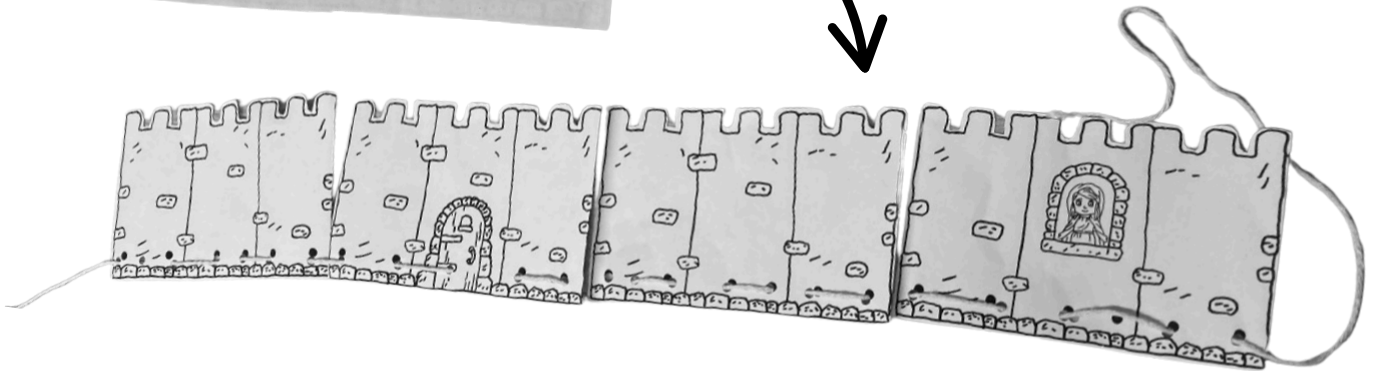
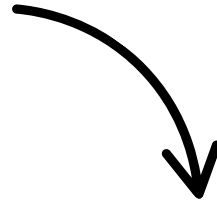
3. Cut out the walls (including the flaps)

4. Find some string (red if you can!) or a long shoelace
5. If using string, stick a piece of Sellotape around one end for easier threading

6. Use a hole punch to add holes along the walls where the black dots are



7. Fold the flaps over



8. Thread your string in and out through the holes of all walls so the walls are joined together by the string

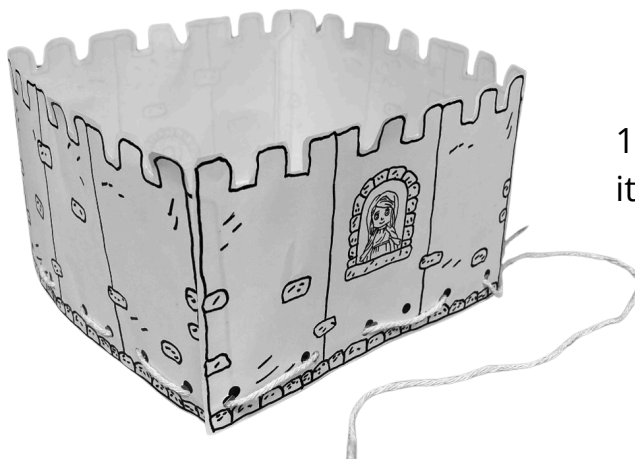


9. Glue all the flaps.

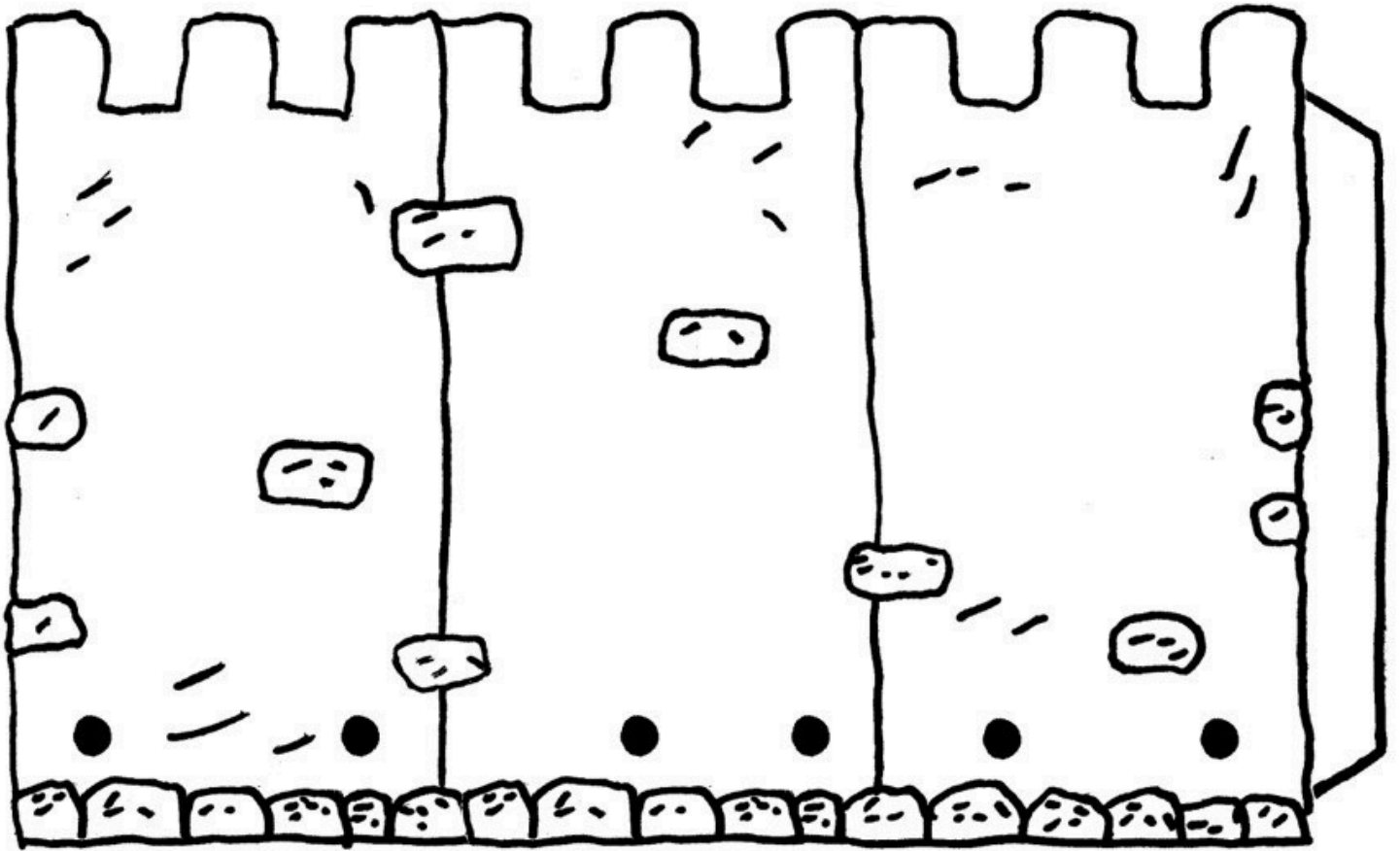


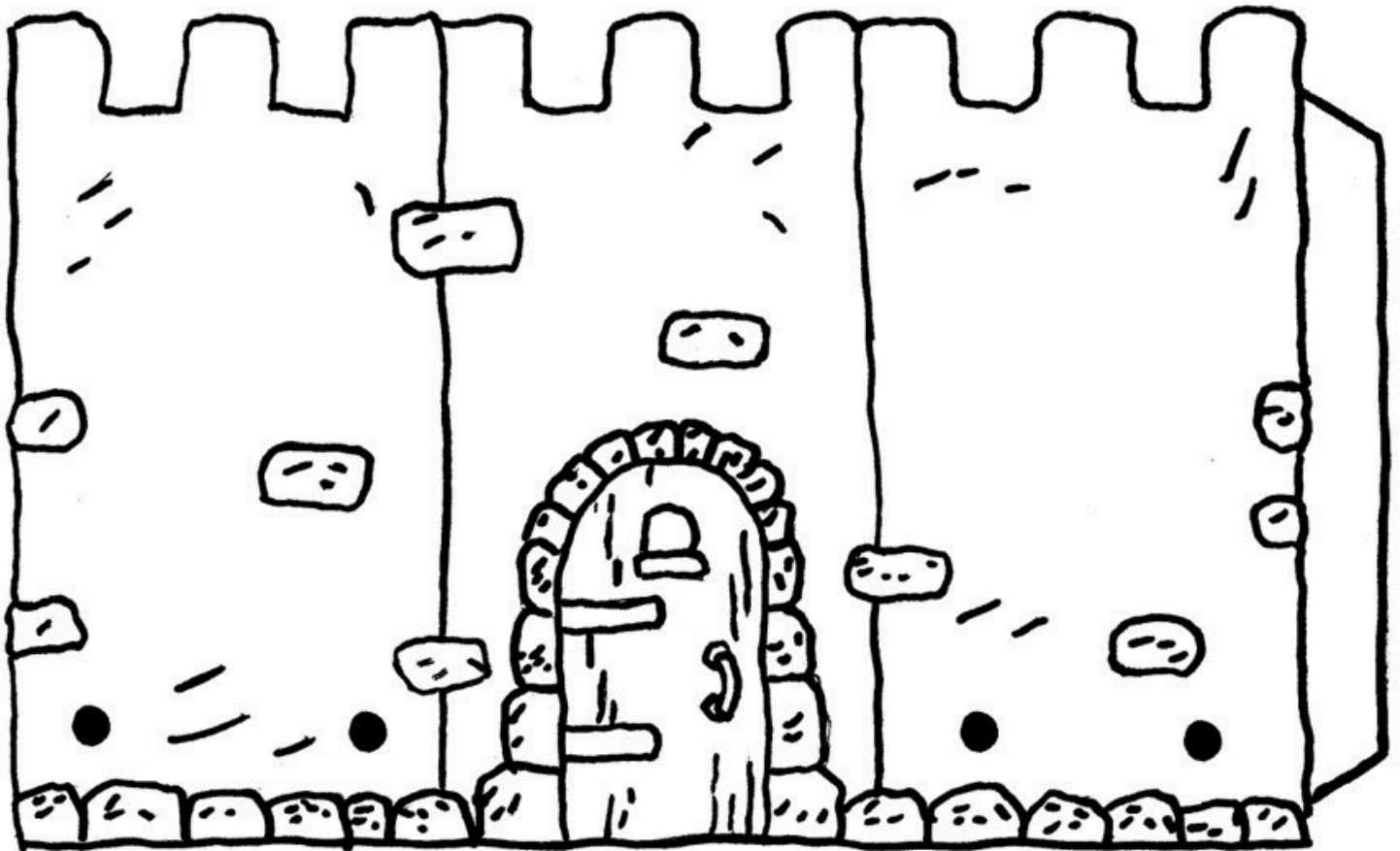
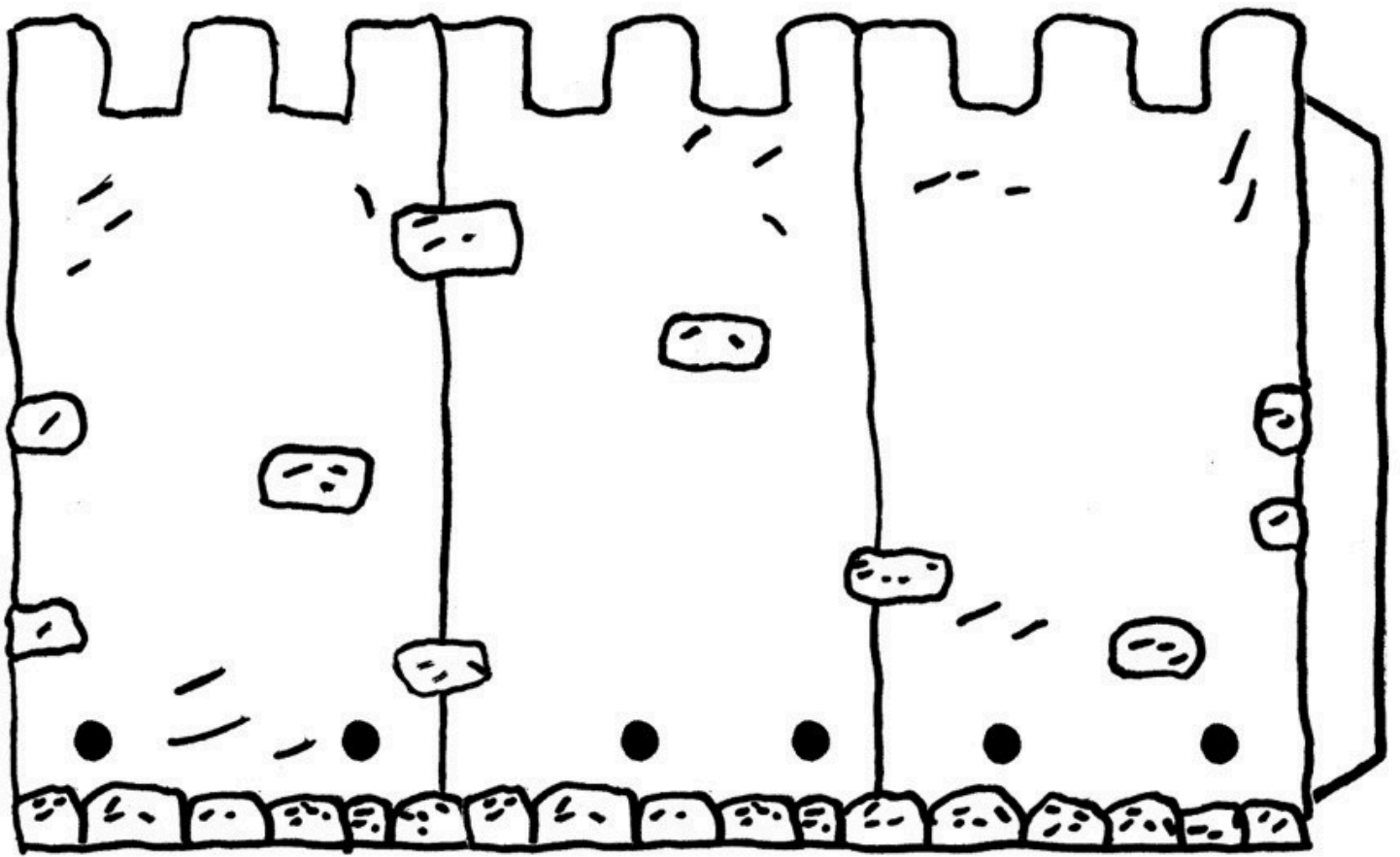
10. Glue each flap onto the wall next to it

11. Stand up your house!



12. Cut the string and leave it loose as Rahab did!





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Colouring In

