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WEEK 30 | STUDY GUIDE

THE SCARLET *cord*

Deuteronomy 31 to Joshua 8 + Luke 20 to 24 + John 1

CHRISTMAS WEEK · DECEMBER 21 TO 27, 2026

Read it together. Moms, this week's women's study covers the same scripture. On Christmas morning, look for Rahab's name in Matthew 1 together.

THIS WEEK'S VERSE

> "So the Word became human and made his home among us."
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> JOHN 1:14 (NLT)

Beautiful daughter of God,

Merry Christmas week! This week Moses dies and Joshua becomes the new leader. God's people cross the Jordan River into the Promised Land, and the walls of Jericho come tumbling down.

We also meet Rahab, a woman in Jericho who had made some wrong choices. She believed in God, tied a red cord in her window, and God saved her whole family. She even became part of Jesus' family tree! Here is the big idea: no one's past is too messy for God. That is why Jesus came at Christmas.

WHO'S WHO THIS WEEK

Joshua
The new leader of God's people
✦ His name means "the LORD saves," the same as Jesus

Rahab
A woman in Jericho who hid God's spies
✦ She is named in Jesus' family tree (Matthew 1:5)

Peter
A friend of Jesus who was about to mess up
✦ Jesus prayed for him before he ever fell

The man on the cross
A man who was dying next to Jesus
✦ Jesus promised him, "Today you will be with me in paradise" (Luke 23:43, NLT)

Two travelers
Followers of Jesus walking home sad
✦ Jesus walked with them and showed them He was alive

WALK THROUGH THE STORY

Let's read it *together*

JOSHUA 1

Be strong and courageous

After Moses dies, God tells Joshua, "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the LORD your God is with you wherever you go" (Joshua 1:9, NLT).

Where do you need courage going into the new year?

JOSHUA 2 AND 6

The scarlet cord

Rahab hides two of Israel's spies and tells them she believes their God is the real God. She ties a red cord in her window, and when the walls of Jericho fall, she and her whole family are kept safe.

Who in your family can you pray for this week?

JOSHUA 3 AND 4

Step in first

The Jordan River is flooding. But when the priests step into the water, the river stops flowing so everyone can cross! Then they stack 12 stones to remember what God did.

What is one thing God did for you this year that you want to remember?

LUKE 22 TO 24

Prayed for and found

Jesus prays for Peter before he messes up. On the cross, He promises a dying man paradise. After He rises, He walks with two sad friends and shows them He is alive.

JOHN 1

The Word became human

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness can never extinguish it" (John 1:5, NLT). At Christmas, God came to live with us as baby Jesus.

WHERE WAS GOD?

He was there *the whole time*

THE HARD PLACE	WHERE WAS GOD?
Moses died and the people lost their leader (Deuteronomy 34)	Going ahead of them and choosing Joshua
Rahab lived in a city about to fall (Joshua 2)	Giving her a red cord and a way out for her family
The river was flooding (Joshua 3)	Stopping the water the moment they stepped in
Peter was about to let Jesus down (Luke 22)	Already praying for him
Two friends walked home sad (Luke 24)	Walking right beside them
Your hard place:	Where is God?

YOUR TURN

My 12 stones

Write three things God did for you in 2026 that you never want to forget.

Never too far

Rahab's past didn't stop God. Why do you think God loves to rescue people who feel far away?

CHRISTMAS CHALLENGE

Find Rahab

On Christmas morning, read Matthew 1:1 to 17 with your family and look for Rahab's name in Jesus' family tree. Then tie a red ribbon somewhere you'll see it and pray for your family.

I found her in verse: _____

I tied my ribbon on: _____

Light in the dark

Jesus is the light that darkness can't put out. Who can you share that light with this Christmas?

PRAY THIS

Jesus, thank You for coming to live with us at Christmas. Thank You that no one's past is too messy for You. Like Rahab, I pray for every person in my family to know You. Make me strong and courageous as I walk into the new year. In Jesus' name, amen.

THIS WEEK'S EVIDENCE

- [ ] I tied a red ribbon to remind me to pray for my family.
- [ ] I found Rahab's name in Matthew 1 on Christmas morning.
- [ ] I wrote down three things God did for me this year.

Love, Lala & Karsyn Jai

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