

Examples of Faith in Jesus Christ from Joshua 2–4

Joshua 2—Rahab and the spies

As the Israelites prepared to enter the land of Canaan, Joshua sent two spies to Jericho to view the land. The spies came to the home of a woman named Rahab. She hid them from the king of Jericho and helped them escape (see Joshua 2). Rahab became converted to the God of Israel. She was remembered in the New Testament as an important example of faith and good works. (See Hebrews 11:31; James 2:24–25.)

Read Joshua 2:9–11, looking for why Rahab helped the spies.

Read Joshua 2:12–14, 18, looking for what Rahab hoped for.

When the armies of Israel defeated Jericho, they spared only the people who were in Rahab’s household (see Joshua 6:22–25).

Look at the stick figure drawing about faith in Jesus Christ.

- Which of the three elements of exercising faith in Jesus Christ do you see illustrated in this account?

Joshua 3—Crossing the Jordan River

When the Lord commanded the Israelites to enter Canaan, He told Joshua to lead them across the Jordan River (see Joshua 1:2).

Read Joshua 3:9–17, looking for what the priests had to do before the Lord would part the river.

Read the following statement from Elder David A. Bednar of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles. Or use a personal device to watch the video “Exercise Faith in Christ” (1:43) on [ChurchofJesusChrist.org](https://www.ChurchofJesusChrist.org).



Recall how the Israelites came to the river Jordan and were promised the waters would part, and they would be able to cross over on dry ground. Interestingly, the waters did not part as the children of Israel stood on the banks of the river waiting for something to happen; rather, the soles of their feet were wet before the water parted. The faith of the Israelites was manifested in the fact that they walked into the water before it parted. (“Seek Learning by Faith,” *Ensign*, Sept. 2007, 63)

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Joshua 4—Stones for a memorial

As the Israelites crossed the Jordan River to enter the promised land, the Lord spoke through Joshua and commanded one person from each tribe to take a stone out of the river (see Joshua 4:1–7).

Read Joshua 4:8–9, 21–24, looking for what the children of Israel did with the stones.

- How would these stones bless future generations of Israelites?

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