



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Teaching English as a Foreign Language

Ready-to-Teach Lesson: The LORD Your God, He Is God

Joshua 2:8-13; 6:16-17 (English Standard Version)

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When Preparation Time Is Short

This lesson has been selected from the complete Teacher Lesson and is ready to use. Begin with the two warm-up questions, read or play Joshua 2:8-13; 6:16-17, and continue through the activities in order. The writing task may be completed in class or assigned as homework.

1) Warm-Up Questions

1. How can hearing about an event change what a person believes?
2. What does it mean to keep a promise?

2) Vocabulary

Word/Phrase	Meaning	Teacher Prompt
melt away	To lose courage, confidence, or strength because of fear.	Why did the inhabitants melt away before Israel?
swear	To make a serious and binding promise.	What did Rahab ask the men to swear?
dealt kindly	Acted with loyal kindness toward someone.	How had Rahab dealt with the messengers?
deliver	To rescue or save someone from danger.	Whose lives did Rahab ask the men to deliver?

3) Bible Text Comprehension

1. What did Rahab know the LORD had given Israel?
2. What did Rahab confess about the LORD?
3. Which members of her family did Rahab ask to be saved?
4. Why were Rahab and those in her house to live?

4) Scripture Discussion

1. How did Rahab's actions demonstrate what she believed?
2. What does this passage teach about faith, mercy, and keeping one's word?

5) Speaking Practice

1. Retell Joshua 2:8-13 and 6:16-17 in your own words.
2. Repeat Rahab's confession in Joshua 2:11, and explain it in simple English.

Language Coaching Tip

If a student gives a short answer, invite a complete sentence: "Can you tell me more?" "Why do you think that?" or "Can you give an example?" Correct gently and model the sentence when needed.

6) Writing Task

Write a paragraph explaining how Rahab's actions showed her faith.

This may be completed during class or assigned as homework.

7) Wrap-Up

Wrap-Up: Rahab had heard how the LORD delivered Israel from Egypt and defeated powerful kings. While others lost courage, she confessed that the LORD is God in heaven above and on earth beneath. She had dealt kindly with Israel's messengers and asked them to save her family. When Jericho fell, Joshua remembered the promise: Rahab and all who were with her in her house were allowed to live.

Remember: "Faith hears what God has done, confesses who He is, and acts in hope upon His mercy."

Final Question: How can what you have heard about God's faithfulness lead you to trust Him and act with faith today?