

UNIT 1. SESSION 1

Joshua and Caleb

UNIT VERSE

Love the LORD your God, listen to his voice, and hold fast to him.
DEUTERONOMY 30:20 (NIV)

BOOKS OF THE BIBLE

Using your Bible, fill in the blanks to complete the names of these Old Testament books.

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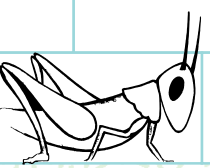
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PICTURE THE BIBLE STORY

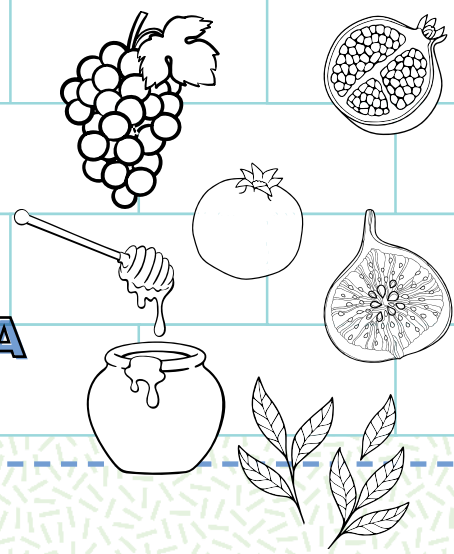
Add color, words, and pictures to the wall to tell the story of Joshua and Caleb.

40 DAYS



NUMBERS

JOSHUA



TO THINK ABOUT

What are some ways you can learn God's commands?

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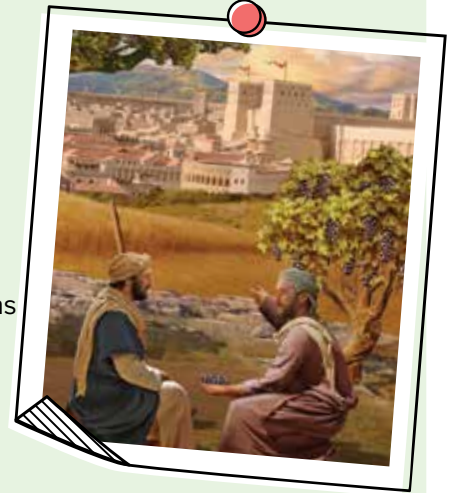
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CONVERSATION

Joshua and Caleb

NUMBERS 13–14

God chose the land of Canaan for the Israelites. God asked Moses to send leaders, one man from each of the 12 tribes, to travel as spies into Canaan. Moses asked them to find out what the land was like, if the people living there were strong or weak, what kind of towns the people of the area lived in, if food would grow there, and if there were trees. The 12 men traveled to Canaan and scouted out the land.



The spies came to a valley where they found grapes. They cut down a branch of grapes and two of the men carried the cluster on a pole. They also brought some pomegranates and figs. After 40 days of searching the land, the men returned.

The 12 spies stood in front of Moses, Aaron, and all of the people to give their report. They showed them the fruit of the land.

Ten of the spies were afraid. They believed the people living in Canaan were too strong and large in size. Only Joshua and Caleb believed God's promise that they could take control of the land. They tried to remind the people that God is with them.

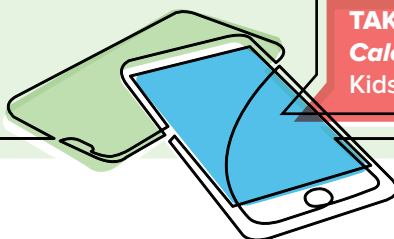
The Israelites would not listen because they were afraid. They chose to disobey God. They even told Moses they wanted to go back to Egypt! Moses prayed for God to forgive the people of Israel for not trusting Him.

God forgave His people, but they had to live with the consequences of their disobedience. The children of Israel would have to wander in the desert and not see the land the Lord had promised. Only Caleb and Joshua would be allowed to enter the promised land of Canaan because they had trusted God and His promises.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Romans 14:12

LIFE POINT: Disobedience to God has consequences.

TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Joshua and Caleb* in Bible Studies for Life in the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories, games, and more.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that disobedience has consequences. Ten of twelve men convinced the Israelites they could not take the land that God promised them. God's consequences were severe—the people wandered for 40 years before God allowed the next generation to enter the land.

LIVE IT OUT

Review the Bible story with your child and discuss how the people disobeyed God. Emphasize that God still loved the people even though He had to discipline them. Remind your child God still loves her even when she disobeys.

LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God expects people to obey, respect, and honor Him.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Romans 14:12

Monday: Zephaniah 3:7

Tuesday: Hebrews 4:12

Wednesday: Ephesians 5:6

Thursday: Jeremiah 18:10

Friday: Romans 3:23

Saturday: Deuteronomy 27:16