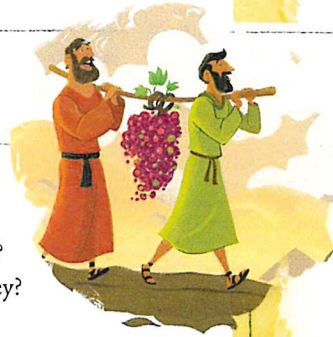


Journal Page



- What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
- What does this story teach me about myself?
- Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
- Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
- How does this story help me to live on mission better?

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- Do you think it was easy or hard for Joshua and Caleb to take a stand for God? Why?
- What do you have a hard time trusting God with?
- Talk about other times when God has kept His promises.

Joshua and Caleb

Numbers 13-14

STORY POINT: JOSHUA AND CALEB TRUSTED GOD TO GIVE HIS PEOPLE THE PROMISED LAND.

God's people had traveled out of Egypt and were almost to the promised land. God told Moses to send men to scout out the land of Canaan. So Moses sent out one leader from each family tribe. Moses told the leaders to see what the land was like.

Moses urged the scouts to be courageous. So the twelve scouts traveled throughout the land for 40 days. Then they went back to tell Moses, Aaron, and the other Israelites what they saw.

"The land is good," they said. "But the people who live there are strong, and the cities they live in are large and well protected."

Then Caleb, one of the scouts, said, "We must go up and take possession of the land! We can certainly conquer it with God's help!"

But other men disagreed. The people were afraid. The Israelites said, "Let's choose a new leader and go back to Egypt!"

Joshua and Caleb said again, "The land we explored is extremely good land. If the Lord is pleased with us, He will give it to us. God is with us!"

God said the Israelites would wander in the wilderness and would not enter the promised land. Only Joshua, Caleb, and the children of Israel would one day enter the land.

Christ Connection: The Israelites rebelled against God because they did not trust Him. Jesus trusted God perfectly. He took the punishment we deserve for our sin. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us eternal life.

