



<u>God Called His People to Believe: The 12 Spies (Numbers 13-14) – Journey of Faith</u> Live Teaching - March 26/27

## **One Story Resources** – Day 85

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# Do you see like God sees?

# God Calls His People to Believe His Promises

And the Lord spoke to Moses, saying, Numbers 13:1 NKJV

"Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them." **Numbers 13:2 NKJV** 

So Moses sent them from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the Lord, all of them men who *were* heads of the children of Israel. **Numbers 13:3** NKJV

So they went up and spied out the land from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath. **Numbers 13:21 NKJV** 

Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; **Hebrews 3:12 NKJV** 

But exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. **Hebrews 3:13 NKJV** 

For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, **Hebrews 3:14 NKJV** 

## God Calls His People to Believe His Promises Instead of their Fears

Then they told him, and said: "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this *is* its fruit. **Numbers 13:27 NKJV** 

Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land *are* strong; the cities *are* fortified *and* very large; moreover we saw the descendants of Anak there. **Numbers 13:28 NKJV** 

The Amalekites dwell in the land of the South; the Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites dwell by the sea and along the banks of the Jordan." **Numbers 13:29 NKJV** 

Then Caleb quieted the people before Moses, and said, "Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it." **Numbers 13:30 NKJV** 

But the men who had gone up with him said, "We are not able to go up against the people, for they *are* stronger than we." **Numbers 13:31 NKJV** 

Therefore, since a promise remains of entering His rest, let us fear lest any of you seem to have come short of it. **Hebrews 4:1 NKJV** 

For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard *it*. **Hebrews 4:2 NKJV** 

## God Calls His People to Believe His Promises and Walk By Faith

But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, *who were* among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; **Numbers 14:6 NKJV** 

and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: "The land we passed through to spy out *is* an exceedingly good land. **Numbers 14:7 NKJV** 

If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.' **Numbers 14:8 NKJV** 

Only do not rebel against the Lord, nor fear the people of the land, for they *are* our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the Lord *is* with us. Do not fear them." **Numbers 14:9 NKJV** 

And all the congregation said to stone them with stones. Now the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel. **Numbers 14:10 NKJV** 

"Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion." Hebrews 3:15 NKJV

# This Week's One Story Bible Readings:

- 85. Deuteronomy 6:1-5, Mark 12:28-34, John 14:21-24
- 86. Deuteronomy 6:6-25, Deuteronomy 11, 2 Timothy 3:14-17
- 87. Deuteronomy 9, Deuteronomy 10, Psalm 78:40-59
- 88. Deuteronomy 31, Deuteronomy 32, Hebrews 13:5-6
- 89. Deuteronomy 34, Luke 9:27-36, Jude 9
- 90. Joshua 1, Deuteronomy 5:28-33, Psalm 27
- 91. Reflection & Prayer

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# NURSERY JESUS IS ALIVE THE STORY OF EASTER

With Easter quickly approaching, we will start learning all about the real Easter story! We'll learn that Jesus came back from the grave and wants to be our friend forever!

Memory Verse: Jesus is Alive. Mark 16:6b (adapted for toddlers).

Heart of the Lesson: Jesus is Alive and Cares for Us - Jesus' Resurrection - Matthew 28:1-10 and 16-20

**Parent Connect:** Using today's craft, let your kid retell the Easter story! Use the rock on a popsicle stick like a puppet. Help your kid move the rock away while you both say, "Move that rock! Jesus is alive!" Point out that Jesus isn't in the tomb! The tomb is empty! Jesus is alive!



This month we will be learning about the time that the Israelites wandered in the wilderness! From Moses' calling until Joshua takes over and leads God's people into the promised land!

Memory Verse: God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble. Psalm 46:1 NLT

Heart of the Lesson: Do not be afraid to do what is right! - The 12 Spies - Numbers 13-14

**Parent Connect:** Eat a snack of grapes together. As you snack on your grapes, review this weekend's story. Ask questions such as: What did all the spies see? Would you want to be a spy? Was the land good? Were the spies afraid? Did they do what was right when they were afraid? How can we do what's right when we are afraid?



In this series we will learn about the Israelites journey as a nation out of Egypt and into the wilderness. We will cover from Moses first being called to lead the Israelites, all the way to Joshua taking over and leading them into the promised land! We can learn about our journey of faith by studying Israel and their journey as a nation.

**Memory Verse:** "You will be blessed if you obey the commands of the Lord your God that I am giving you today." Deuteronomy 11:27

Heart of the Lesson: Do not be afraid to do what is right! - The 12 Spies - Numbers 13-14

**Parent Connect:** Listen to Episode 13 of the Grace Kids Podcast and afterwards ask questions such as: What did all the spies see? Would you want to be a spy? Was the land good? Were the spies afraid? Did they do what was right when they were afraid? How can we do what's right when we are afraid?

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On a road trip, there's one question asked more often than any other: "are we there yet?" In life, we can do the same thing. When am I going to finally be done with school? What is my next step? Why is this taking so long? God's not just with you for the destination, but the journey! Join us as we mirror the adults, exploring the journeys of faith from Exodus-Joshua.

**Memory Verse:** The Lord your God is going ahead of you. He will fight for you, just as you saw him do in Egypt. And you saw how the Lord your God cared for you all along the way as you traveled through the wilderness, just as a father cares for his child. Now he has brought you to this place. Deuteronomy 1:30-31

Heart of the Lesson: What did the 12 spies see? Do you see like God sees? - Numbers 13-14

**Parent Connect:** How did the 12 spies react to seeing the Promised Land inhabited by giants? Eat some grapes like the spies brought back, and while you do, remember how the two spies believed God's promise. What promise is God asking you to believe?

# SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

# JOURNEY OF FAITH



As we continue through the Bible, we see that God asked His people to trust Him, especially as they wandered the desert after Egypt! Just like God wanted the Israelites to have faith in Him through the desert, God wants us to have faith in Him through our own lives!

Memory Verse: Exodus 19:6a (NIRV) "But you will be a kingdom of priests to serve me. You will be my holy nation."

Heart of the Lesson: God calls His people to believe (Numbers 13-14, Exodus 23:20, 22 NCV)

#### **Parent Connect:**

- 1. What did 10 of the spies tell the people about the Promised Land and the people there?
- 2. How did Joshua and Caleb try to encourage the people to have faith instead of fear?
- 3. What can you do to have faith instead of fear when you are facing a difficult problem?
- 4. Do you know someone facing something scary that you could share our story with?