

JULY 27
9:00am & 11:00am
Three and Four Year Olds
THE PEOPLE DOUBTED
(NUMBERS 11-12)

CHRIST CONNECTION: Joshua and Caleb believed the words that God had spoken, and they were allowed to enter the Promised Land. If we believe the words that God has spoken about Jesus and choose to follow Him, we will be saved from our sin and will be with Him forever.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us and He loves us.

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: All things work together for the good of those who love God. Romans 8:28

STORY POINT: The people who doubted God were not able to enter the Promised Land.

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY

Tell the preschoolers about the tallest person you know. Invite preschoolers to tell you about the tallest people they know.

SAY *Have you ever stood next to someone very tall? How did that make you feel? What would it be like to try to beat that person in a game of basketball? In today's story, God asked the people to conquer a land full of big cities and tall, strong people. Let's listen to the story to find out if the people trusted that God was powerful enough to help them.*

2. PLAY THE BIBLE STORY VIDEO ON THE TV.

9AM Volunteers with 3s in room 125: You will need to combine with room 124 for bible story time.

How? Turn on the TV and Apple TV, Open the Plex App, and play the video with today's date (If needed, the Plex Pin is 1234)

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3. REVIEW THE BIBLE STORY

Ask the following review questions:

1. What did you like about the Bible story? *(Answers will vary.)*
2. What were some things in the Bible story that made God's people happy or sad? *(Answers will vary.)*
3. How many men did Moses send into the land of Canaan? *(12)*
4. Why didn't the people want to go into the land of Canaan? *(They were afraid.)*
5. What happened to the people who did not believe God? *(They were not able to enter the Promised Land.)*

6. Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us and He loves us.

SAY *Joshua and Caleb believed what God said. They knew God loved the people of Israel and His plans for them were good. It did not matter if the cities were strong and the people were tall. Joshua and Caleb believed God would help them enter the Promised Land, but **the people who doubted God were not able to enter the Promised Land.***

7. LEARN THE BIG PICTURE QUESTION AND ANSWER

SAY *It is time to review our big picture question: **Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.** God loved the Israelites. He planned to give them a good home with everything they needed, but the people did not believe God, so they missed out on the Promised Land. We will miss the good plans God has for us if we do not believe what God says about Jesus.*

5. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the key passage marker at Romans 8:28 Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the key passage aloud. Say the phrase aloud. Invite children to march around the room while repeating the phrase.

SAY 'All things work together for the good of those who love God. Romans 8:28.' When we love God, we believe Him. Joshua and Caleb believed God, and God let them enter the Promised Land.

6. PRAY

SAY *God, thank You for loving us and making plans for our good. Help us believe what You said about Jesus so we can be saved from our sins and live with You forever. Amen.*

ACTIVITIES

(PLEASE DO ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

MOVE AND FREEZE

Line children up shoulder to shoulder. Stand about six to ten feet in front of them. Invite children to play a game. Explain that behind you is the "Promised Land", and the object of the game is to get there. Lead children to move towards the Promised Land when you call out the word "Believe", and freeze when you call out "Doubt." Before each round, choose how the children should move, for example, hop, crawl, or walk backward. Call out "believe" and "doubt" several times during each round. Make the game more about having fun than winning.

SAY *God loved His people. He had good plans to give them a land with everything they needed, but the people doubted. That means they were afraid and did not believe God. Only Joshua and Caleb believed what God said. **the people who doubted God were not able to enter the Promised Land.** God loves us, too, and He sent Jesus to save us from our sins. If we believe what God said about Jesus and follow Him, God has promised we can live with Him forever.*

DRAW THE ULTIMATE HOME

Invite preschoolers to use their imaginations and draw a picture of the most fantastic house they can think of. (Utilize the back of the activity page as a blank page of paper) Help preschoolers brainstorm ideas to get started. Suggest they consider an indoor playground, a pool with dolphins, or a candy room.

SAY *It's fun to imagine such interesting places to live. God promised the people in our Bible story a wonderful home. It had everything they needed. They even went and looked at the land and saw that it was amazing, just like God said, but only Caleb and Joshua believed that God would give them the land. **the people who doubted God were not able to enter the Promised Land.***

EXPLORE THE LAND

Assign some children to be explorers, one to be Moses, one to be Joshua, one to be Caleb, and then assign the rest of the children to be ordinary people. As you tell the story, invite each of the

assigned children to act out their roles. For example, tell Moses to hold his hand over his eyes as he tells the explorers to “Go see the land.” Prompt explorers to walk around the room. Lead the people to act afraid. Guide Joshua and Caleb to stand and say, “We can do it!”

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

As children color, **SAY** *Joshua and Caleb believed God, and God let them go into the Promised Land. God wants us to believe Him and trust in His Son, Jesus. He will save us from our sins, and we will live with Him forever.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE

Open your Bible to Numbers 13. Show the video or tell the Bible story. Use the bold version of the Bible story for young preschoolers. Props in the storytelling tips are not typically provided, but feel free to bring them from home.

THE PEOPLE DOUBTED

STORYTELLING TIPS

Pause and spy: Pause during appropriate times while telling the story and show the teaching picture. Preview upcoming story points by inviting children to “spy” something in the picture as you describe it.

Point to a map: Show a map or globe. Point out Israel. Challenge preschoolers to point to the map each time you say the word “land.”

The LORD spoke to Moses and told him to send men to the land of Canaan. This was the land God had promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob many years ago. Moses selected one man from every tribe, 12 men in all. He told the men, “Go up into the land and see what it is like. Tell us how many people are there and if they look strong or weak. Tell us if the land looks like a good place to live.”

So the men went up into the land. When they returned, they showed the Israelites the huge grapes, pomegranates, and figs they had taken. They said, “This land is flowing with milk and honey. However, the people in the land are tall and strong, and their cities are large.”

Caleb said, “Let’s go up there now! We can conquer the land.” But some of the other men said, “We can’t go! They are stronger than we are. We felt like little grasshoppers compared to how big they were!” The people were afraid. They did not fully believe that God would keep His promise and help them win.

But two of the men, Joshua and Caleb, said, “The land we passed through is an extremely good land. If the LORD is pleased with us, He will give us the land. Do not fear the people. The LORD is with us!”

The glory of the LORD appeared, and He said, “How long will these people doubt Me after all that I have done for them? The people who doubted Me will never see the land I promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, except for Caleb and Joshua. Everyone else will die in the wilderness. Their children will enjoy the land, but they will not enter it.”

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Christ Connection: Joshua and Caleb believed the words that God had spoken, and they were allowed to enter the Promised Land. If we believe the words that God has spoken about Jesus and choose to follow Him, we will be saved from our sin and will be with Him forever.

DISMISS PRESCHOOLERS

- Release preschoolers to parents by matching up the number on the child's sticker with the guardian receipt.
- Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.
- Tell parents something that their child enjoyed doing or did well during the session.

JULY 27
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Two Year Olds
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(NUMBERS 13)

CHRIST CONNECTION: If we believe in Jesus and follow Him, we will be saved from our sin and live with Him forever.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: Why should we obey God? We should obey God because He made us and He loves us..

KEY PASSAGE PHRASE: There is no one like the Lord. 1 Samuel 2:2

STORY POINT: The people who doubted God were not able to enter the Promised Land.

LEARN

(GATHER ON THE RUG FOR THE LESSON)

1. INTRODUCE THE BIBLE STORY: EXPLORE THE LAND

Invite the children to go on a trip with you. Guide them to line up behind you. Lead the children several times around the classroom. If permitted, walk the children to different areas in your church. Show the preschoolers how to place their curled hands in front of their eyes like binoculars. Point out things for children to look at through their “binoculars.” End in the group time area where you invite children to sit and rest from their adventure.

SAY *Thank you for traveling with me. What did you see? [Allow responses.] Today we are going to hear about 12 men whom Moses sent into the Promised Land and what they said when they came back from their trip.*

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3. PRACTICE THE KEY PASSAGE PHRASE

Place the Key Passage Phrase Marker at Romans 8:28. Invite a child to open your Bible to the key passage. Read the marker aloud. Invite the children to clap the phrase with you on the beat of each syllable.

ACTIVITIES

(CHOOSE ONE OR ALL OF THE ACTIVITIES BELOW)

GO ON A SCAVENGER HUNT

Gather 10 common classroom items that you have multiples of such as crayon, marker, doll, block, beanbag, glue stick, and so forth. Say to the children that you are going to send them on a hunt to find items in the room and then to bring them to you. Show children an item. Guide them to look for it and bring it back. When all the children have found that item, set those items aside and show them another item. Continue playing the game as time allows.

SAY *What are some of the things you brought to me as you explored our classroom? [Allow responses.] We learned that Moses sent 12 men to see the land of Canaan. The men brought*

back a big cluster of grapes to show that the land was good. Some of the people doubted God would help them take the land. The people who did not believe God were not able to enter the Promised Land.

CRAWL OVER OBSTACLES

Create a simple obstacle course of foam blocks or rolled blankets and guide babies to crawl over or around the obstacles. Cheer for babies as they tackle each obstacle.

SAY *You crawled over so many things! Did you know that Moses sent men on a journey into the Promised Land? He did! God told Moses to send 12 men into Canaan, the land God promised to His people. God makes all things good.*

COLOR THE ACTIVITY PAGE *(please send this home with parents)*

As children color, **SAY** *Joshua and Caleb believed God, and God let them go into the Promised Land. God wants us to believe Him and trust in His Son, Jesus. He will save us from our sins, and we will live with Him forever.*

OPTIONAL TEACHING OUTLINE:

Open the Bible to the book of Numbers and tell the following Bible story:

God told Moses to send 12 men into Canaan, the land God promised to His people. The men brought back huge grapes, pomegranates, and figs. They said the land was flowing with milk and honey, the people were strong, and the cities were large. Some men said, "We felt like little grasshoppers! They were so big and strong!" The people were afraid; they did not believe God would keep His promise. But two of the men, Joshua and Caleb, said, "Do not fear, God is with us!" God said Caleb and Joshua would see the land He promised, and everyone else's children would enjoy the land, but those who doubted Him would not enter it.

Check diapers and release toddlers to parents according to security procedures. Give parents today's activity page to reinforce today's Bible story and Christ connection throughout the week.