

Unit 7 • Session 1 **Joshua and Caleb**

BIBLE PASSAGE: Numbers 13–14

STORY POINT: Joshua and Caleb trusted God to give His people the promised land.

KEY PASSAGE: Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: What does it mean to sin? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.

Session starter (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: Emotion role-play

Invite kid volunteers to act out different emotions. Select a kid and whisper a common emotion into that kid's ear, such as happiness, sadness, anger, and so forth. He will then need to act in a way that shows that emotion, and the other kids will guess what emotion he is pretending to feel. When you are running low on time, select a final volunteer and ask her to act out feeling afraid.

say • Our feelings are real, but that doesn't mean they are always reliable. It's normal to feel sadness, anger or fear. However, we must be careful about letting our emotions tell us what to do. In our story today, we will hear about men who felt afraid and acted sinfully because of their fear.

Bible Story Video Discussion Questions:

1. How did Moses pick the 12 men to go scout out the land? (*Moses picked a leader from each of the twelve tribes of Israel, Num. 13:4-16*)
2. What did the scouts report about the land? (*It was good, flowing with milk and honey, but defended by strong people with fortified cities; Num. 13:27-29*)
3. Who trusted God? (*Only Joshua and Caleb trusted God to give them the land. The other scouts were afraid; Num. 14:6-9*)
4. Was it sinful for the 10 scouts to feel afraid? *Guide the kids to discuss the idea that feeling afraid is not sinful. We are humans and sometimes we will face things that scare us. The 10 scouts who were afraid sinned when they doubted God and did not trust Him to give them the land He promised.*
5. Why do you think God allows us to go through difficult or scary circumstances? *Help kids see that when we face hard times we learn to trust Him. Remind the kids that asking for help is wise. We never have to face scary times alone.*
6. How can trusting God help us face our fears? *Guide kids to think about who God is and what He can do. Lead them to see that He has promised His people eternal life through Jesus. When we trust Jesus, we know that no difficult situation lasts forever. We always have hope. We can persevere through hard times by remembering what Jesus did to save us. When we are afraid, we can choose to trust God.*

Questions From Kids Video Discussion:

Prompt kids to think about whom they can trust to keep promises. Guide them to discuss why it is important to be trustworthy.