



JOURNAL PAGE

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



Unit 6 • Session 1

## THE PEOPLE DIDN'T GO INTO THE LAND

Numbers 13-14

### WHAT IS GOD LIKE? GOD IS HOLY, GOOD, AND LOVING.

The Israelites made their way toward the promised land. God told Moses to send men to scout out the land. So Moses chose one leader from each family tribe.

The 12 scouts went into the land and traveled around for 40 days. Then they went back to tell Moses and the other Israelites what they saw.

"The land is good," they said. "But the people who live there are strong."

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

Joshua agreed with Caleb, but the other scouts disagreed. "We can't go up against the people! They are stronger than we are."

The Israelites were afraid, and they accused Moses of bringing them to Canaan to die. Joshua and Caleb said, "The land we explored is extremely good land. Don't be afraid of the people living in the land; God is with us!"

While the people talked, God came down to talk to Moses. "How long will these people not trust Me?" God asked. Moses urged God to forgive them. Moses reminded God that He is patient, loving, and forgiving.

God said, "Since you asked, I will forgive them. But no one who complained against Me will get to see the promised land." Only Joshua, Caleb, and the Israelites' children would one day enter the land.

**Christ Connection:** The Israelites did not trust God. They rebelled against Him. Jesus trusted God perfectly. He came into the world to take the punishment we deserve for our own rebellion against God. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and invites us into His kingdom forever.

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**Faith or Fear?** | Cross out statements made in fear. Circle statements that come from faith.

“Let’s go back to Egypt.”

“If the Lord is pleased with us, He will give it to us.”

“The people are too strong.”

“The land God has for us is good land.”

“The cities there are too well protected.”

“We can’t go up against the people.”

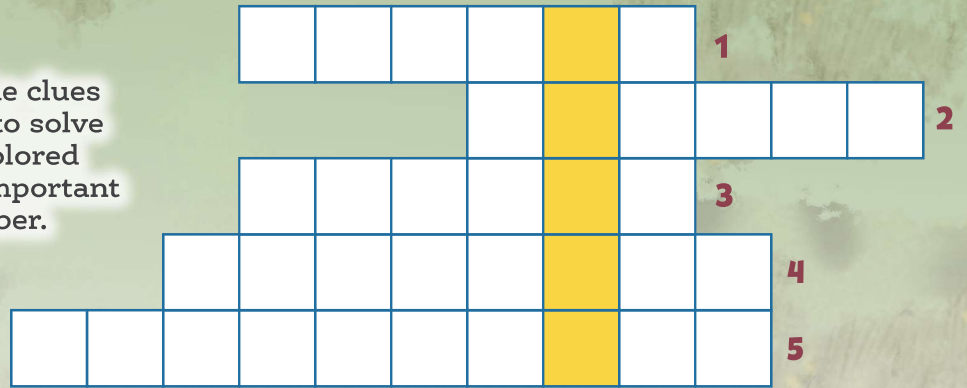
“We looked like grasshoppers compared to them.”

“Don’t be afraid.”

“God is with us.”



**Fill It In** | Use the clues from today’s story to solve the puzzle. The colored boxes will spell an important word to remember.



**Clues**

- 1. God told Moses to send 12 of these
- 2. The scouts brought back this fruit
- 3. This scout told people not to be afraid
- 4. God said the Israelites would live in the \_\_\_\_\_ land
- 5. The name of God’s people