

THE STORY

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CHAPTER 6

Timeless Truth: Failure always begins with unbelief.

Bible Basis: Numbers 10-14; 20-21; 25; 27; Deuteronomy 1-2; 4; 6; 8-9; 29-32; 34

Key Verse: "[Joshua and Caleb] said, 'If the Lord is pleased with us, he'll lead us into that land...He'll give it to us.'" Numbers 14:8

Parent Tips: Use the Table Talk questions to start a discussion around the dinner table at some point this week, and/or use the questions inside your books. Pick the questions that work best for your family. The Living Faith section (on the back) is a fun activity for you to do.

GET THE POINT

Preschool: Joshua and Caleb were confident in God's promise. I can be confident in God's promises, too.

Elementary: Joshua and Caleb were confident in God's promise. I can be confident no matter what.

Middle School: God will always come through on His promises, but disobeying God's plan leads to suffering.

High School: Stand up for God against the majority, like Joshua and Caleb did, and you will enjoy the fullness of God's promises.

TABLE TALK

Preschool/Elementary

This week, we learn how 12 spies went in to look at God's Promised Land and 10 came back scared. Only Caleb and Joshua were excited about going into the Promised Land. Ask:

- Why were Joshua and Caleb so confident that they could defeat people who were bigger than they were and lived in strong cities? (They trusted God; they had faith in his promises.)
- Were the other 10 spies focused more on God or on the situations? By focusing on earthly things, the 10 spies were too scared to trust God. What are some things in your life that scare you?
- How can you overcome that fear? What are some of the benefits of overcoming that fear?

Middle/High School

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Middle/High School

- The Israelites chose to listen to the 10 fearful spies, instead of Joshua and Caleb - who trusted God. Because of that, they missed out on the fruits of God's promises. Name a time that you followed worldly advice. What was the consequence? Talk about a time where you followed God despite strong opposition. What happened?
- What was God's punishment to the people because of their lack of faith? Do you think God's punishment was too harsh?
- What are some of the punishments or judgments people face today because of an unwillingness to stand strong for God?
- How can you live more boldly for God? Name one way that you want to trust God more in your life.

Living Faith

Do trust falls with your family (just make sure your children are big enough to catch you). Have one person stand facing away and with his/her arms crossed in front of her. Instruct them to close their eyes, remain stiff and fall backwards. Have another family member or two "catch" that person before he/she hits the ground. Take turns falling backwards and catching each other.

Ask:

- What was the scariest part?
- Was it hard to trust that you'd be safe when you fell backward? Why?
- Why is it hard sometimes to trust God and His Word?
- Can you always trust your family to be there for you?
- Can you always trust God to be there for you?