

The Story at Home

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

Bible 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.'" Num. 14:18

Key Passages: Exodus 19:1–8; 20:1–17

Resources: *The Story for Children* Ch. 6: "Wandering"



Grade 1

Kindergarten

Set up two obstacle courses in your living room, backyard, or a park. Make one course long and difficult. Keep the other course simple and short. Ideas include: doing a hula hoop ten times, putting your forehead on a bat and spinning around ten times, jumping rope, etc. Once the courses are set up, bring a Bible and ask the first racer a question based on this week's reading from *The Story*. If the racer gets a question correct, allow them to race the short course. If he misses the question, have him run around the longer course. Let each family member try to answer a question and complete a course. Try to make the questions age-appropriate using the chapters mentioned in the above "Bible Basis."

Which course was faster to complete?

What allowed you to run that course?

In what ways do these obstacle courses compare to the Israelites in the desert?

Why is doing something God's way the first time important?

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 their arms crossed in front of them. Instruct them to close their eyes, remain stiff, and fall backwards. Have another family member or two “catch” that person before they hit the ground. Take turns falling backwards and catching each other.

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?

Why were Joshua and Caleb so confident they could defeat people who were bigger than they were and lived in strong cities? 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?

Does your fear ever keep you from doing something you want to?

How can you overcome that fear? What are some of the benefits of overcoming that fear?



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