

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.'" Numbers 14:18

Key Passages: Exodus 19:1–8; 20:1–17

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



Grades 5/6

Grades 2/3/4

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.

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?

The Israelites chose to listen to the ten 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 when 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.



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