

BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE®

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CONVERSATION

Joshua and Caleb

NUMBERS 13–14

Before the Israelite people moved into Canaan, God told Moses to send twelve men to scout out the land. Moses said to the men, “Find out what the land is like. Bring back some fruit. Are the people strong or weak? Is the land good or bad? Are the cities surrounded by walls?”

The scouts were gone for forty days. When they returned, they brought back pomegranates, figs, and a cluster of grapes so big, two men carried it on a pole!

“The land is good,” the scouts reported, “but we also saw well-guarded cities full of many people. We can’t attack the people because they are stronger than we are! We are like grasshoppers next to them!”

The people cried and complained. “Why is the Lord bringing us into this land to die? It would be better to go back to Egypt or die here in the wilderness!”

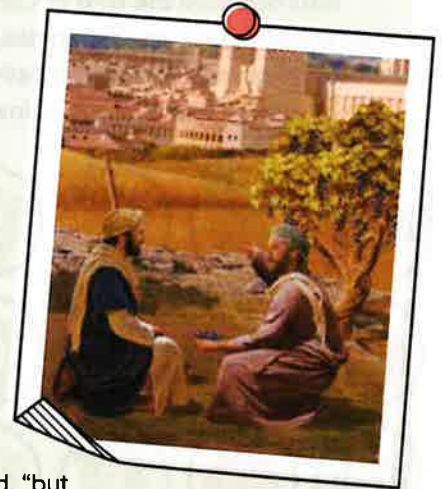
Two of the scouts, Caleb and Joshua, told the people, “If God is pleased with us, He will bring us into this land. The Lord is with us! Don’t be afraid!” The people believed the other men and threatened to throw stones at Caleb and Joshua.

God told Moses that none of the adults who disobeyed Him, except Caleb and Joshua, would enter the land He promised. The disobedient people would live in the wilderness, and the adults would die there. Their children would grow up and be shepherds. After forty years, Caleb, Joshua, and those who remained would enter the land.

Moses told the people what God said, and they were overcome with sadness. “We were wrong,” they decided. “Let’s go into the land God promised us.” Moses warned them not to go, but the people dared to enter the country anyway. When they did, the Canaanites attacked and chased them away.

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE: Romans 14:12

LIFE POINT: Disobedience to God has consequences.



THE BIBLE MEETS LIFE

Parents, today your child learned that disobedience has consequences. Ten of twelve men convinced the Israelites they could not take the land that God promised them. God’s consequences were severe—the people wandered for 40 years before God allowed the next generation to enter the land.



LIVE IT OUT

Review the Bible story with your child and discuss how the people disobeyed God. Emphasize that God still loved the people even though He had to discipline them. Remind your child God still loves her even when she disobeys.



LEVEL OF BIBLICAL LEARNING

God deserves respect, obedience, and honor.



DAILY BIBLE READING

Sunday: Romans 14:12

Monday: Zephaniah 3:7

Tuesday: Hebrews 4:12

Wednesday: Ephesians 5:6

Thursday: Jeremiah 18:10

Friday: Romans 3:23

Saturday: Deuteronomy 27:16



TAKE IT FURTHER: Check out *Joshua and Caleb* in Bible Studies for Life on the LifeWay Kids App for Bible stories, games, and more.