

Memory Verse: For indeed the gospel was preached to us as well as to them; but the word which they heard did not profit them, not being mixed with faith in those who heard it. Hebrews 11:2

Numbers 13

1. How many spies were sent to the land of Canaan?
2. What did Moses tell them to do in the land? (v18-20)
3. What did they cut down to bring back with them to show Moses and the Israelites? (v23)
4. How long were they in the land? (V25)
5. What was their report to Moses when they returned? (v27-29)
6. Who spoke up and had confidence they could overtake the land? (v30)
7. Did the other spies have as much confidence? (v31)
8. What kind of report did they have about the land? (v32)
9. What is the meaning of "great statue" in verse 32?

Numbers 14

10. How did the people react about the dishonest spies? (v1)
11. Who did they murmur against? (v2)
12. Which of the twelve spies spoke up and was truthful about the land of Canaan? (v6-7)

13. Joshua and Caleb told the Israelites not to fear the people in the land, because who was with them? (v9)

14. What did the Israelites want to do to Joshua and Caleb? (v10)

15. Was the Lord angry with the Israelites? What did he want to do to them? (v12)

16. Who spoke up for them? (v13)

17. Would God allow these Israelites to see the land of Canaan? (v23)

18. Who were the only two of the twelve spies that was allowed to see the land of Canaan? Would all of the Israelites see the land of Canaan? If not, who would? (v22,24,29,30,31)

19. How long were they to wander in the wilderness? (v33)

20. What was significant about the 40 years? (v34)

21. What happened to the spies who gave the bad report? (37)

22. Did the Israelites obey and not go into the land? (v41-45)

23. What happened to the Israelites when they tried to enter the land of Canaan?

Numbers 13-14

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Words to Define:

Evil Report \_\_\_\_\_

Bread for Us \_\_\_\_\_

Protection \_\_\_\_\_

# 49. THE TWELVE SPIES

(NUMBERS 13:1-14:9)

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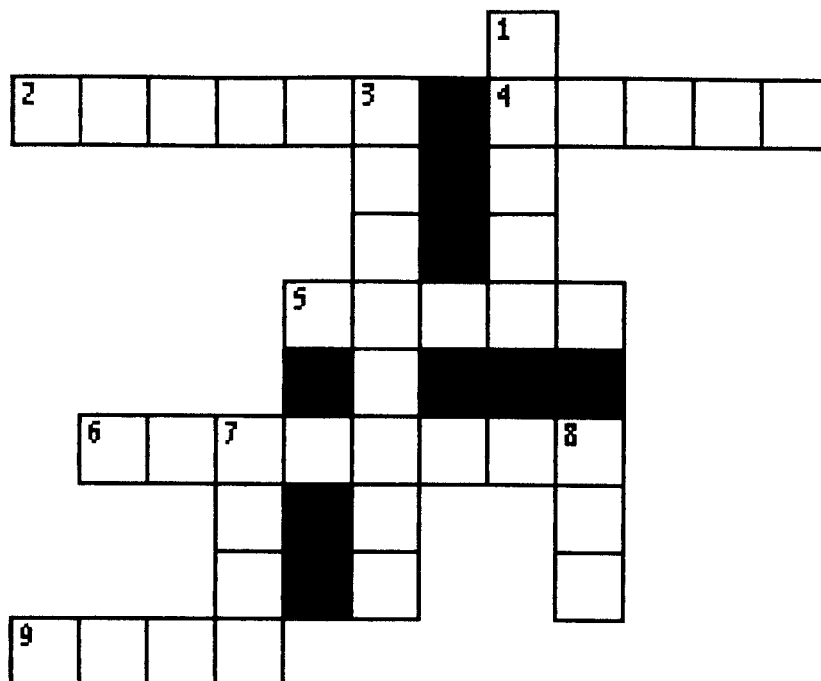
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# 49. THE TWELVE SPIES

## (NUMBERS 13:1-14:9)



- 6 ACROSS "If the LORD \_\_\_\_\_ in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'" **NUMBERS 14:8**
- 8 DOWN "Send men to \_\_\_\_\_ out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the children of Israel; from each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a leader among them." **NUMBERS 13:2**
- 7 DOWN "So Moses sent them up from the Wilderness of Paran according to the command of the \_\_\_\_\_." **NUMBERS 13:3**
- 9 ACROSS "So they went up and spied out the \_\_\_\_\_ from the Wilderness of Zin as far as Rehob, near the entrance of Hamath." **NUMBERS 13:21**
- 2 ACROSS "Then they came to the Valley of Eshcol, and there cut down a branch with one cluster of \_\_\_\_\_ they carried it between the two of them on a pole. They also brought some of the pomegranates and figs." **NUMBERS 13:23**
- 5 ACROSS "And they returned from spying out the land after \_\_\_\_\_ days." **NUMBERS 13:25**
- 1 DOWN Joshua and Caleb told Moses, "We went to the land where you sent us. It truly flows with milk and honey, and this is its \_\_\_\_\_. Nevertheless the people who dwell in the land are strong; the cities are fortified and very large." **NUMBERS 13:27-28**
- 3 DOWN "But the men who had gone up with him said, 'We are not able to go up against the people, for they are \_\_\_\_\_ than we.'" **NUMBERS 13:31**
- 4 ACROSS Joshua and Caleb said to the people, "Do not \_\_\_\_\_ against the LORD, nor fear the people of the land, for they are our bread; their protection has departed from them, and the LORD is with us. Do not fear them." **NUMBERS 14:9**

# 50. WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS

(NUMBERS 14:11-38)

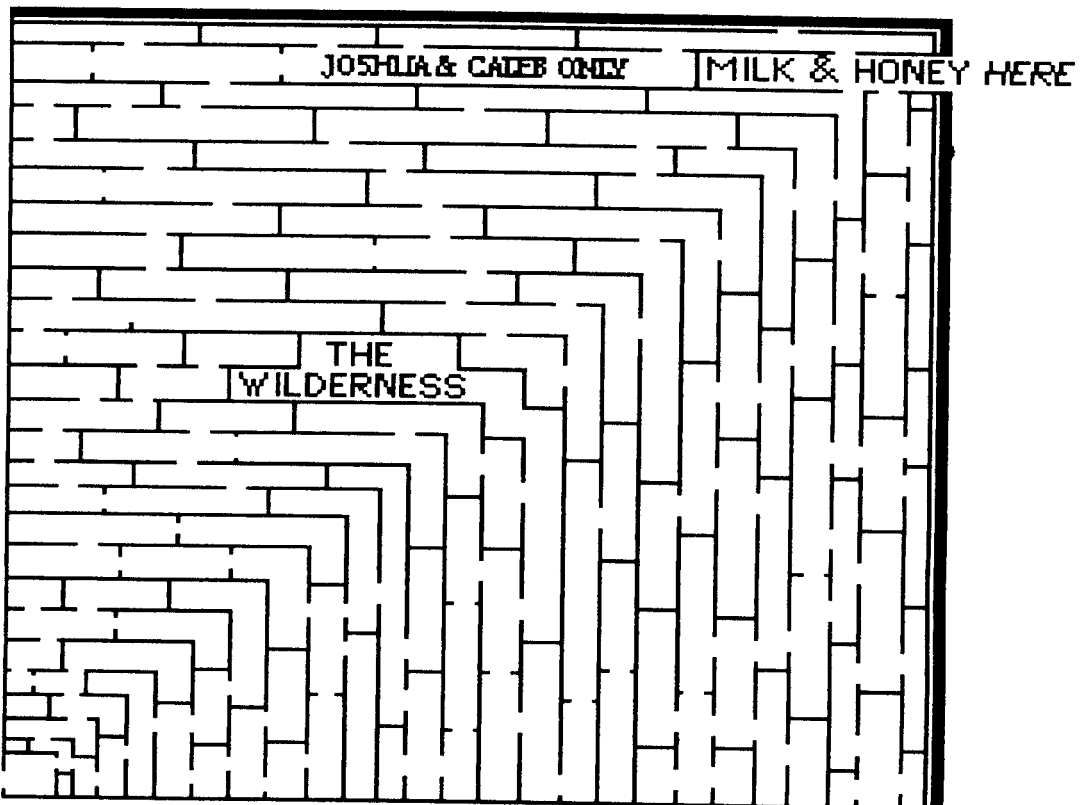
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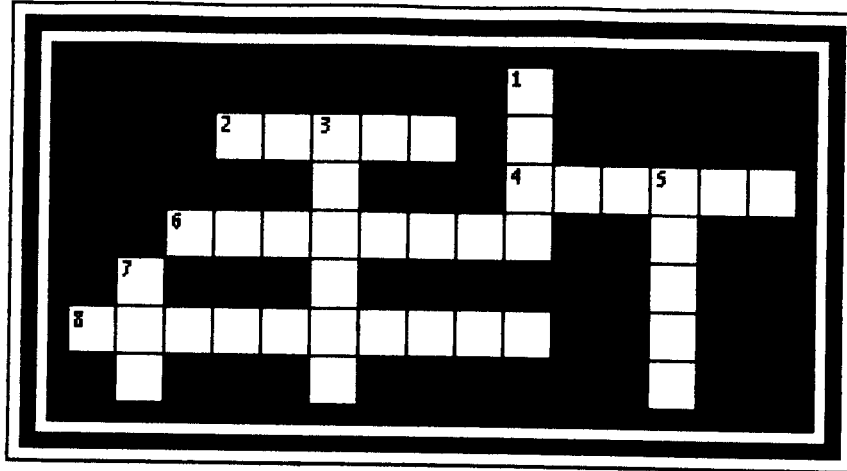
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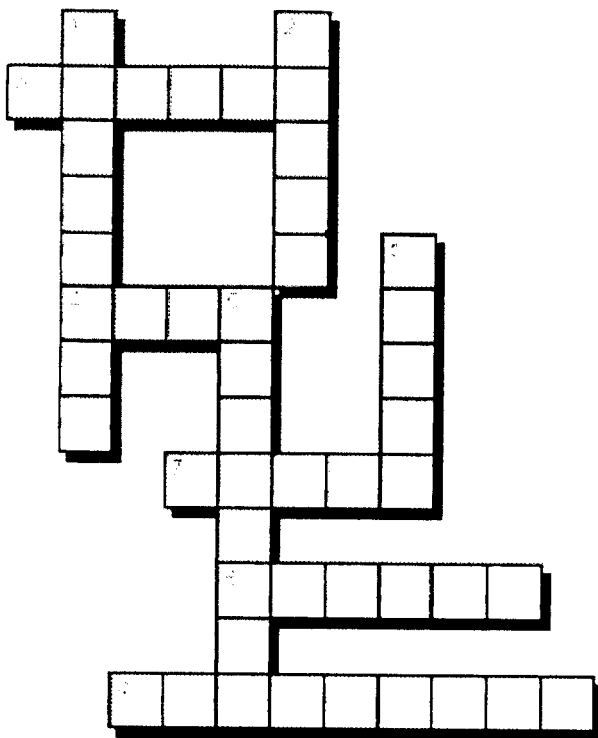
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- 1 DOWN "The \_\_\_\_ is longsuffering and abundant in mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression." **NUMBERS 14:18**
- 4 ACROSS "The LORD said to Moses: 'How long will these people \_\_\_\_ Me? And how long will they not believe Me, with all the signs which I have performed among them?' " **NUMBERS 14:11**
- 8 ACROSS The LORD said, "The carcasses of you who have murmured against Me shall fall in this \_\_\_\_, all of you who were numbered, according to your entire number, from twenty years old and above." **NUMBERS 14:29**
- 5 DOWN The LORD also said, "Except for Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun, you shall by no means \_\_\_\_ the land which I swore I would make you dwell in." **NUMBERS 14:30**
- 6 ACROSS "Then He said, "But your little ones, whom you said would be victims , I will bring in, and they shall know the land which you have \_\_\_\_." **NUMBERS 14:31**
- 2 ACROSS "According to the number of days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for each day you shall bear your guilt one year, namely \_\_\_\_ years, and you shall know My rejection." **NUMBERS 14:34**
- 7 DOWN "I the LORD have spoken this; I will surely do so to all this evil congregation who are gathered together against Me. In this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall \_\_\_\_." **NUMBERS 14:35**
- 3 DOWN "Those very men who brought the evil \_\_\_\_ about the land, died by the plague before the LORD. But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive, of the men who went to spy out the land." **NUMBERS 14:37-38**

## Exploring Canaan

Moses sent out 12 spies into the Land of Canaan which God had promised to Israel. Numbers 13 (NIV) tells about their trip into Canaan and their report when they came back.



### Across

3. In Numbers 14:5-9, \_\_\_\_\_ and Caleb tell the people that they should enter the Land of Canaan because "the LORD is with us."
4. The Spies brought back pomegranates and \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.23)
7. The Spies reported that the land of Canaan flowed with milk and \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.27)
8. They brought back a branch with a single cluster of \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.23)
9. When the Spies came back they reported to the whole \_\_\_\_\_ community. (vs.26)

### Down

1. They said that the people who lived in the Land of Canaan were very \_\_\_\_\_. (vs.28)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ said that they should go in and take possession of the Land. (vs.30)
5. Ten of the spies said "we can't attack them. . . they are \_\_\_\_\_ than us. (vs.31 )
6. The 12 spies explored the land of Canaan for \_\_\_\_\_ days. (vs.25)



But the people did not listen to Caleb and Joshua. They did not have enough faith in God. So God told them they would have to live in the wilderness for the next Forty Years. And that is just what happened.

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### TWELVE SPIES

TEXT: Numbers 13 - 14

- OBJECTIVES:
- 1) Tell how many spies were sent to spy out the land of Canaan.
  - 2) Name the 2 spies who told the truth about Canaan
  - 3) Tell how Joshua and Caleb were rewarded

### LESSON:

God's people have arrived just outside the land of Canaan. Before allowing them to go into the land, God commanded Moses to choose one leader from each of the twelve tribes of Israel. These 12 men were to go into the land of Canaan to see what the people were like. Moses wanted to know whether they were strong or weak, whether they had large, protected cities, and he wanted to know if Canaan was a good land to live in or if it was going to be like the wilderness where nothing could grow. The spies left and were gone for 40 days. When they returned, they came bringing fruit from the land. They brought very large grapes, pomegranates and figs. They came and reported to Moses and the people that the land was indeed a very, very good land. They said it was "flowing with milk and honey". That meant that it had many wonderful foods to eat, plenty of grass for animals to eat, and plenty of water to drink. They also said that the people were large people, they had seen some who were giants! The cities were very strong cities.

Joshua and Caleb, two of the spies who loved and trusted God, said that the children of Israel should go up and take the land immediately so they could live there. Joshua and Caleb brought back a good report. But the other 10 spies were afraid and told the Israelites that they could not overtake the people that lived there. They said that the Israelite people were like grasshoppers compared to the giants there. They had brought back a bad report. This scared the Israelites and once again, they immediately began to whine and complain. They thought they would be better off in Egypt, so they decided to return and even chose a leader to take them back.

God became very angry with the Israelites and was about to strike them all with a terrible pestilence, when Moses begged Him not to. God relented but punished the Israelites for their sin.

God said that because they had not trusted Him, all the Israelites who were 20 years old and older would not be allowed to enter into the Promised Land. He said that they would have to wander in the wilderness for 40 years--1 year for each day the spies had been spying out the land for them. Because ~~10~~ of the spies brought back an untruthful report, they were killed by a terrible plague from God.

However, Joshua and Caleb would be allowed to enter into Canaan. This was because they were the two spies who brought back a truthful report. They had told the Israelites that they could conquer the land.

We can see how God hates lies. We can also see how God is unhappy when we do not trust Him.

After learning of their punishment, the Israelites decided to go and fight against the Amalekites and Canaanites, in order to go into the land. However, God had not told them to do this. Moses told them not to go because God would not be with them in this battle. Once again, the children of God would not listen and went anyway. The result was that they were defeated and driven back.

Because they disobeyed, they were not successful. We need to remember this lesson also. God expects us to do what HE says, not what we think is the best thing to do.

#### REVIEW QUESTIONS:

1. How many spies were sent to spy out the land of Canaan?
2. Name 2 spies who told the truth about Canaan.
3. Tell how Joshua and Caleb were rewarded.
4. Name the people who would get to enter Canaan.

#### HANDWORK SUGGESTIONS:

1. Color pages depicting the return of the twelve spies with fruit.
2. Matching page - use pictures of grapes, numbers and figures.
3. Make a basket out of construction paper with a pocket for a cluster of grapes. (glue individual grapes together).
4. Make a landscape picture (hill, bushes, trees, rock) with pockets for hidden spies.

ATTENDANCE

SONGS

PRAYER

**MD 1-1 (Use again) The Israelites go to Kadesh**

After waiting seven days for Miriam to be healed of her leprosy, the Israelites again followed the cloud and moved on to the Wilderness of Paran, just outside the land of Canaan. One more march would have taken them into the beautiful Promised Land. God had promised that it was a land flowing with milk and honey. But what was the Promised Land really like? What kind of people lived there? Were they dangerous?

**MD 2-1 Moses sends out twelve spies**

If the Israelites had believed that God always knows and does what is best, they would have just followed the cloud into the Promised Land without checking things out for themselves, but they still had not learned to believe

God for everything, and so they asked Moses if they could send men to spy out the land. God granted their request and told Moses, "I have told the people about the land, but now send men into Canaan to spy out the country. Choose a man who is a leader from each of the twelve tribes."

Moses chose twelve men who were to be the spies for Israel. One was Joshua, Moses' assistant; another was Caleb, a God-fearing man from the tribe of Judah. Moses gave instructions to the twelve men: "Go into Canaan and see what the land is like. See whether the people are strong or weak; whether there are few people or many; whether the cities are merely camps, with the people living in tents, or whether they are protected by stone walls; whether the land is rich or poor and if there are trees. Have courage, don't be afraid, and bring back some samples of the fruit that grows in Canaan."

### MD 2-2 The Israelites wait in camp

The rest of the people in the camp were told to rest while the twelve men went ahead to explore the land. What excitement there was in the camp! The parents were full of joy at the very thought that the hard, trying days in the wilderness, with all the heat, the thirst, and the weariness, would soon be over. The boys and girls romped and shouted as they pictured the land flowing with milk and honey that they had heard their fathers talk about. Think of it! All the milk they could drink! All the honey they could eat! What a wonderful land it must be!

As the spies went forth, the rest of the people went back to their tents and to their duties to wait their return. Weeks passed, but there was no word. Could all twelve have been killed by the Canaanites who lived in the land? It seemed that the twelve spies had been gone an eternity!

For forty days the spies explored the land from one end to the other, going here and there through the Promised Land. They saw strong cities with huge walls all around the cities, and they saw small towns. They saw fields of grain and large vineyards of grapes and pomegranates. The land was very beautiful and full of all kinds of food; no one would be hungry for good fruit or vegetables in this land.

### MD 2-3 The spies return

Finally, on the fortieth day, the spies returned, loaded down with various kinds of fruit. But what caught everybody's eye was a huge cluster of grapes—so large that two men had to carry it hung over a long pole between them! They also showed the people some pomegranates and figs they had brought for everyone to see. Never before had the people seen such large, wonderful fruit. If this was the fruit of Canaan, what a wonderful place it must be! It was truly as God had said "a land flowing with milk (all their needs) and honey (the extra sweet things they did not need)."

Eagerly the people crowded around to hear the spies' report. "We arrived in the land you sent us to see, and it is indeed a magnificent country—a land flowing with milk and honey as the Lord told us. You see what beautiful and large fruit that we have brought back." Quickly the people's faces became bright with hope. Everybody wanted to go to Canaan at once; they were encouraged by this report.

### MD 2-4 Conflicting reports

Then came another report, for ten of the spies reported, "The people living there are powerful, and their cities are large and well fortified; and what's more, we saw descendants of Anak there. They are huge giants! The fierce Amalekites occupy part of the land, while Hittites, Jebusites, and Amorites live in the hills. Canaanites live by the sea and along the Jordan River. These people are too great and mighty for us; we could never defeat them."

But Caleb reassured and calmed the people as he said, "Let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to conquer it!"

"Not against people as strong as they are!" the other ten spies said. "They would crush us!"

This scared the people, but they had no reason to be afraid. Was not their God mightier than all the people of Canaan? Why, remember what their God had done to Egypt and the great Egyptian army. Why did they not put their trust in Him? But the hearts of the Israelites sank as they heard this discouraging report. It was an

awful blow to them to hear there were giants in the land. They forgot that God had promised them that **He would be with them, lead and guide them, take care of them, provide for them, and bring them into the land of Canaan!**

The Israelites discussed the report of the ten spies among themselves. But when the ten spies continued listing all the discouraging things and the difficulties such as, "The land is full of warriors; the people are so tall and large that we felt like grasshoppers before those giants; they were so huge," the people began to panic! What was wrong with the report of the ten spies? It was negative; it was without faith; they had completely lost their trust in God. The ten spies saw their problem instead of seeing God. They altogether left God's power out of their consideration.

Joshua and Caleb were trusting their mighty God with hearts full of faith, not depending on their own strength but counting on the promises of God. The two of them tried to turn the hearts of the people toward the Lord, urging them not to look at all the difficulties but to look in faith to God. They told the people, "Yes, there are high walls, great cities, and giant men. But we must look far, far above the difficulties and see our God. He will bring us into the land." Joshua and Caleb were encouraged with *faith*; the other ten men were discouraged by *unbelief*. Faith always looks beyond the problems; unbelief sees nothing but problems!

But Caleb and Joshua's encouragement to trust God was all in vain, for the majority (the ten) spies' report is what the people believed. After hearing the discouraging words of the ten spies, the people were so disappointed and disheartened that they cried and moaned all night long. God gave them all that night to decide if they would believe His promises or believe the faithless report of ten spies.

The next morning, the people again complained bitterly against Moses and Aaron. "We wish we had died in Egypt," they wailed, "or even here in the wilderness. Anything would be better than to go into this land and be killed by the giants of Canaan! Why has God brought us here to be killed by these Canaanites? Our wives and our children will be captured and made into slaves. Let's get out of here! Let's elect a leader to take us back to Egypt!"

### MD 2-5 Unbelief of the people

Imagine how Moses felt, after all he had done for the people, to hear them planning, before his very face, to appoint another leader! He might have reminded them of all they owed him, but instead, as usual, he prayed for them! He and Aaron fell face downward on the ground before the people of Israel; the two spies, Joshua and Caleb, again said words of encouragement and faith to the people. "It's a wonderful Promised Land ahead, and the Lord loves us. He will bring us safely into the land and give it to us. Please do not rebel against the Lord, and do not fear the people of the land. They have no protection from the anger of God. The Lord is with us, so let us go forward!"

"Those Canaanites will be bread for us," Joshua cried out.

Yes, it would be difficult to overcome the Canaanites, but difficulties are the bread by which we grow in faith toward God. Difficulties come in everybody's life, and God lets them come because they challenge us to believe Him. If nothing were ever difficult, we would never have

to call on God, and we would not grow close to Him.

But instead of paying attention to Joshua and Caleb, the people became so enraged that they were ready to stone the two men. Suddenly, a bright light flashed out from the cloud at the Tabernacle. It was the glory of the Lord, and God said to Moses, "How long will these people provoke Me? Will they never trust Me, even after all the miracles I have done among them?" The Lord said, "I will disinherit and destroy them, and I will make you and your descendants into a nation far greater and mightier than they are!"

#### **MD 1-3 (Use again) Moses pleads with God**

But Moses pled for the people. He reminded the Lord, "If your people die here in the wilderness, the Egyptians will say you were not able to lead them into Canaan. The Canaanites know all about the power You displayed in delivering Your people from Egypt. Now if You destroy all Your people, the nations that have heard of Your fame will say, 'He couldn't take care of them in the wilderness. He wasn't strong enough to bring them into the land He promised to give them!' Oh, please, God, forgive our sin according to Your great love and mercy, although we don't deserve it. You have constantly forgiven us from the day we left Egypt until now. Please, dear Lord, do it again!"

Then the Lord said, "I will pardon them as you have requested. But I declare by My own name that not one person who has seen My glory and the miracles that I did both in Egypt and in the wilderness, and still refused to trust Me and obey Me, shall even see the land I promised to this people's forefathers. Tomorrow, you must take them back into the wilderness. Tell them that they will all die in the wilderness! Not one of them twenty years old and older who has doubted my word shall go into the Promised Land. Only Caleb and Joshua will be permitted to enter into the land flowing with milk and honey. I will bring their children safely into the land, and they shall inherit what these have despised. But as for the people, they must wander in the wilderness like nomads for forty long years until the last of those who have complained are dead. In this way they will be punished for not trusting Me."

Back to the wilderness for forty years! Shut out of Canaan forever! What a heartbreak! What a terrible price to pay for failing to trust God! What a difference between the ten spies and Caleb and Joshua, who were men of faith. Yes, they, too, saw the giants in the land of Canaan, but they kept their eyes on God and knew that He was able to bring His people into the land as He had promised. It makes a great difference whether we look at our mighty, miracle-working God and His promises, or whether we look at ourselves, our weaknesses, and our fearful hearts.

If the Israelites had said, "We cannot conquer the giants, but God can conquer the giants for us," then God would have brought them all into the Land of Promise immediately, where they could have soon enjoyed the delicious fruit. In Canaan there was everything to make

them satisfied, happy, and contented, and it was God's choice place for them! But they would not go in, because they were afraid of the giants! They thought they would have to conquer the giants themselves. They forgot that it was the Lord who had delivered them from Pharaoh, guided them through the desert, given them bread from heaven and water out of the rock, and given them Moses, their great and noble leader. The Lord would have given them victory and overcome all the giants and brought them into the Promised Land if they had done just one thing. What was that one thing? Yes, **believed God**. They needed to believe God and trust Him; that was all.

But are we not many times like these unbelieving Israelites ourselves? The Lord Jesus has forgiven our sins, has come to live in us, and is taking us to heaven when we die. Yet so often we try to win the victory over our "walled cities" of difficulties, problems, and hard things in our own strength. We try in our own lives to conquer the giants of selfishness, temper, disobedience, evil thoughts, and bad words ourselves. Have we learned this lesson of trusting Him to defeat our enemies by His power, or do we keep struggling in our own puny strength?

#### **MD 2-6 Soldiers return defeated**

How grieved the people were when Moses told them of God's decision. They mourned greatly. But the next morning they got up and said, "We will go forward as the Lord first commanded us." So the men who had been trained for battle hurried to go fight the men of Canaan.

Moses called after them, "Don't go! God is not with you. You will be defeated because you have turned away from the Lord."

But the men rushed on, paying no attention to Moses' warning. But it was too late! The battle did not last long, for the men of Canaan defeated the invading Israelites and drove them out of the land and back to the camp of Israel. They returned to the camp sorely defeated. Now all of Israel was defeated and there was nothing to do but return to wander in the wilderness for forty years like God had said.

What was it that kept the children of Israel out of Canaan? **Unbelief**. They had believed the ten spies' negative report instead of believing God. They would wander in the wilderness for forty years. Unbelief is what keeps Christians today from a happy, powerful, victorious life. A total surrender to believe the Lord in all things is absolutely necessary if one wants to be filled with God's Holy Spirit and have a life of spiritual riches and power.

Are there some giants and difficulties in your life? Remember, God has put them there. So don't run away from difficult things. Face them, admit that you can't overcome them yourself, and believe that God is able to work things out for you. God is greater than any giant in your life. Though you don't see how He will work it out, He will. Trust Him, and call upon Him. Remember, our difficulties are the bread that causes us to grow in God. □

# Prayer

Memory Verse: Hebrews 4:2

Song ps 42

Today's lesson is about faith-trusting God. We will talk about the twelve spies. Our text is Numbers chapter 13 and 14. The Israelites were bound for the promised land, following Moses. What was the name of this promised land? (Land of Canaan) God told Moses to choose one leader from each Israelite tribe. He sent them from the wilderness of Paran. What was the names of the two who were honest about the land? (Joshua and Caleb) Moses told these <sup>12</sup>ten to go south and up into the mountain. He wanted them to be able to spy out the land from up there. He wanted them to check the people who lived there, strong or weak, few or many, good or bad land, cities that were there, if they lived in tents (camps) or in strong holds ( if the cities had walls around them). He wanted them to see if the land was fat or lean, (if the soil was fertile or poor), if there were trees there. He wanted them to bring back some fruit from the land. It was the season at that time for the first grapes to be ripe. They explored that land starting from the Desert of Zin all the way to Rehob. They went through the southern area to Hebron. They came to the city of Hebron, which was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt. They came to the Valley of Eshcol and cut down branch that had a cluster of grapes on it. They had to carry this branch on a pole between two of them. If they did this, it must of been huge. What else did they bring back? (Pomegranates and figs) How many days did they explore the land? (40 days) They came back to the Desert of Paran and joined the Israelites. What did they say about the land? It flowed with milk and honey and showed them the fruit of the land they had brought back. The Israelites were probably <sup>in pressed</sup>expressed with the fruit. They said the people there were strong and their cities had walls built around them and were very great and they saw some amalekites there. They were so worried about telling them of the people that lived in the land, they lost sight that this was the land that flowed with milk and honey. They also lost sight of the fact that Jehovah would be with them when they went into the land. They wouldn't be by themselves. Who stilled the people? (Caleb) He wanted to go up right away and take the land. Who did he say would help them? (Jehovah) Did the people agree with Caleb? They said the people were stronger then they. What kind of report did the ten spies have about the land? (evil report-they started a campaign of evil-speaking against the two faithful men) They said these people were giants. What does that mean? They compared themselves as grasshoppers to the sons of Anak.

- ① What tribe was Caleb from? Judah
- ② Where did the spies start from? Wilderness of Paran
- ③ What tribe was Joshua from? Ephraim
- ④ What was his name before Moses changed it? Othniel
- ⑤ What were the spies supposed to check who they got in land? What kind of land, people, how many people wood on the land
- ⑥ What did it mean if a city had a strong hold? -cities had walls around them

- ⑦ What else did they bring back besides cluster of grapes? pomegranates, figs
- ⑧ What was the place called where the cluster of grapes came from? Valley of Eschcol
- ⑨ What did the spies at first say about the land? Flowed with milk and honey
- ⑩ What were the people they described? Amalekites, Hittites, Jebusites, Amorites, Canaanites, children of Anak
- ⑪ Who stilled the people? Caleb
- ⑫ Did he want to go possess the land right away? yes
- ⑬ The spies who gave the evil report said the land would set up the inhabitants.
- ⑭ How did they compare themselves to the giants in the land? grasshoppers
- ⑮ What were the Israelites reaction to the evil report? Lifted up their voice and wept all night
- ⑯ What did they want to do? Appoint a new leader and go back to Egypt
- ⑰ Why did they want to go back? they would rather die in Egypt instead of this wilderness
- ⑱ Who fell on their faces, because of their murmuring? Moses and Aaron
- ⑲ What was Joshua and Caleb's reaction? tore their clothes
- ⑳ Where in the bible is this lesson found? Num 13-14
- ㉑ Where is the memory verse located? Hebrews 12:2
- ㉒ What was Joshua and Caleb's report of the land? Exceeding good land
- ㉓ Joshua and Caleb said if the people rebel not against the Lord ~~the Lord~~ would protect against the people in the land.

After the Israelites chose to hear everything about the evil report they began to cried and murmured against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites wanted to appoint a new leader and move back to Egypt. They thought they were going to die in the wilderness. Did they have any faith in Jehovah at all? When Moses and Aaron heard this they fell on their faces, probably in disbelief. What do you think? What did Joshua and Caleb do when they heard their murmuring? (tore their clothes) They spoke up and told the Israelites the land they just saw was exceeding good land. They said if the Lord delights in them, he would be with them when they entered the land that flowed with milk and honey. Joshua and Caleb told the Israelites not to turn against the Lord and he would help them subdue the land and the people that lived there. Do you know what happened next? The people wanted to stone Joshua and Caleb to death, but who stopped them? The glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle. Was the Lord angry? What did he want to do to the Israelites? The Lord asked Moses, "How long will these people ignore me?". He wanted to smite them with an illness and kill them all and make Moses the father of a stronger nation. Who pleaded for the Israelites? (Moses) What was some of the reason Moses used not to destroy the Israelites? (The Egyptians will hear about it and they know you delivered your people from Egypt and they will think you were not able to bring them to the promised land, so you killed them) Moses pleaded with the Lord to show his great power by his long-suffering. What does that mean? (slow to anger) He is of great mercy (great love), forgiving sins and law breaking. What is one thing the Lord will not forget? (Punish guilty people) Moses pleaded with the Lord to forgive them of this sin. Did the Lord forgive the people? (yes) What was the punishment for these people? Not one of these men would see the land promised to their ancestors. The Lord told Moses and Aaron everyone who is 20 years old and older will die in the wilderness as their punishment. This generation of Israelites will die, but there will be a new generation in the Land of Canaan. The people would wonder in the wilderness for 40 years. What was significant about that number? (the 12 spies were in the land exploring for 40 days) They received one year for every day they were in the land. The Lord said, "They will know me as their enemy". What was the name of the two who got to enter the land of Canaan by their faith in Jehovah? (Joshua and Caleb) Did their families get to go in? Now, while the Lord was speaking with Moses and Aaron, the ten bad spies were spreading false stories about the land. What did the Lord do to these ten men? (gave them a sickness and they died) The Lord is a all powerful God. What was the reaction of the Israelites when Moses told them of the consequences of their sin? (they were very sad) Did they take things into their own hands without the Lord? Now they decided to go where the Lord wanted them to go, but it was too late. Moses told them if they went into the mountains the Amalekites and Canaanites would kill them, because the Lord wouldn't be with them. They were proud people and wouldn't listen. What happened to the people? The Amalekites and Canaanites came down and beat back the people all the way to Hormah.



- (24) What did the congregation want to do to Joshua and Caleb?  
Stone them
- (25) Was the Lord angry with the Israelites?
- (26) What did he want to do to them? Kill them, make a  
greater nation with Moses as the father
- (27) Who saved them? Moses
- (28) Moses said the Lord was long suffering? What does that  
mean? Slow to anger
- (29) Would this generation see the land of Canaan? NO
- (30) Who would see the land? Joshua and Caleb