



## Unit 6 | Session 1

# THE PEOPLE DIDN'T GO INTO THE LAND

### Numbers 13-14

The Israelites made their way toward the promised land. God told Moses to send men to scout out the land. So Moses chose one leader from each family tribe.

The 12 scouts went into the land and traveled around for 40 days. Then they went back to tell Moses and the other Israelites what they saw.

“The land is good,” they said. “But the people who live there are strong.”

Caleb spoke up, “We must go up and take possession of the land! We can certainly conquer it with God’s help!” Joshua agreed with Caleb.

But the other scouts disagreed. “We can’t go up against the people!”

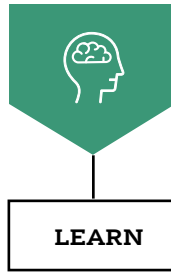
The Israelites were afraid, and they accused Moses of bringing them to Canaan to die.

Joshua and Caleb said, “The land we explored is extremely good land. Don’t be afraid of the people living in the land; God is with us!”

While the people talked, God came down to talk to Moses. “How long will these people not trust Me?” God asked. Moses urged God to forgive them. Moses reminded God that He is patient, loving, and forgiving.

God said, “Since you asked, I will forgive them. But no one who complained against Me will get to see the promised land.” Only Joshua, Caleb, and the Israelites’ children would one day enter the land.

**Christ Connection:** The Israelites did not trust God. They rebelled against Him. Jesus trusted God perfectly. He came into the world to take the punishment we deserve for our own rebellion against God. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and invites us into His kingdom forever.



## THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

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The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Cross out statements made in fear. Circle statements made in faith.

“We can’t go up against the people.”

“The land God has for us is good land.”

“Let’s go back to Egypt.”

“If the Lord is pleased with us, He will give it to us.”

“Don’t be afraid.”

“We looked like grasshoppers compared to them.”

“The cities there are too well protected.”

“The people are too strong.”

“God is with us.”

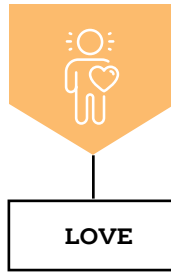
» What does this story teach us about God?

» What choice did the Israelites have to make? Did they make the right or wrong choice?

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## THE GOD OF THE GOSPEL

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» How did God punish the Israelites for not trusting Him?

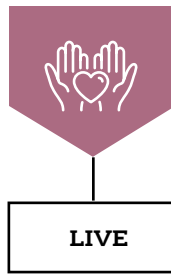
» How does Joshua remind us of Jesus?

» How might our beliefs about God affect how we react in hard times?

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## THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

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» Find Exodus 15:11 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking God for His love. Ask God to help you trust Him no matter what.

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### READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

☐ Numbers 14:30-31

☐ Matthew 10:28

☐ Deuteronomy 28:1-2

☐ James 4:17

☐ Proverbs 3:5-6

☐ Deuteronomy 31:6

# The People Didn't Go Into the Land

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## Family Discussion Starters:

- Why were Joshua and Caleb so confident the Israelites could take the land?
- What were the other people afraid of?
- What are some things in your life that cause you to doubt God?

## Family Activity:

Play a game like “Red Light, Green Light” with your family. Remind the kids that God had given His people a “green light” to enter the land, but they didn’t trust Him. Discuss the ways fear can prevent us from obeying God.