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**God Provides Judges
and a King**

OLD TESTAMENT 3

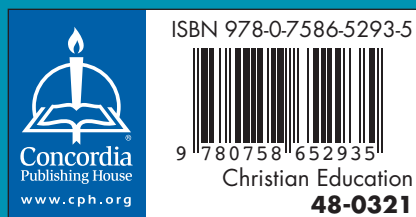
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Grades 1–3**





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The Twelve Spies in Canaan

Numbers
13-14

The Characters

Moses
Ten spies
Caleb
Joshua
The people
of Israel

The Setting

The wilderness
The land of
Canaan

Bible Memory Verse

Not one word
of all the good
promises that the
LORD had made
... had failed;
all came to pass.
Joshua 21:45



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How would you complete this sentence: "God always ...?"

Name: _____

Use the picture words to
read the two reports.

Review

Moses,
Don't
The
is **flor** with
and **money** **in** **th**.
We
God is with us!
We trust in God!
Caleb and Joshua

Moses,
The **R** in Canaan
The cities **R** big and
have **s**. We should
! They **R** **2**
We trust in us!
10 **Doubting Spies**



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had failed; all came to pass. Joshua 21:45



The True Story

Canaan was the land God promised to give to the people of Israel. The Israelites had come to the border. God told Moses to send one leader from each of the twelve tribes to explore the land.

Moses sent the men to **spy** out the land. For forty days, the twelve men **walked**. They **saw** hills, water, trees, and fruit. They **saw** big cities and walls. * They **saw** men who looked like giants. On their way back, they **picked** grapes. One cluster was so big they carried it on a pole between two men.

"Look at these grapes," they said to Moses and Aaron. "Canaan is a wonderful land. It is good for growing food. But the cities have big walls, and strong men live there."

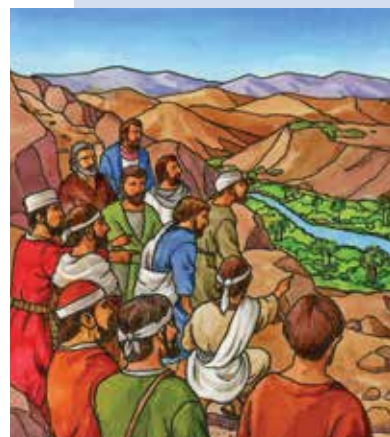
Then, **two spies** named Joshua and Caleb said, "God will keep His promise. Do not fear the people of the land. The Lord is with us. Do not fear them!"

But the other spies **cried out**, "Those giants won't let us take their land. They will hurt us!" * Once the people heard the bad report, they **grumbled** and did not trust God to care for them.

Even though God was angry that the people of Israel did not trust Him, He forgave them because He loved them. But God still punished the grumblers. He said that the ten spies and all those who grumbled could not go to the new land. Instead, the people younger than twenty would live there. The spies Caleb and Joshua and their children would live there too.

After that, the people of Israel **turned around**. * They lived in the desert for forty years. God forgave their sin and took care of them. Years later, Caleb and Joshua and all Israel's children lived in Canaan, just as God promised.

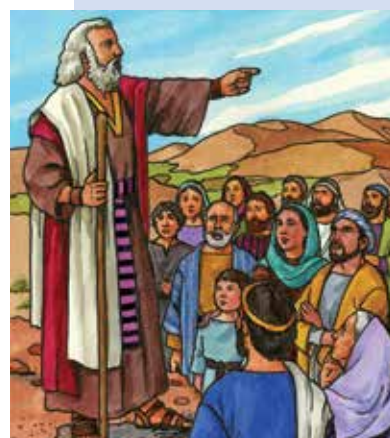
Read the story on the left. Use the words in red to help you act it out. When you see an *, look at the pictures below.



* Not only did the spies see good land and trees, they also saw strong men and feared them.



* When the spies came back, they reported to Aaron and Moses.



* God forgave the sins of the people but also punished those who doubted His Word.

Look It Up

Numbers 13:1-2

How did God choose the spies?

Numbers 13:23

The spies brought back grapes. What other fruits did they bring?

Numbers 14:36-38

Some spies believed God's promises. Some did not. Tell what happened to the spies who gave a bad report and to those who gave a good report.

Family Time

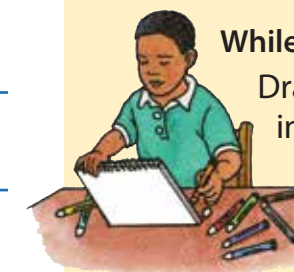
While Eating

Ask each person to talk about how God's promises help in scary situations.



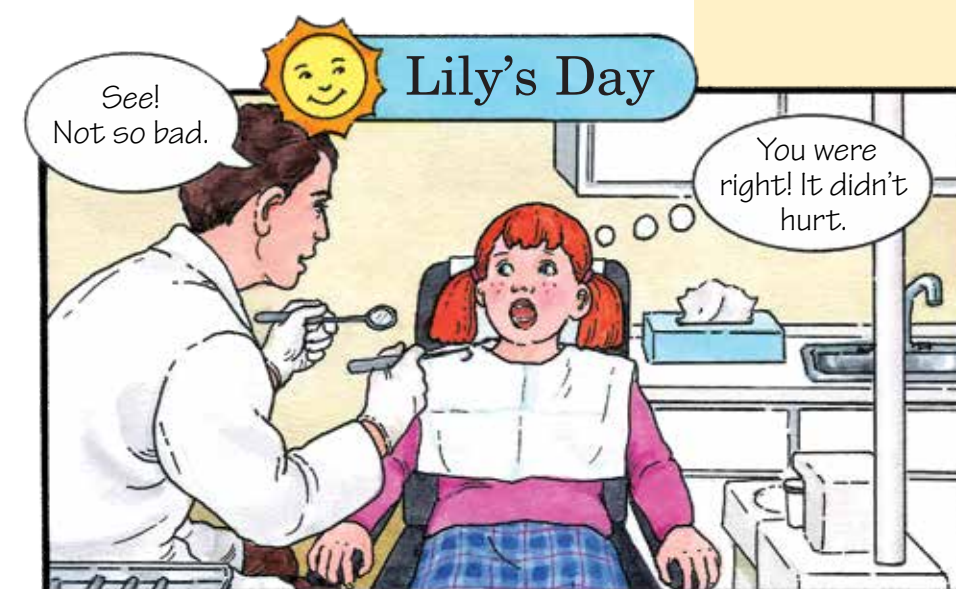
While Drawing

Draw large grapes in a cluster. In each grape, write a way that God has blessed you.



Before Bedtime

Repeat the Bible Memory Verse before you close your eyes and fall asleep.



Entering the Promised Land

Joshua
3:1–5:12

The Characters

Joshua
The priests
The people
of Israel

The Setting

The Jordan River
The Promised
Land

Bible Memory Verse

The mercy of
our Lord Jesus
Christ . . . leads
to eternal life.
Jude 21



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What land has God promised to you?
Who leads you there?

Name: _____

Review

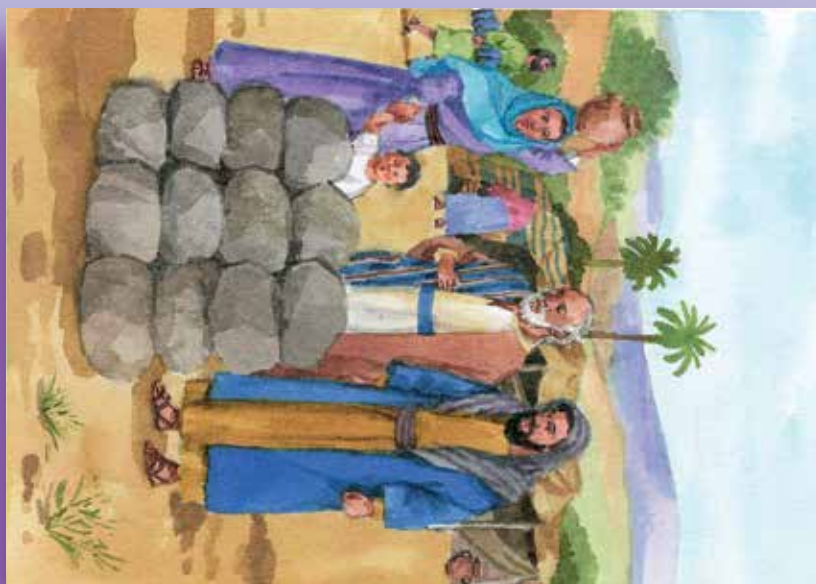
Draw a line from the words to the things they tell about.
Then use the pictures to retell the Bible story.



- children of Israel
- Joshua



- priests
- ark of the covenant
- Jordan River



- memorial stones
- Promised Land



The mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ . . . leads to eternal life. Jude 21



The True Story

The people of Israel had been **living in tents** in the wilderness for forty years. God said it was time for them to go into the land He had promised them. That land was across the Jordan River. The river was deep and wide. How would they get there?

God knew how it would happen. He was going to do amazing things. He gave His plan to Joshua, the new leader of the people. The priests **went first**. They **carried** the ark of the covenant into the water. As soon as the **priests' feet** hit the river, God dried up the riverbed. Then the people **were able to walk** across on dry land. * God said that by doing this, everyone would know that He was God.

The priests did what God said. As soon as they **walked** into the river, God dried up the water. It heaped up. It stopped flowing. Then, all the people **walked** across on dry ground. Now the people knew how much God loved and cared for them. They knew that Joshua was their new leader. God had kept His people safe.

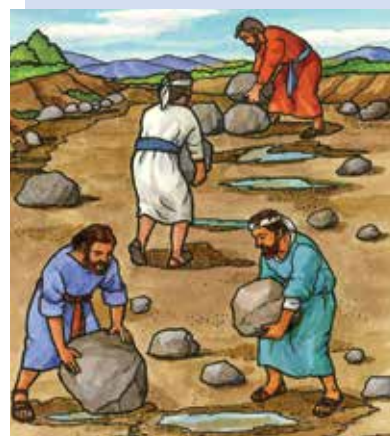
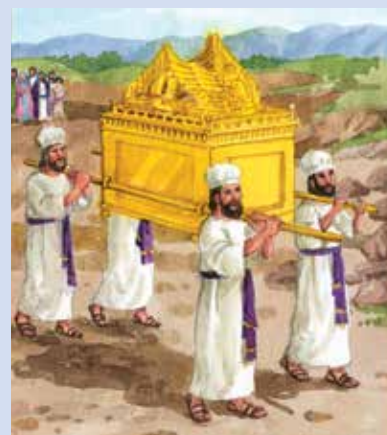
Joshua told twelve men, a leader from each tribe, to **pick up** a stone from the dry riverbed. * The men **piled up** the stones to be a memorial. * In the future, when people saw it, they would hear the story of how God had provided for the people of Israel.

Once the people crossed into the Promised Land, they didn't need manna anymore. God provided for them from the produce of the land.

God did amazing things that day. God does amazing things for us too. God sent Jesus to be the Savior. Through Baptism and His Word, God makes us His children and forgives our sins for Jesus' sake. He promises to give us a new home in heaven with Him.

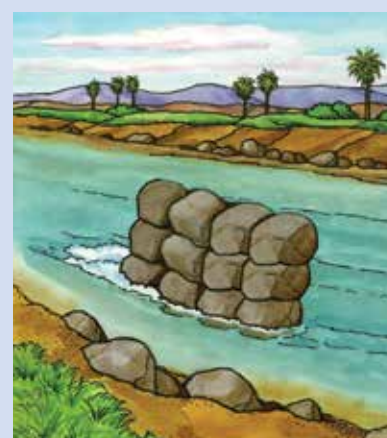
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* When the feet of the priests touched the edge of the Jordan, the waters flowing down the river rose up in a heap. The waters flowing down were cut off.



* Twelve stones were used to build the memorial. It would remind people of the miracle God did at the Jordan.

* Two memorials were built. One was in the bed of the Jordan River. The other was near Gilgal, where the people camped.



Look It Up

Joshua 3:7

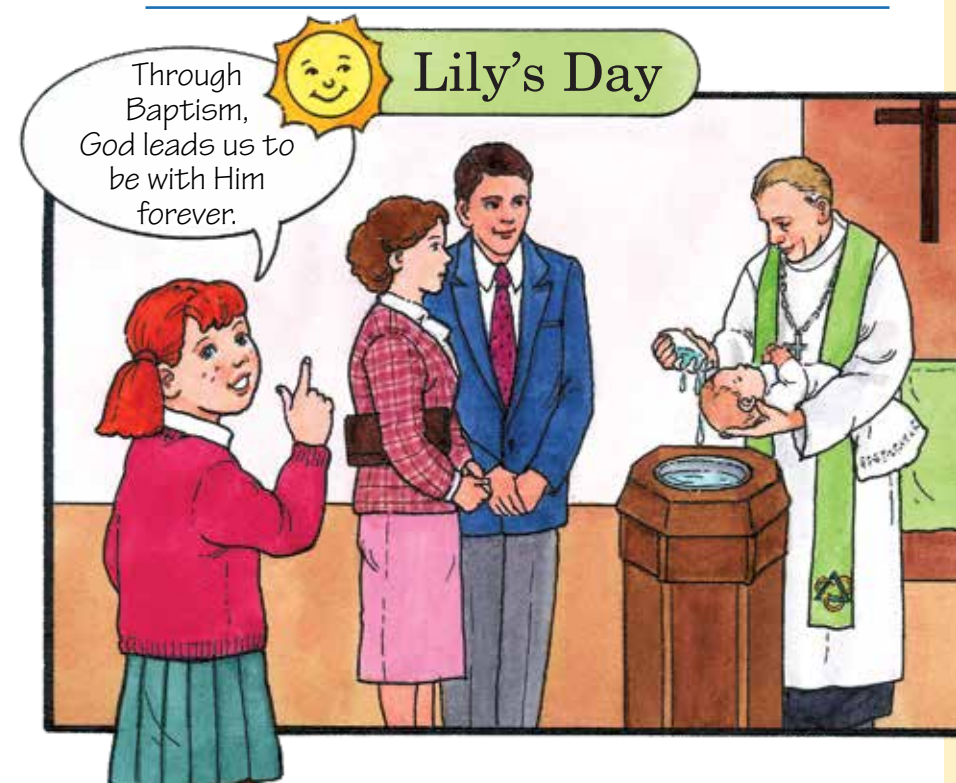
What did God say He would do for the new leader of the people of Israel? What do you think that means?

Joshua 4:11

What happened when all the people had passed over the Jordan?

Joshua 4:20-24

What were the people of Israel to tell their children when they saw the stones piled up?



Family Time

While Eating

God led His people to the Promised Land, the land flowing with milk and honey. Where has God led your family? What riches do you have there?



When Using Technology

Find out details about the Jordan River. What country does it flow through? Does it still flood?



Before Bedtime

Talk about how your church is like the memorial God told Joshua to build. What do you remember when you walk into church?

