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and a King**

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Draw or describe things that can make us doubt God's promise to be with us and bless us.

- John 1:29—The Lamb of God (Jesus) takes away the \_\_\_\_\_  
of the world.
- 2 Timothy 1:10—Jesus abolished \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- Hebrews 2:14—Jesus destroyed \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Our greatest enemies—sin, death, and the devil—are the same enemies the Israelites faced in the wilderness. Moses prayed for Israel, and God was gracious and forgave them. Jesus prays for us, and God is gracious and forgives us. God promises His kingdom to all believers. His victory is ours, and it is glorious!

# The Twelve Spies in Canaan

Numbers  
13–14



It has been about a year since the miraculous crossing of the Red Sea. God has shown He can defeat Israel's enemies. He provides daily food. God revealed His will in the Ten Commandments. Now, He is ready to deliver the biggest miracle yet—the Promised Land. God instructs Moses to send spies into Canaan so that the people of Israel know about the land God is giving them. Surely when the spies report, Israel will be eager to go into the land.

- What do you think the spies will report?
- Do you think the people will trust God? Should they? Why?



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Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Luke 12:32

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## Read

### The Spy Report

Imagine that you are an Israelite. The spies God and Moses sent into the Promised Land are returning. Your task is to report what takes place in the Israelites' camp. What are the actions and attitudes of the Israelite people? Read your assigned section of the Bible account. Write a brief report in the correct box. Then take notes as you hear the other reports.



| SPY REPORTS      |                  |                |                 |
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| Numbers 13:27–29 | Numbers 13:30–33 | Numbers 14:1–4 | Numbers 14:5–10 |
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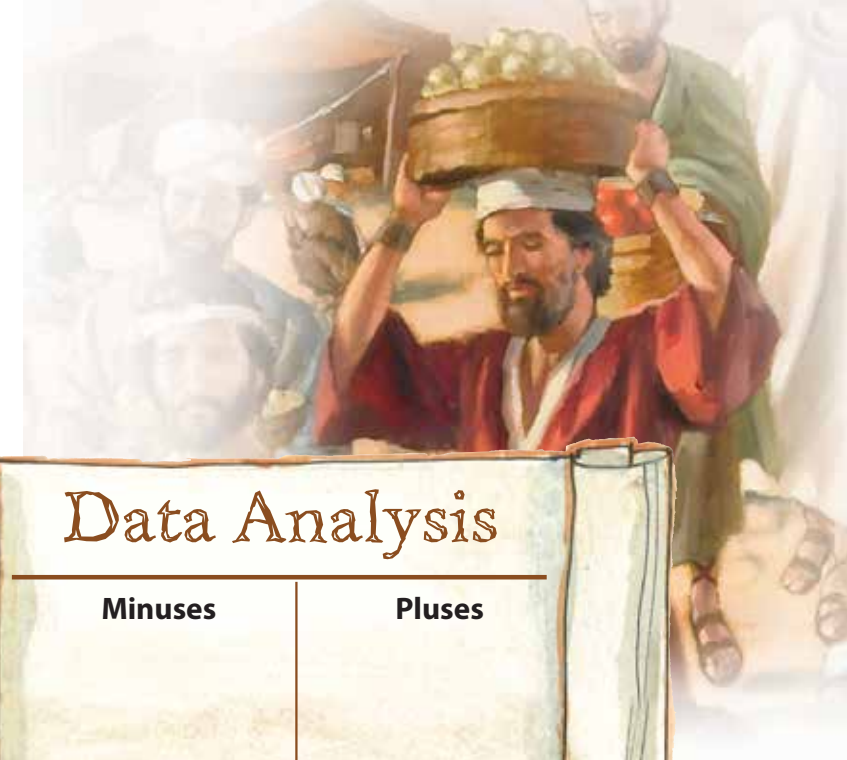
### The Decision

You've heard the reports! In the chart at right, sum up the minuses (the arguments against going into the Promised Land) and pluses (the arguments for it) that you heard.

The majority of God's people focused on the minuses. They refused to enter the land and attempted to stone their own leaders, including Moses! Only the appearance of God at the tabernacle in the middle of the camp stopped them.

God was angry! He threatened to destroy the people with disease and, from Moses' family, create a new nation who would do His will. Moses, however, pleaded for mercy. God relented, but still punished His people. Read Numbers 14:26–38 and list three of things that God did.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.



### Data Analysis

Minuses

Pluses

## At Home

### Things to talk about at home

1. Like the Israelites, we are sinful people. We rebel against our parents, teachers, and other authorities. What are some ways we do this?
2. God promises forgiveness of sins to those who trust in His Son, Jesus, as their Savior. Does that mean our sins will not hurt us in any way? God forgave the Israelites for their rebellion, but there were still consequences for their sin.
3. What keeps us from trusting God and doing His will? How does God promise to help us overcome these things?

After the Israelites entered the Promised Land of Canaan, they began military conquests under the leadership of Joshua to rid the land of the heathen people who lived there. Joshua 13–22 tells how God divided the land among the twelve tribes of Israel.

The Promised Land was the Israelites' inheritance from God to His chosen people. Our inheritance is heaven, freely given to us as redeemed children of our heavenly Father.

Who was the father (or grandfather) of the twelve tribes?

Which tribe did not get any land as an inheritance?

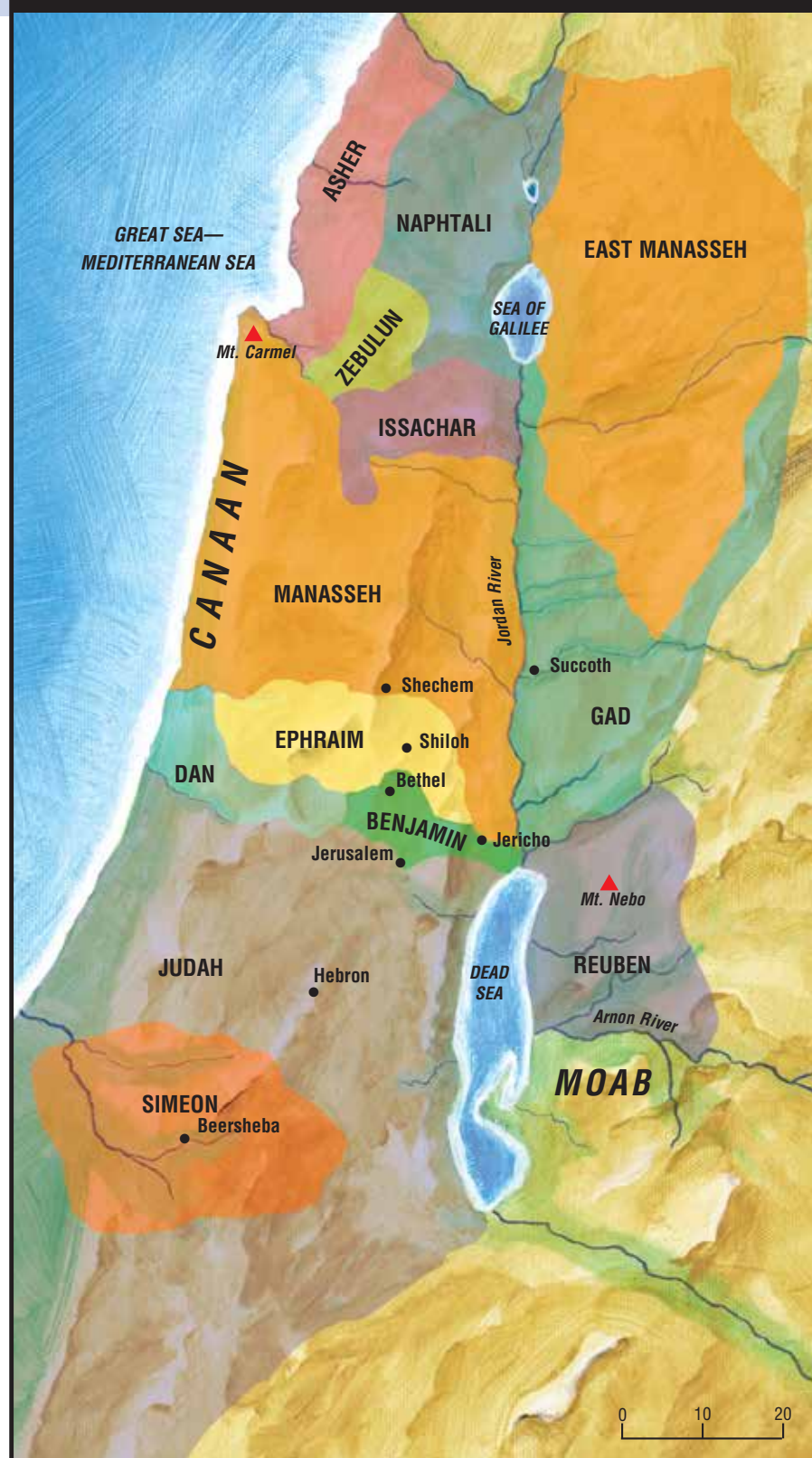
Why?

Which tribes were actually sons of Joseph and grandsons of Jacob?

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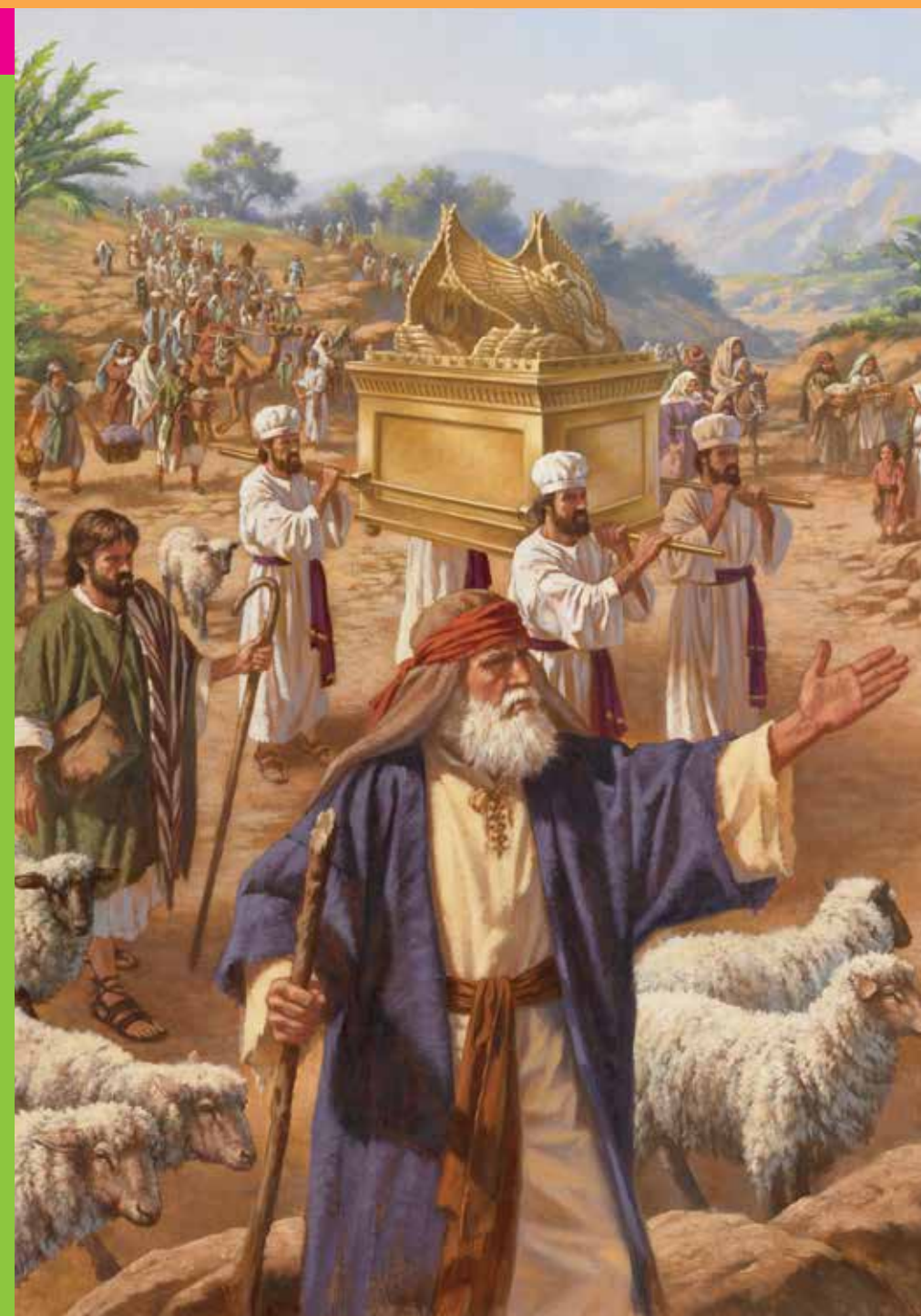
From which tribe would the Messiah, Jesus, be descended?

## The Twelve Tribes in the Promised Land



# Entering the Promised Land

Joshua  
3:1–5:12



The time to be delivered from the desert has come! At the Jordan River, Joshua stands ready to lead Israel out of the wilderness and into the Promised Land flowing with milk and honey. The Lord was with Moses; the Lord is with Joshua. Anticipation is high! God confirms His covenant to Joshua to be with him and give him success in the land God had promised to His people.

“Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go” (Joshua 1:9).



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Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. Acts 2:38

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## Read

Listen carefully as the Bible text, Joshua 3:1–5:1 and 5:10–12, is read. Look at the things God tells Joshua below. When you hear one of them, raise your hand.

- “Be ready to cross the Jordan.” (Joshua 3:2–3)
- “Follow the priests with the ark. You will not get lost.” (Joshua 3:3–4)
- “Joshua, I am with you and will exalt you.” (Joshua 3:7)
- “I will drive out the land’s inhabitants; your enemies’ courage is gone.” (Joshua 3:10; 5:1)
- “Watch what I, the Lord, do at the Jordan.” (Joshua 3:11–13)
- “Set stones as a memorial to remember this day.” (Joshua 4:4–7)
- “Welcome to the Promised Land!” (Joshua 5:10–12)

Draw lines to connect the words that are opposites. Then circle the things God desires for us.

Slavery

Death

Wilderness

Departure

Old

Sin

New

Arrival

Freedom

Life

Forgiveness

Promised Land



And Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.” (Acts 2:38)

## Look

### Departure and Arrival

1. How did the Israelites prepare for the miraculous crossing of the Jordan? (Joshua 3:5)
2. What other “crossing” does this Bible account remind us of? (Exodus 14:21–22)
3. When the people followed the ark of the covenant into the Jordan, whom were they really following? (Exodus 25:21–22)
4. God commanded that they build memorials in the middle of the Jordan and on the west bank. What were the memorial stones intended to bring to mind? (Joshua 4:21–24)
5. How did the Canaanites react to this miracle at the Jordan? (Joshua 5:1)
6. When do Christians today “pass through the water” on the way to the Promised Land? (Titus 3:5–8)

## At Home

### Things to talk about at home

1. How is the Promised Land of Canaan like the eternity in heaven God promises to all who believe in Jesus?
2. What “memorials” do we have in our house to remind us of God’s presence, protection, and love?
3. Who is the next family member to celebrate a Baptism “birthday”? Say a prayer of thanksgiving for the gifts of Baptism and faith for each member of the family.