

ON THE RIGHT TRACK FAMILY DEVOTIONAL

*"LET US HOLD UNSWERVINGLY TO THE HOPE WE PROFESS,
FOR HE WHO PROMISED IS FAITHFUL."*



WEEK 1

OBSTACLES

ARE NO PROBLEM TO GOD.

WEEK 2

COURAGE

COMES FROM KNOWING
GOD'S WORDS.

WEEK 3

GOD CAN USE SOMEONE
LIKE ME.

WEEK 4

WITH GOD, THERE IS
VICTORY!

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Numbers 13-14:9; Psalm 107:1-7,33-37

If you've ever seen a professional auto race, you might have seen safety cars come out onto the track whenever some kind of obstacle disrupts the race. You might have even seen law enforcement do this on cars or motorcycles, driving in a zigzag to get everyone to slow down. It's important for all drivers to heed the warnings of those safety cars because they don't know what kind of danger might lie ahead.

And that's kind of like what God does for us. When we seek God first, instead of going headfirst into something or swerving off course to avoid obstacles on our own, God helps those obstacles to no longer be a problem because obstacles are no problem for God.

Let's race to Numbers, the fourth book of the Old Testament, to the thirteenth chapter! Moses and the people of Israel are getting ready for the Race to the Promised Land! These israelites are the same group of people who escaped from Egypt where they were treated as slaves. Do you remember King Pharaoh, the ten plagues, the parting of the Red Sea?

The people thought they were done for, but God showed up and made a way for them to move forward so that they could enter the land that God promised their ancestors a long time ago. God rescued the Israelite people from the land of Egypt and were leading them to the promised land. But before they could go into the new land God promised them, their leader, Moses, sent twelve spies to check out the new land.

The spies had to see if the people were strong or weak, if the land was good or bad, what type of towns the people lived in, if the land was easy to get into or not, if the land had good soil or not, if there were any trees, and to bring back some fruit.

Ten of the spies reported back to Moses with bad news.

- The cities were protected by giant walls.
- The people were so big and strong.
- The Israelites looked like grasshoppers next to them!
- It looked like there were so many obstacles in the way!

But two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, had a good report. They said that the land was good. It was flowing with milk and honey! The people were big, but God is bigger! Joshua and Caleb spoke up and reminded everyone that God is bigger than any obstacle! They trusted in God's plan to give them the promised land no matter what stood in their way.

Do you know who else faced some obstacles in the wilderness?

Jesus! Jesus was tempted to go against God's plans, but he remembered God's words and was able to overcome those obstacles. Jesus remembered that he was on earth so that he could help remove a giant obstacle for everyone — the broken relationship between God and the world. Because of Jesus, we have a way to know God . . . forever!

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- **WHY DID MOSES SEND THE TWELVE MEN TO CANAAN?**
- **WHAT DID TEN OF THE SPIES SAY ABOUT THE PROMISED LAND?**
- **HOW DID JOSHUA AND CALEB SHOW THEY TRUSTED GOD?**
- **READ PSALM 107:4-6.**
 - **WHAT WERE SOME OF THE OBSTACLES THAT GOD REMOVED FOR THE PEOPLE?**
- **THINK OF A TIME WHEN YOU WERE FACED WITH AN OBSTACLE OR HARD TIME IN YOUR LIFE. HOW DID YOU FEEL BEFORE FACING THE OBSTACLE? HOW DID YOU FEEL AFTER?**
- **WHAT ARE SOME THINGS, OR WHO ARE SOME PEOPLE, THAT MIGHT BE OBSTACLES IN YOUR LIFE RIGHT NOW?**
- **WHAT IS ONE WAY YOU CAN TRUST GOD WITH AN OBSTACLE?**

SCRIPTURE/APPLICATION QUESTIONS



WORSHIP



"JOSHUA 1:9"

KIDS ON THE MOVE

"SUPER WONDERFUL"

YANCY & LITTLE PRAISE PARTY

**Let us hold
unswervingly
to the hope we
profess, for he
who promised
is faithful.**

HEBREWS 10:23 (NIV)

Even better than you are able to get your "car" to the finish line, God is able to steer you in the right direction, especially when obstacles are involved. Because obstacles are no problem for God!

Provide a bunch of random supplies: yarn, tape, pipe cleaners, cotton balls, wax sticks, and the like. Give each kid a paper food tray and a small marble (or mini car for younger kids). Have them create a maze out of these materials with creative obstacles. Afterward, have them navigate their marble through the maze by tilting the box strategically to get the car to the finish line.

(Scan QR code for a worked example.)



ELEMENTARY



ACTIVITY

Even though the people saw that the land God promised them was good, they got scared away by the obstacles they saw.

Give kids two pieces of paper. On one of them, have them make a handprint using green washable paint, and on the other paper, place purple thumbprints in a random array. Help kids cut each of these out and glue them together then attach it to a wooden chopstick or jumbo craft stick.

Put these grapes somewhere in your room to help you remember that obstacles are no problem for God! When we face something that feels impossible, we can be grape-ful that God is with us!

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PRE-SCHOOL