

Bible Discovery

God helps us be brave! (*We're brave!*) Hold up a Bible. **We'll look in the Bible to hear how God helped two of his friends, Caleb and Joshua, be brave. Let's get started.**

- Get comfy and sit in knee-to-knee circles with Connect Crews.
- **Tell about a time you've been brave.** Invite Crew Guides to share first.
- Crew Guides give thumbs-up when everyone has shared.

God helps us be brave. (*We're brave!*) **When you remember that God is with you, you can be the *biggest* kind of brave.** Have kids stretch their arms wide to show "biggest." **God's power will take care of you!**

In the Bible, God had a plan to give his people, the Israelites, a new home in a place called Canaan. Do this with me.

- **God said to Moses, the leader of God's people, "Send some other leaders to the new land I'm planning for you to move to."** Pat legs, as if walking to the new land.
- **"Look around and notice the people, the towns, the trees, and the food."** Place hand against forehead, as if looking into the distance.

Let's do what the Israelite leaders did and explore a fun place in our room.

- Lead kids to an area of the room where there are plenty of toys.
- Invite them to share what they see with their eyes.
- Have them hold up things they found to show the others in their Connect Crew.
- Invite them to tell about the good things they found.
- Have kids put down their discoveries and sit in the new place.

You explored like the Israelite leaders did in the Bible...only they explored for 40 days!

- Lead kids in counting to 40.

After 40 days, they came back from Canaan—that's what their new home was called, like the town we're in is called [name of your town]. The leaders told the rest of God's people what they found. Do this with me.

- **They found huge grapes!** Pretend to carry grapes as big as your arms can hold.
- **They found other delicious fruits.** Pretend to take a bite of a delicious fruit.
- **They found beautiful land.** Lead kids in making rolling hills with their arms by stretching them forward and waving their hands up and down.

Listen to what they said when they came back and told Moses what they saw.

Supplies

- Bible
- "Caleb Trusts God Will Help" Bible Story poster

We call helpers Crew Guides. If you lead a small class, you can be the Crew Guide. Simply gather kids in a cozy circle around you. If you have helpers, form smaller groups so each child can be known—and so kids can befriend your helpers, too!

As kids share their "findings," be sure to summarize what kids say so everyone can hear and share in the excitement.

Repeat, repeat! Feel free to do activities more than once. You'll give kids time to catch on and jump in.



Read the verse from the Bible. You're showing kids that God's Word is special. And don't worry; we've kept the verses short for young attention spans.



Read aloud Numbers 13:27.

Caleb was one of the explorers. He and Joshua were excited about the new land. But some other Israelites were *not* so excited. They said the new land was great, but they were scared to move there. Do this with me.

- **They said there were big, strong men there.** Stomp feet like giants.
- **Everyone else felt teeny-tiny like grasshoppers.** Hop like little grasshoppers.
- **They said there were high, sturdy walls.** Reach up as high as you can.

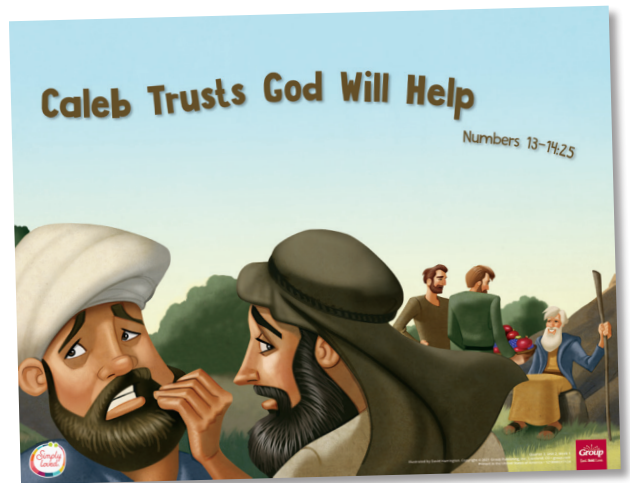
Show the Bible Story poster, and point to the people as you talk about them. **Some of the leaders who explored Canaan were scared, but Caleb knew this was the place God had promised. So God would make a way for them to live there safely. Listen to what Caleb said.**



Read aloud Numbers 13:30.

Caleb wasn't scared because he knew **God helps us be brave!** (*We're brave!*) But some of the other leaders shared all the things they were afraid of with the other people. Except for Caleb and Joshua, everyone was so scared that they cried.

- **Tell about a time you were very scared.** Invite Crew Guides to share first.
- Crew Guides give thumbs-up when everyone has shared.



Sometimes we get scared like the Israelites did. When we're scared, we can always ask God to help us be brave.

When Caleb and Joshua heard how scared the Israelites were, they said this to all the people.



Read aloud Numbers 14:7-8.

The land was going to be wonderful! And God would help the people be brave as they moved in and took over. They could be brave because God would be with them the whole time. And we can be brave because God is with us, too. Even when we're scared, **God helps us be brave! (*We're brave!*)**

- Pray, asking God to help everyone be brave when they're scared.

Now's a great time for Apply-It Options. Choose one or more that fit your time frame to support today's Bible discoveries before the closing Goodbye Circle.