

Believe God's Promises

Twelve Spies



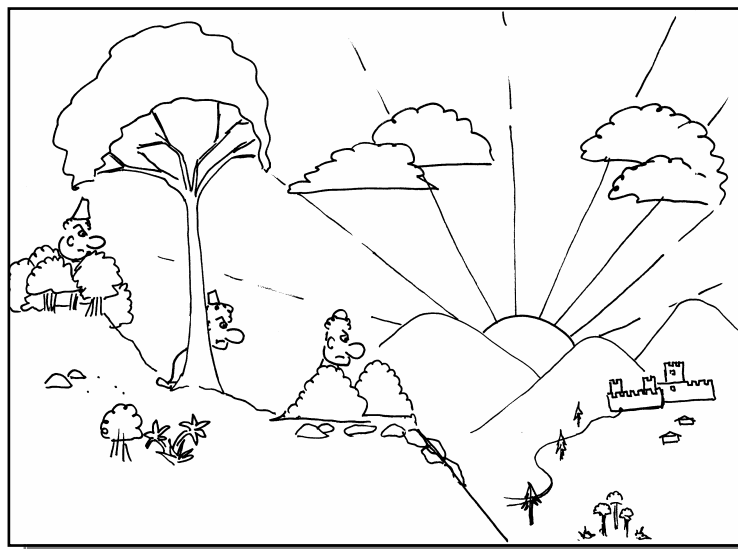
Numbers 13:1-2 God's Word Translation

"The LORD said to Moses, {2} "Send men to explore Canaan, which I'm giving to the Israelites. Send one leader from each of their ancestors' tribes.""

God gave them the land!

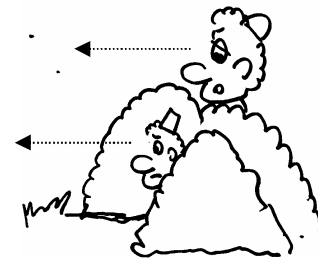
Numbers 13:17-20

"When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he told them, "Go through the Negev and then into the mountain region. {18} See what the land is like and whether the people living there are strong or weak, few or many. {19} Is the land they live in good or bad? Do their cities have walls around them or not? {20} Is the soil rich or poor? Does the land have trees or not? Bring back some fruit from the land."



Numbers 13:25, 27-28

"Forty days later, they came back from exploring the land... This is what they reported to Moses: "We went to the land where you sent us. It really is a land flowing with milk and honey. Here's some of its fruit. {28} But the people who live there are strong, and the cities have walls and are very large. We even saw the descendants of Anak (Giants) there."

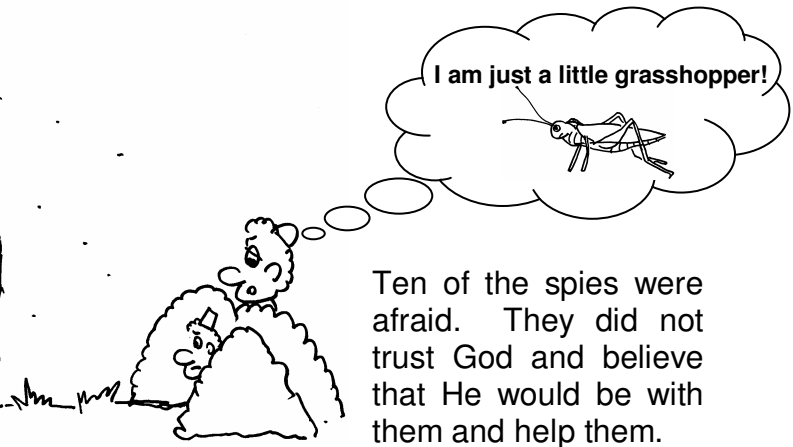
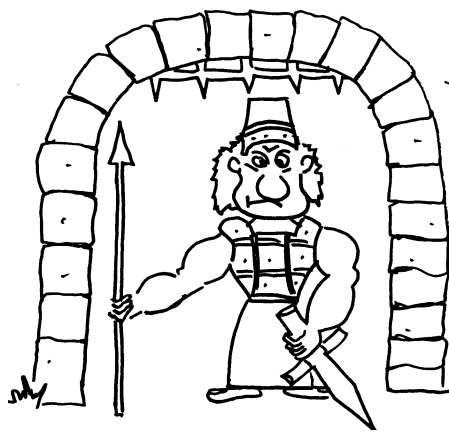
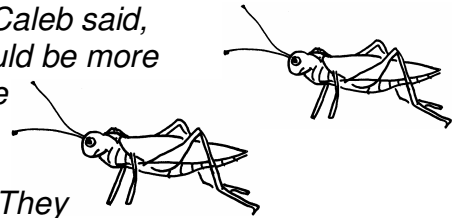


All twelve spies saw exactly the same thing. They saw a beautiful land filled with wonderful things. It was the land that God had promised them. They also saw that there were giants in the land and some of them were very fearful.

"We felt as small as grasshoppers"

Numbers 13:30-33

"Caleb told the people to be quiet and listen to Moses. Caleb said, 'Let's go now and take possession of the land. We should be more than able to conquer it.' {31} But the men who had gone with him said, 'We can't attack those people! They're too strong for us!' {32} So they began to spread lies among the Israelites about the land they had explored. They said, 'The land we explored is one that devours those who live there. All the people we saw there are very tall. {33} We saw ...Giants. We felt as small as grasshoppers, and that's how we must have looked to them.'"

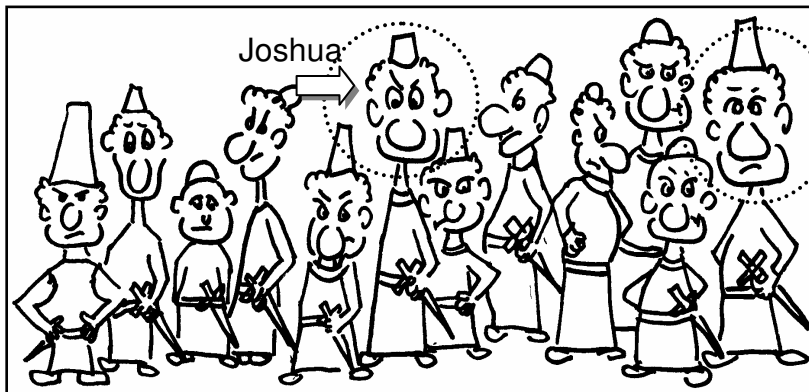


Ten of the spies were afraid. They did not trust God and believe that He would be with them and help them.

Remember what Caleb said? *"Let's go now and take possession of this land."*

Numbers 14:6-8 New King James Version

"But Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes; {7} and they spoke to all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying: 'The land we passed through to spy out is an exceedingly good land. {8} 'If the LORD delights in us, then He will bring us into this land and give it to us, 'a land which flows with milk and honey.'"



Caleb

Psalms 37:4
"Delight yourself also in the LORD, And He shall give you the desires of your heart."

Joshua and Caleb believed God's promise and did not fear. They were the only two spies who God allowed to go into the land of milk and honey.