

KK '21 DQT Devo: Day 1

## "Fully Following God"

**Lesson Passage:**

Numbers 13:17-14:10

**Lesson Focus:** The children will learn that when we fully follow God, He shows and keeps His (unsinkable) promises in our lives.

**Other Study Passages:** Joshua 14:6-15, Numbers 13:1-2

**Lesson Intro:** Show the first picture to the kids. (**Pictures are at the end of the devo**) First without the list see how well they do. If they are struggling show them the one with the list of what they are trying to find. Have them look at it and spot as many animals as they can. If they spot all of them then they can have a treat as a reward. If you have time look at the second picture. If they have figured them all out fast show them the third one. You will have to make your own list of what you see and want them to point out in the second and third pictures. Once you have done the fun activity all together talk about how not everyone saw everything. The more you looked there were still some animals you did not see or did not immediately see until someone showed you. In our lesson today we will see what 12 spies did and did not see and how they reacted to what they saw.

### Story Outline

- I. The Mission. Numbers 13:17-24
- II. The Mission Report. Numbers 13:25-14:10
- III. The Mentioned Men. Numbers 14:24, 30
- IV. The Mentioned Promise. Joshua 14:9a-12
- V. The Mission Completed. Joshua 14:13-15

### Story Overview

Moses sent twelve leaders to scout the land God was giving the people of Israel. They came back with a mixed report. Ten spies gave a bad report according to what they saw. But two spies gave a report according to what God could do. These events affected who got to the promised land and when they got there.

#### **Start with the story of The 12 Spies**

##### **I. The Mission. Numbers 13:1-2,17-24** (key: Num. 13:1-2,17-19,23)

The story begins with the mission God gave Moses to give to some men to spy out or scout the land. The mission these men had was to spy out the land that the Lord God was giving them. This was to be a key factor in it all. God was giving them the land. The men chosen for this mission were each leaders of their families known as the twelve tribes of Israel.

The mission was further detailed by Moses. The men were to go and spy out the cities and people living in them. They were to make note if the cities were strong or weak. If they were built well or out in the open, like with walls or no wall for protection. They were to see if these cities had many people or few and if they were weak or strong. The spies also had to scout the land. The spies had to make note if the land was fruitful or not. Moses told them to look for the trees and what the land had in it. Last Moses tasked them with the mission of bringing back some fruit from the land.

The spies went out and spied out the land and saw all that was in it. They saw the cities and how they were built. They saw the people and how strong or weak they were. They saw what the land produced. In the end they got some fruit as was their mission. They took back with them grapes, pomegranates, and figs. After forty days their mission was complete.

It looked like the mission had been completed without any problem. They had brought back some of the good fruit of the land. Since the mission was to scout the land that God was giving them surely the report would be good. Whatever they were about to report had to be good news. Especially knowing that all they had seen would be theirs since God had promised them that. But the way they presented their report was unexpected.

## **II. The Mission Report. *Numbers 13:25-14:10, Joshua 14:6-7***

The people gathered along with Moses and Aaron for the report from the spies. Everything seemed to be good as they showed them all the fruit from the land. The initial part of the report confirmed what God had said. God had told them the land He was giving them was a land flowing with milk and honey. This meant the land was a very fruitful land.

But then ten of the spies went on to speak on what they had seen as a negative situation. They told everyone that the land was well fortified, and the people were strong. This was part of what they were supposed to go and scout. But they were never meant to bring a bad report. According to these spies they had no chance in going in to conquer the land. One spy attempted for everyone to focus back on the reality of the situation and not just what had been seen. The ten insisted and even mentioned that they had seen the people and there were giants in that land. In the eyes of these ten spies there was no way they could go and take this land. The people were too powerful and greater than them.

After this negative report, the people all went into panic. They got out of hand and completely forgot about God. They complained how they were brought out to die. They went to Moses and Aaron and complained. They wished they had died in Egypt or even in the desert. They even wanted to set a new leader to take them back to Egypt.

Then, the two spies stood up. Caleb, one of these two spies, had already let the people know that he knew they could go and take the land. Although he too had seen everything the other ten saw, he was sure the land was theirs. Once the people complained Joshua rose along with Caleb to speak to the people. They affirmed to everyone that the land was incredibly good. Joshua and Caleb tried to get the people to see the reality of the situation. God would go with them and give them the land flowing with milk and honey. That was the promise all along. These two spies knew that God could and would deliver on His promise. They urged the people to trust God and not to be afraid. Conquering the land did not hinge on the cities and giants in the land. The land would be conquered because God would give the land to them. They told the people not to turn away from God now and rebel from doing what He wanted to give them. The land was as good as theirs because God was with them and against the giants and people of the land. But the people did not listen to these two spies. They immediately wanted to get rid of these two by stoning them, but God stepped in. Caleb and Joshua seemed to be the only ones to fully trust God to deliver on His promises.

How easy it can be sometimes to only see the trouble. How hard it is sometime to see God. Sometimes there are giants and strong cities everywhere.

## **III. The Mentioned Men. *Numbers 14:24a ; Joshua 14:8, 9b***

The two spies had seen something the ten did not. The two spies had seen something no one in Israel managed to see. The two spies had stood up to tell everyone of what God could and would do. But it seemed like it had no effect. They had stood up for their trust in God and it almost got them killed. That is how it

seemed. Until we see what God saw in Caleb and Joshua. What they had done and their trust in God had not gone unnoticed. Even in the middle of a whole nation that refused to listen to them, God had seen them.

What a moment when Caleb and Joshua found out from Moses what God saw in them. When God told Moses that Caleb was His servant. When God told Moses that Caleb had a different spirit in him than the rest. When God testified that Caleb indeed was a man who fully followed the Lord. Caleb was not all words. God gave testimony that the relationship and trust Caleb had in God was real. The faith and trust with which Caleb and Joshua followed God made them part of an unsinkable promise only made to them.

#### **IV. The Mentioned Promise. *Numbers 14:24b, 30, 38; Joshua 14:9a-12***

The faithfulness of Caleb and Joshua was not the only thing God mentioned about them. Because they fully followed and trusted the Lord God made them an unsinkable promise. God said they would be the only two from all the people older than twenty that would be allowed to enter the land. Not only that but they would get to go in and conquer the land they had seen. Their fellowship with God to trust in Him had allowed them to be part of an unsinkable promise.

Forty-five years later Caleb went to Joshua and testified to the unsinkable promise God had made. God promised them that they would enter the land. Caleb admitted that he knew that it was God who had kept alive for the last forty-five years. Not only had God kept His promise to bring them into the land God had allowed Caleb to still be as strong at eighty-five years old as he had been when he was forty. Not even time or getting old could affect the unsinkable promise. God had set up His promise. God had kept Caleb and Joshua ready for the moment where they would come in to conquer the land. And it all went back to the choice they had made to trust and fully follow God. That choice and fellowship with God had carried them for forty-five years later.

It was not only their choice then, but how Caleb still at eighty-five was fully following the Lord. He had gone to Joshua to ask for the land he had once stepped on. This land had the giants that the rest of the people had feared. But Caleb still only saw what God could do. Caleb still held to his trust in God. Caleb wanted that land to go and conquer it like the Lord said. Caleb knew that if the Lord was with him, it would be his.

#### **V. The Mission Accomplished. *Joshua 14:13-15***

Joshua blessed Caleb and let him proceed to conquering that land. They both still knew what God could and would do. Caleb went after the land and the Bible testifies that that land became the inheritance of Caleb and his family. But the Word of God is clear that this unsinkable promise came to pass because Caleb was a man who fully followed the Lord. Caleb lived his whole life trusting in God. It is because of this trust and type of walk that Caleb had that took God to keep such a great unsinkable promise. Caleb had walked like this even when there was only him and Joshua. Even when this way of living life almost got him killed. Even when it was not popular, he fully followed the Lord. God then did the unsinkable in the life of Caleb. Even in the last detail given in this passage. The land that one day held the name of a giant was changed to Hebron because Caleb fully followed the Lord.

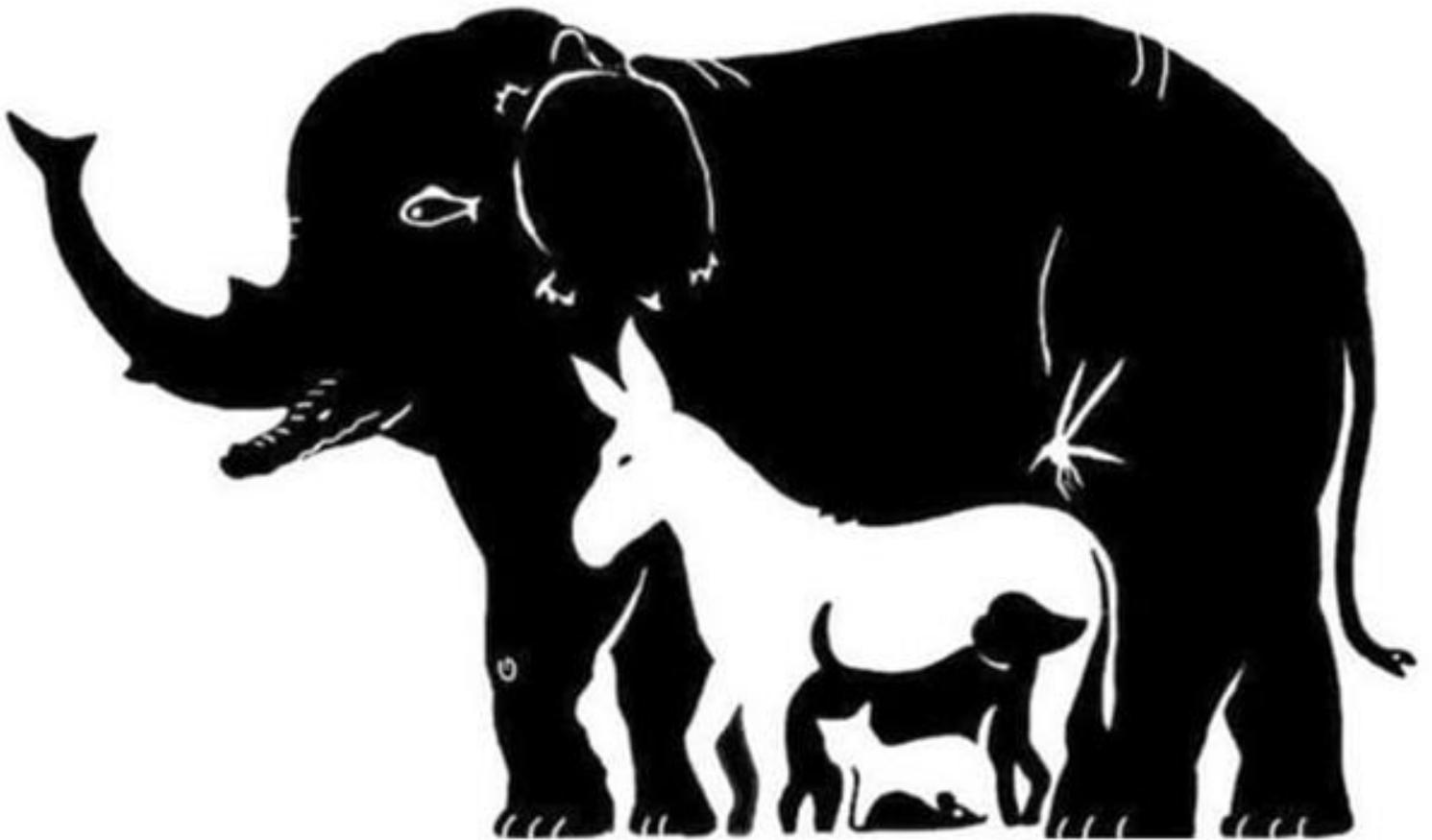
**Conclusion:** Caleb and Joshua stood out in the middle of the whole nation of Israel because they chose to live fully following the Lord their God. The rest of Israel was led in the wrong direction by the ten spies and Caleb and Joshua almost lost their lives for fully following God. But this choice to live fully trusting the Lord took them to be part of an unsinkable promise from God. Forty-five years after this promise Caleb retold of how good God had been. God had kept him alive and allowed him to have the same strength at eighty-five the same as forty. Caleb was still convinced at eighty-five that he could fully follow the Lord and go after the giants to get the land God promised him. Because Caleb lived fully following the Lord God kept His unsinkable promise.

**Application:** God is still looking to find a boy or girl that fully follows the Lord like Caleb and Joshua. For a boy and girl that trust God and walks in His way even when nobody else does. Even when all the other kids say that that is not the best way. Even when all the other kids go against it. God is looking for someone who fully follows Him in the middle of a world where very few and sometimes none want to follow Him.

*Will you obey your parents as God says when no one else thinks it is a good idea? Will you tell the truth as God says when everyone else thinks little lies are okay? Will you love others as God says when everyone else says it is fun to be mean or exclude others? Will you fully follow God and His promise that all these things will take you to see His unsinkable plan and promise for your life?*

It may seem difficult to do these things when no one else sees them as good for us but God is looking for a Caleb and a Joshua who fully follow Him. When God finds a Caleb or a Joshua who trust Him and fully follow Him, then God makes unsinkable promises for their lives. Promises that time will not change. A mission God will help us accomplish because we fully follow Him.





1. Elephant
2. Donkey
3. Dog
4. Cat
5. Mouse

6. Mosquito
7. Snake
8. Crocodile
9. Dolphin
10. Tortoise

11. Fish
12. Prawn  
(*shrimp*)

