

Large Group

The People Doubted

Bible Passage | Numbers 13-14

Memory Verse | Romans 8:28

Story Point | The people who doubted God were not able to enter the land of Canaan.



Countdown Video (3 mins)

Memory Verse Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader connects the lesson to the memory verse, leads the memory verse song with hand motions, and closes in prayer.

Welcome (1 mins)

Large Group Leader tell kids what to expect to happen (1 minute)

- watch the lesson video
- retell the story.
- read the story from scripture

Watch the Lesson Video (4 mins)

Retell the Story (11 mins)

Lead the kids in a fun retelling of the story

Here are some resources to help you formulate this time.

Review what we learned:

Last week, we learned how God provided for His people in the wilderness. He gave them everything they needed and even provided help for Moses to lead the people. Yet, God's people grumbled and wanted more than what God provided. Their hearts did not trust God and believe He loved them. Today, we will learn how God's people still struggled to trust God and His promises. We'll see how they doubted God and refused to obey Him.

Today's Lesson

God instructed Moses to send spies into the land of Canaan, which He had promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. But when the spies returned, they were so afraid of the people living in Canaan that they chose not to trust God's promise to them. Fear often leads us to doubt God's power, truth, and His good plans. How did Joshua and Caleb react differently than the people? [Allow responses.] Joshua and Caleb believed that God would give them the land He promised. They trusted God was working for their good, and He would be more powerful than the people in the land.

God gave the people who did not trust Him a consequence. What was their punishment? [Allow responses.] **The people who doubted God were not able to enter the land of Canaan.** The people who doubted God would die in the wilderness and never get to live in the good land God was giving His people. Our disobedience has consequences too. What is the punishment for sin? [Allow responses.] The Bible tells us that the punishment for sin is death. However, God has provided the way to be saved from sin and death through His Son, Jesus.

Joshua and Caleb believed the words that God had spoken, and they were eventually allowed to enter the Promised Land. The people who did not believe would die in the wilderness. If we believe the words God has spoken about Jesus and place our faith in Him, we will be saved from our sin and will enter the new heaven and new earth.

Gospel Discussion | God is good and has good plans for those who love Him. We can trust Him and His promises. God promises that anyone who trusts in Jesus will be saved. When we turn away from sin and turn to Jesus, we are forgiven. And we receive the promise of life with God forever in His kingdom, where there will be no more sin, sadness, or death.

Read from the Bible (4 mins)

Numbers 13:1-3, 17-21, 26-33; 14:1-10, 26-27, 30

Remind Kids of Four Questions (1 min)

- What did you like about today's story?
- What did you find confusing?
- What did you learn about people?
- What did you learn about God?

Worship Song (4 mins)

Worship Leader briefly introduces self, welcomes kids, leads 1st worship song, and prays for the time.