



THE GOSPEL PROJECT JR. Unit 7.1 Joshua & Caleb

Date: Sunday November 9, 2025 **Teachers:** Brittany G (lead) Meg D

Bible Passage: Numbers 13:1–14:38 **Key Passage:** Joshua 1:9

Props: bring from home: ** papertowel/t.p rolls (2) **at centre:** activity sheet

REVIEW RULES:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Speak Kind words like our God three in ONE!

MINI CATECHISM: B- Bread of Life

Susan

INTRO VIDEO: THE TIMELINE

Mike

We have just covered the story of the Israelites 40 years in the wilderness and all of the ways God provided a way for them to be His people and for God to be their God, for GOD TO BE WITH THEM! Let's review where we've been and where we are going.

THE BIBLE STORY: Joshua and Caleb

DISCUSSION VIDEO:

Whom can we trust? We can trust God to take care of us. Since God always does what is good, He always keeps His promises, and He will always take care of us.

KEY PASSAGE VERSE: (write the verse on a whiteboard before class,)

Brittany

***"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."* Joshua 1:9** (circle all of the commandments, and ask why they were commanded these things? They were commanded to be strong and not be afraid *because* God was with them) Practise it aloud a few times

DISMISS JR. KIDS -GR. 1

ACTIVITY: "Trust God and see bigger than fear" materials: (activity sheet)

Guide preschoolers to circle the biggest item in each row. The items on your activity page are part of today's Bible story. Was it easy to tell which item was the biggest? In our Bible story today, the Israelites were scared because the people who were living in the promised land were way bigger than they were. Their fear of the people who were bigger was making them focus on the bad things, and miss the great things in the promised land that God had promised them.

ACTIVITY: "12 spies" materials: blocks, masking tape, marker

Before the session, write the numbers **1** through **12** on pieces of masking tape. Then place the numbers on 12 blocks. Help preschoolers as they take turns putting the blocks in numerical order.

In today's Bible story, God told Moses to send men to look at the land God was going to give the Israelites. Moses sent out 12 men, a man from each family tribe. Let's hear what they discovered.

GOSPEL GEMS/REVIEW (depending on age of kids do one or the other)

Moses told 12 men to look at the promised land.

Joshua and Caleb trusted God to keep His promises.

God sent Jesus because He loves us.

OR

How did the Israelite spies describe the people and cities of Canaan? (large and strong)

Which two Israelite spies said the Israelites could take the land with God's help? (Joshua and Caleb)

Who asked God to forgive the Israelite people for complaining and not trusting God? (Moses)

Whom did God say could go into the promised land? (Joshua, Caleb, and the young people)

ACTIVITY: "Trust God"

Demonstrate the sign for trust. Hold one fist on top of the other at chest level. Invite toddlers to sign trust and point up for God. Practice signing "trust God" together. Joshua and Caleb trusted God to keep His promises.

WE CAN TRUST GOD TOO!

ACTIVITY: "I Spy" materials: (paper towel/toilet paper tubes from home, tape)**

Glue/tape two paper/towel/toilet paper tubes together and show the kids how to practice looking through them. (have kids take turns looking through the binoculars out the window and name the things they see). What the spies in the land saw was all of the things that scared them, not the things that were wonderful and their fear cast a shadow over God's promises and they could not "see" the good things in the land.

ACTIVITY: "Compare Heights" materials: (sticky notes in folder)

Before class, measure the height of an adult helper along one wall using a sticky note. Measure the height of each toddler with sticky notes and compare the sizes. In our story the spies saw really tall people and they thought they couldn't go near them, but Joshua and Caleb weren't afraid they trusted God.

OPTIONAL ACTIVITY: "Cry babies" materials: none

Play this version of "Red Light, Green Light." Invite children to line up shoulder to shoulder on a far wall. Choose a volunteer to be Joshua and stand opposite his friends against the other wall. When Joshua faces the wall, children will try to move across the room while pretending to weep loudly. When Joshua turns around and says, "We can trust God!" they must stop weeping and freeze. The first child to reach Joshua becomes the next Joshua. When the Israelites heard that the people in Canaan were stronger than them, they started to cry. They cried all night, but Caleb and Joshua trusted God. God had a plan for Joshua to lead the Israelites into the promised land.

PRAY: God, we trust your promises. You are good. Amen!

FREE PLAY/COLOURING SHEET/SNACK