

Story Time: Read the story to the children:
Lesson 50: WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS
NUMBERS 14:11-35

The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "How long will these people continue to turn against me? They show that they don't trust me or believe in my power, in spite of the many miracles I have done among them. I will kill them all with a terrible sickness. I will destroy them, and I will use you to make another nation. Your nation will be greater and stronger than these people." Then Moses said to the LORD, "If you do that, the Egyptians will hear about it! They know that you used your great power to bring your people out of Egypt. The Egyptians have already told the people in Canaan about it. They already know you are the LORD. They know that you are with your people. They know that the people saw you. Those people know about the special cloud. They know you use the cloud to lead your people during the day. And they know the cloud becomes a fire to lead your people at night. So you must not kill these people now. If you kill them, all the nations who have heard about your power will say, 'The LORD was not able to bring them into the land he promised them. So he killed them in the desert.' "So now, Lord, show your strength! Show it the way you said you would. You said, 'The LORD is slow to become angry. He is full of great love. He forgives those who are guilty and break the law. But he always punishes those who are guilty. He punishes them, and he also punishes their children, their grandchildren, and even their great-grandchildren for those bad things.' Now, show your great love to these people. Forgive their sin. Forgive them the same way you have been forgiving them since the time they left Egypt until now." The LORD answered, "Yes, I will forgive the people as you asked. But I tell you the truth. As surely as I live and as surely as the Glory of the LORD fills the whole earth, I make you this promise: None of the people I led out of Egypt will ever see the land of Canaan. They saw my glory and the great signs that I did in Egypt and in the desert. But they disobeyed me and tested me ten times. I promised their ancestors that I would give them that land. But none of those people who turned against me will ever enter that land! But my servant Caleb was different. He follows me completely. So I will bring him into the land that he has already seen, and his people will get that land. The Amalekites and the Canaanites are living in the valley. So tomorrow you must leave this place. Go back to the desert on the road to the Red Sea." The LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "How long will these evil people continue to complain against me? I have heard their complaints

and their griping. So tell them, 'The LORD says that he will surely do all those things to you that you complained about. This is what will happen to you: You will die in this desert. Every person who is 20 years old or older and was counted as one of my people will die. You complained against me. So none of you will ever enter and live in the land that I promised to give you. Only Caleb son of Jephunneh and Joshua son of Nun will enter that land. You were afraid and complained that your enemies in that new land would take your children away from you. But I tell you that I will bring them into the land. They will enjoy what you refused to accept. As for you people, you will die in this desert. "'Your children will wander around like shepherds here in the desert for 40 years. They will suffer because you were not faithful to me. They must suffer until all of you lie dead in the desert. For 40 years you will suffer for your sins. (That is one year for each of the 40 days that the men explored the land.) You will know that it is a terrible thing for me to be against you.' "I am the LORD, and I have spoken. And I promise that I will do these things to all these evil people. They have come together against me. So they will all die here in this desert."

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MEMORY VERSE:

"The LORD is long suffering and abundant in mercy...." Rer577NUMBERS 14:18

TRUE OR FALSE

1. The LORD told Moses to choose one leader from each tribe of Israel to go into Canaan and explore it. TRUE or FALSE
2. Moses would not send the men in there, even though the LORD commanded him to. TRUE or FALSE
3. The twelve men stayed in Canaan for two days. TRUE or FALSE
4. They found a bunch of grapes so big that it was as big as a house, and only giants could carry it. TRUE or FALSE
5. They saw descendants of a giant named Anak in Canaan. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. What kind of fruit did the men find in Canaan that was so big? How many men did it take to carry one bunch?
2. How many men believed in the LORD's promise, and said that the Israelites were able to take the land and possess it?
3. What did the other men say about seeing the descendants of the giants (the Anakim) there? What did they say it made them feel like?
4. Were the Israelites happy and excited to go into the land? What did they do? What did they say?
5. If the LORD is on your side, can anyone be too strong to stop you? Would the Israelites have been able to go in and take control of the land of Canaan if the LORD was on their side?

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(NUMBERS 13:1-14:9)

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CALEB
CANAAAN
DELIGHTS
FRUIT

GIANTS
GRAPES
GRASSHOPPERS
HONEY

JOSHUA
LAND
LORD

MILK
REBEL
SPIES

50. WANDERING IN THE WILDERNESS (CRAFT)

Materials:

- Paper tube (paper towel or gift wrap)
- Construction paper
- scotch tape
- OPTIONAL: clear plastic wrap
- OPTIONAL: stickers for decorating

Instructions:

- OPTIONAL: Take a small square of plastic wrap and cover one end of the paper tube. Secure the plastic wrap with tape. This is the glass lens for your spyglass. Don't worry if it is not neat because you will be covering the edges of the plastic wrap in the next step.
- Cover the outside of your paper tube with construction paper. (You choose the colors) Add a narrow strip of yellow around the end that has the glass (plastic wrap).
- OPTIONAL: You may like to decorate your spyglass with stickers.



PRAYER Lead the children in a prayer of commitment to trust in the Lord no matter what the circumstances. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the Gospel, give them opportunity.