

## Spies Sent to the Promised Land

### References

Numbers 13-14.

### Notes for Servants

- ★ Jesus cares for the birds in the air and the lilies of the field, aren't you more valuable than them? (Matthew 6:26 - 34).
- ★ The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? (psalm 27:1-2).
- ★ Note Hoshea and Caleb's faith and their trust in the power of God and His promises in spite of the logical and natural obstacles.

### Objectives

**General:** The perfection in God's promises.

**Specific:**

The children will be able to ...

- A. Understand that God's promises must be fulfilled no matter what.
- B. Know that everything is possible if we believe in Him.
- C. Learn some life applications for this.

### Bible Verse

**" I will not leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and of good courage. "**

( Joshua 1:5-6 )

### Teaching Aids

Picture for lesson.

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### Instruction

- (1) Review last week's lesson.
- (2) Who remembers the verse?
- (3) Remind the children about the church occasions for the coming week.

### Story Time

God looked to the nations situations and what the Pharaoh has done to them. So, He wanted to save them from being slaves. He chose the prophet Moses to lead the nation to the land which God promised them to inherit a land which flows with milk and honey.

- Who remembers the name of this land?

Indeed Moses obeyed God and led the nation depending on God because God said, "I will not leave you nor forsake you." On their way, they sang and God showed many miracles through them.

- Who can remember some of these miracles?

Moses led the nation until they reached the Jordan river. God guided Moses to send men to discover the promised land, Canaan. Moses chose one man from each tribe.

- How many tribes were there?

From the tribe of Judah he chose a man called Caleb and from the tribe of Ephraim he chose a man called Joshua. Moses held a special meeting and reminded them that God said, "I will not leave nor forsake you."

- What did Moses tell them in this meeting?

- Who can remember the verse?

The twelve asked the whole nation to pray and they began their journey. On their way, they sang to God and if one of them got tired the rest encourage him by saying the verse, "I will not leave you nor forsake you." They prayed until they reached the city. They found that it was full of good and great wealth. It was the time of grapes, so they brought with them pomegranates, figs and a huge branch of grapes that they weren't able to carry except between two of them on a pole. Then they returned after they stayed forty days.

- How many were those who went to spy the land?

- What did they carry with them?

When the twelve returned back, they met Moses. He blew the trumpet and the nation gathered. They told them that the land flows with milk and honey, full of grass, beautiful flowers and delicious fruits. They brought to them this branch of grapes to know that they were saying the truth. (Here the teacher can say a dialogue which might have taken place between the nation and the twelve and how ten of the sent tried to frighten them and convince them that they would not be able to enter their land. Also, they said the people were giants and the cities were well protected and the fences were high. Then, the teacher can discuss the nation's fear, their withdrawal and their demand to chose a leader from them to turn them back to Egypt where they came and show the faithful characters of Hoshea and Caleb. They tried to calm the people down and encourage them by saying, "The land is very good, if God loved us he would give it to us and the way to it is easy. He said, "I will not leave you nor forsake you." Remember the miracles which God made with us and if God is with us we won't be afraid. The nation didn't listen to them, but shouted and threw stones at them.)

The glory of God appears in the tabernacle of meeting before all the children of Israel. The Lord's announcement came that no one from the people will see the land except Joshua and Caleb who obeyed God and were honest in Him. Indeed the war began and God was with the people and they defeated their giant enemies because God said, "I will not leave you." None of those twelve entered the good land except Joshua and Caleb.

## **Discussion**

- 1 - Follow up the story by talking about it with the children.
- 2 - Continue the discussion while they do the activity.

## **Learning Activities**

Activity Sheet.