

TWO BELIEVING MEN

Timeless Truth: Faith in God's promises will be rewarded. Doubt will be punished.

Bible Basis: Numbers 13:1–3, 17–33; 14:1–11, 22, 34–38

Key Verse: [Joshua and Caleb] said, "If the Lord is pleased with us, he'll lead us into that land. ... He'll give it to us." —Numbers 14:8 NIV

Resource: *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 6: "Two Believing Men"

PARENT TIPS

Read chapter 6 in *The Story for Little Ones* several times this week and talk about the key point. Reading the story several times will help your preschooler to remember it. Use the Table Talk questions to talk about the lesson. Use the questions anytime throughout the week, not just at the table. The Living Faith activity is designed to help your child remember the Bible lesson while being a spy. The Extra Mile ideas give you more ways to help your child remember the lesson.

GET THE POINT

Joshua and Caleb believed in God's promise. I can believe in God's promises too.

TABLE TALK

- **What is a promise?** (*Something that you say you will or will not do.*)
- **Ten spies were scared. Tell me a time when you were scared.**
- **Joshua and Caleb had courage. Tell me about a time when you had courage.**

LIVING FAITH

Moses sent twelve spies to find out about the land God promised them. Let your child pretend to be Joshua or Caleb spying out the land. Gather three to five pictures or items from this week's Bible story in a room in your house. The pictures could be of a bunch of grapes, a carton of milk, a giant, a city with walls, and a map. Make sure your child knows what she is looking for. Hide the pictures in a room in your house in places easy enough for your preschooler to find if she looks. You can also hide the pictures throughout your house for more of a challenge. Your child can collect the pictures as she finds them. After your child finds all the hidden items and brings them to you, have her tell you about the land, using the pictures. You may need to prompt your child about some pictures.

EXTRA MILE

Joshua, Caleb, and the other spies brought back grapes that were so huge that they had to carry the bunch between them. Enjoy a snack of grapes and milk while you talk about God's promises. For younger preschoolers, you may need to cut the grapes into pieces before they eat them.

Play "I Spy" with your child while you are waiting somewhere this week. You can use a book or just look for the things around you.

Talk with your child about things you would like to do together this week. Write them down on separate pieces of paper and put them in a jar. Throughout the week, let your child pull out one of the promises and then do the activity listed together.

Use these motions to help your child remember part of the key verse.

If the Lord (*Make an L with your right hand. Bring the L across your body from your right shoulder to your left hip.*)

Is pleased with us, (*Point to a smile on your face.*)

He'll lead us into that land. (*Walk in place.*)

Numbers 14:8 (*Open hands like a book.*)