

At-A-Glance: Ages 4-5 God of Wonders Part 2: Genesis - Joshua Unit 9, Lesson 45

# The Wilderness: Joshua and Caleb

Lesson Aim: To know we can trust God with our fears.

# THE WELCOME

TREASURE CHEST

WHISPER VERSE AND SIGN LANGUAGE: "Do not be afraid."

## THE WORSHIP THE GOD WHO SENDS

Sing the Bible Memory Verse Song and other related songs.

It's Praise Time—our time to sing praise to the God who sends us where He wants us to go. He sent you here today and He is with you now. Giving our offering, singing, and praying to Him are great ways we can thank God for all He has done for us. Play: "Give Thanks" as background music while collecting the offering.

**OFFERING:** Collect the offering.

WORSHIP ILLUSTRATION: The Adventures of Delbert & Lello puppet

script or storybook

God had Moses send twelve spies into a new land. The people there were taller and stronger, so many were afraid. Moses said, "Do not be afraid." Review the Whisper Verse. Include sign language.

Have you ever been afraid to go to a new place? It's important to remember we can trust in God, just as Joshua and Caleb did. Even when we feel very small, we can trust God to take care of us wherever He sends us! Sing: "Do Not Let Your Hearts Be Troubled."

Let's sing a promise to God that we will go when He sends us. We can march around the room as we sing. Sing: "Here Am I." We do not need to be afraid to go to new places or try new things because His love goes with us wherever we go. Sing: "I Am with You."

# THE WORD JOSHUA AND CALEB TRUST THE LORD CLASSROOM PROMISE

Last time, we learned God sent His people the Ten Commandments. Commandment number five says to honor your father and your mother. Who remembered to do that this week? Today, we will learn how God sent twelve spies into a new land. Only two spies, Joshua and Caleb, trusted God to keep them safe. Let's open the Bible to the book of Deuteronomy to learn more. Handle the Bible as a special treasure, leaving it open to Deuteronomy 1:29.

#### WATCH THE WORD: DEUTERONOMY 1:21-36

Read poem. Display visual.

- > Moses chose twelve good men.
- > He sent them out to spy on the land.
- > So, up into the hills they climbed.
- > They picked tasty fruit and spied.
- But, most forgot to trust the Lord;
- > They were frightened to hear the spies' report.
- > They grumbled for they were afraid.
- > God was angry to hear them complain.
- > "Our enemies are huge in that new place.
- > They are taller and stronger; we are afraid.
- > And the enemy walls they go so high,
- We hear they reach up to the sky!"
- Moses said, "Do not be afraid.
- > Remember our God always makes a way!"
- Only Joshua and Caleb trusted in the Lord.
- > God gave them the land as their reward!

What did Moses say to the frightened people? ("Do not be afraid.") Let's find our answer in the Bible. Read Deuteronomy 1:29.

That reminds me of our Whisper Verse. Let's say our Whisper Verse together: "Do not be afraid." Include sign language or hand motions.

### THE WAY WE CAN TRUST THE LORD

**CRAFT:** Spy Glass

GAMES: I Spy with My Little Eye, Tents in the Wilderness

**SNACK:** Fruit in the Wilderness

CIRCLE OF PRAYER FINAL FIVE MINUTES

- COMPLETED CRAFT
- PONDER, PRAY & PLAY
- COLOR THIS STORY

# **GOT TIME?**

SAY & DO: Deuteronomy 1:21-36

BIBLE MEMORY VERSE ACTIVITY: Stepping Stones

STORY TIME