



# God Leads His People

The Story — Lesson 6

**Scripture:** Numbers 13—20

**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

**Bible Truth:** Faith is required to follow God’s plan.

**Age 2—rising 2nd grade:** Read *The Story for Little Ones*, Chapter 6: “Two Believing Men”

**Rising 3rd—6th grades:** Read *The Story for Kids*, Chapter 6: “Wandering”

## STEP 1: Come Together

Gather the family and tell them you’re going to spend a few minutes studying God’s word together. Pray and thank God for giving you time together and for being a God who always keeps his promises.

Lead your younger children in a game of ‘I Spy.’ Say, “**I’ll describe something I see in this room, and you tell me what it is. I spy something...**” (big, tall, orange, round, etc.) Give clues until your child guesses correctly.

Say, “**Today we are going to read about two real live spies named Caleb and Joshua. A spy is a person who secretly watches something to get information.**”

Ask one of your older children to go into another room and report back about something they see. Tell them they can’t say the name of the thing they’re describing, they can only tell you about it. Try to guess what they’re describing. Say, “[Name] gave us a report about something only he/she could see. In our story today, we’ll find out how a report that some spies gave influenced the way God’s people thought about a promise that God had made.”

## STEP 2: Hear the Story

Read today’s story from your copy of *The Story*, or read Numbers 13-14 together.

## STEP 3: Explore More

Review these catechism questions and answers to follow up on today’s story. Read the questions and answers, then repeat each one, having your child repeat back the answer.

**Question 14:** Where do you learn how to love and obey God? (In the Bible alone.)

**Question 15:** Who wrote the Bible? (Chosen men who were inspired by the Holy Spirit.)

## STEP 4: Dig Deeper

Read (or have your older children read) 1 Timothy 2:5 in your Bible. In our story today, Moses stood in the middle for his people and prayed to God saying, “Please forgive the sins of your people, according to your great steadfast love” (Numbers 14:11-24). God granted Moses’ prayer because Moses prayed for the one thing that could save Israel: God’s steadfast love and forgiveness. Although God didn’t allow Israel into the Promised Land, he forgave Israel because he knew that one day his Son, Jesus, would stand in the middle as their true mediator and die on the cross for their sins. Centuries later, in a letter to Timothy, the apostle Paul called Jesus the one true mediator who stood in the middle between sinful man and a holy God. Even as Moses prayed, God saw ahead to the day when he would send his Son.

## MONDAY .....

**Read** Numbers 13:1-2

**Ask** Who did God say he was giving the land of Canaan to?

**Read** Hebrews 11:1

**Pray** and thank God for that he always keeps his promises. Ask him for faith to trust him when things seem uncertain.

## TUESDAY .....

**Read** Numbers 14:1-5

**Ask** What did the people want to do?

**Read** 1 Peter 5:6-7

**Pray** and ask God to help you “cast all your anxieties on him.” Are there things you are worried about today, or things you’re tempted to grumble about? Confess these to God!

## WEDNESDAY .....

**Read** Numbers 14:26-30

**Ask** Why was God angry with Israel (verse 27)?

**Read** Hebrews 3:18-19

**Pray** and ask God to protect you from unbelief. Ask him for forgiveness for times you’ve grumbled and to give you a grateful praising spirit.

## THURSDAY .....

**Read** Numbers 20:7-8 and 20:11

**Ask** What did God tell Moses to do? (*Speak to the rock.*) What did Moses do? (*Hit the rock.*)

**Read** Hebrews 4:15

**Pray** and thank God for sending us a perfect mediator in his Son, Jesus. Ask him to forgive you for times you, like Moses, have not followed God’s commands.

## FRIDAY .....

**Read** Hebrews 10:16

**Ask** What does the Lord say he will write on our hearts and minds?

**Read** Hebrews 10:17

**Praise** God for remembering our sins no more! Thank him for putting his law on our hearts so that we can know how to love him and love others well, and thank him for sending Jesus so that our sins are forgiven when we fail.