

Joshua and Caleb

Hello Mom and Dad

We love the Word of God and we know every promise He makes holds true today as it was spoken years ago. Today, hear the heart of God as you navigate another new week with its own challenges: "When you go through deep waters, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown. When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you." – Isaiah 43:2-3

We have a brilliant opportunity to create the future we desire with the words from our mouth. Such opportunity brings great responsibility as Proverbs 18:21 states "The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences." As we walk with God, we grow in our ability to speak words that bring life. This week we desire our children to learn from the boldness of Joshua and Caleb who spoke God's word when others failed to believe.

Our lesson objectives for this week:

- To learn to speak the word of God when others around you are scared
- To hang around with people who love and speak the word of God

As is fitting, we encourage you to start your time together in thanksgiving and praise. Be intentional to remember the faithfulness and goodness of God in this season. If you have the conveniences, use the selected songs to enter the presence of God through praise and worship. God is with you as you gather in His name.

May you walk full of courage as your hearts remain steadfast in the Lord and as your words bring healing to our nation.

With love,
3CKids Team



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What to prepare:

- Read Numbers 13:1-3, 18-20, 26-32
- Read Numbers 14:1-9; 22-24, 29-34



Praise and Worship:

Copy these links and paste it into your browser to play the songs of the week:

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=twFAZfU_x4 (Send Your Rain)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7Wxi-F9R7Io> (First)
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=shzOEbCWWS0&t=21s> (I will go)

Memory verse:

Psalm 18:21

"The tongue can bring death or life; those who love to talk will reap the consequences"

Declaration for the week:

I speak God's word

Activity Sheets

The activities are added to aid with general knowledge

- Activity – Crossword
- Activity – Number trace
- Activity – Maze
- Activity - Colour sheet

Fitness Fun

We are getting ready for spring with a healthy body and a sound mind.
Have some fun rolling a task with a dice.

Lesson Time

Opening Activity: I Spy

Look around the room at different objects. Identify the first letter of each object without naming them out loud. Then say to the child/ren (making spy actions): "I spy with my eye, something starting with a/an ...(the first letter of any of the objects in the room)..."

The child/ren should answer.

Example: I spy with my eye something starting with a C. The children could answer either curtain or couch. Complete twice or thrice and give each child a turn.

Say: Today we are going to learn about some spies from the Bible. We will see good spies who spoke the word of God and others that did not. We are going to learn how we can speak God's word only.

Pray with me: Father God, thank You for this day. Thank You that I can learn something new from Your word that will change me today. I want to learn to speak Your word. In Jesus' name. Amen

Repeat the declaration: I speak God's word

Lesson (Summarise the various passages of scripture in the book of Numbers.)

Say: God's special people, the Israelites, had been on a very long journey to get to the special country that God wanted to give them. The Lord spoke to Moses to send some men to check out this country that God wanted to give them – the country was called Canaan. Moses chose twelve men who were leaders from the twelve tribes of Israel. Joshua and Caleb were two of the twelve brave and strong men chosen.

Ask: Where else in the Bible do we hear about the number twelve? (let kids answer... get to the twelve disciples of Jesus)

Say: Moses sent the twelve men as spies to find out what the land was like.

Ask: If you were a spy sent to check out another country, what kind of things would you be looking for? (let the kids answer)

Say: These twelve spies had to see if the people of that country were strong or weak. They had to see if there were many people or just a few staying in the country. They had to see what kind of towns they lived in... if they had walls around them or not. They had to check if the country had trees and if good vegetables and fruit were growing there.

Say: The twelve spies went and checked out the land just as Moses had told them to. They came back many days later and then told Moses and the rest of God's special people what they had seen as spies in the land of Canaan.

Say: They had seen that the country was very good to live in and that it had the best fruit and vegetables.

Say: Ten spies spoke and said that the people in the country were too strong for them. They were scared that they would not be able to take the country that God wanted to give them.

Say: Caleb quickly spoke these words: "Let us go at once to take the land. We can certainly conquer it!" Joshua and Caleb said, "We can!"

Say: The other ten spies said, "We cannot!"

Say: Joshua and Caleb really believed and spoke that God would help them to take over the country. They told all the people, "Do not be afraid... the Lord is with us".

The ten spies forgot the promises of God and only spoke what they were scared of. All the people of Israel listened to the words of the ten spies that said, "we cannot."

God's special people the Israelites became very afraid as well.



Say:

After this God said the children of Israel could not go to the special country because they did not believe Him and they did not obey Him. God said only Joshua and Caleb and their families could go into the country after many years because they believed God and spoke it.

Repeat the declaration: I speak God's word

Application:

Ask: Do you remember times when you said the words "I cannot?" Do you want God to help you to change your heart, to believe that you can do it with Him and to start saying, "I can"?

Say: Remember God made us to be just like Him. He also says we can do all things through Jesus Christ who gives us strength. We are going to ask God to forgive us for not believing Him and for saying "we cannot". We must choose to be like Joshua and Caleb who only spoke God's words and said, "we can!"

Pray after me: "Father God, thank You for showing me how my words can hurt or help others. Please forgive me where I have said, "I cannot". Please forgive me for not believing You and not speaking Your word. I thank You that I can be just like Joshua and Caleb and speak Your word which reminds me to say "I can!" In Jesus name, Amen."

Remind the child/ren to hang around with people that speak God's word like Joshua and Caleb so they can keep getting better at speaking God's word.

Say the declarations of the blood of Jesus together:

- By the blood of Jesus, I have been redeemed from the power of the enemy.
- By the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven.
- Because I spend time with other Christians, the blood of Jesus cleanses me from sin.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am justified, and God sees me as if I have never sinned.
- By the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified and set apart for God's holy purpose.

Repeat the declaration: I speak God's word

Devotion plans:

The devotions are aimed to help each child spend daily quiet time with the Lord through His word. If you have the means, assist each child to create a special place and help allocate a special time for their devotion. Younger children: we encourage you to spend a few minutes a day reading the scripture to your child and helping them say the declaration.

Older children: help the children to read the daily scripture, reflect on what the Lord is saying to them and then write their own declaration for the day.

