

ISRAEL RECEIVES A LAND

JOSHUA 11:4-6, 11:23, 14:11-13, 24:14

LEARN THE WORD

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

- God fulfilled His promise to Abraham to make his descendants a great nation and to give them a land.
- Joshua and Caleb served God faithfully, and God blessed them with their own inheritance.

WHAT YOU HEARD IN THE WORD

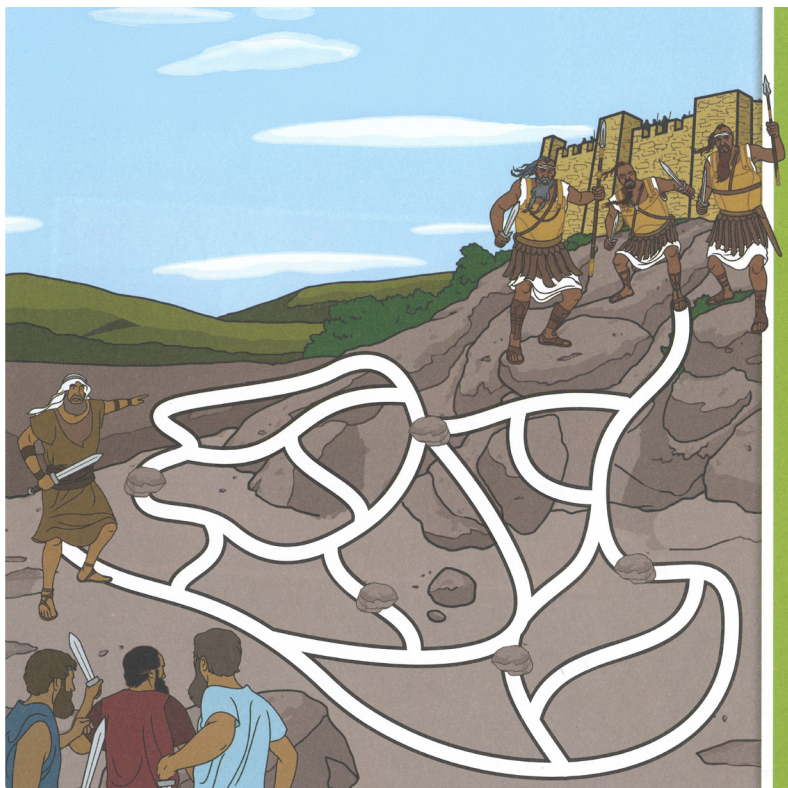
OUTWORD FOR FAMILY DISCUSSION

Suppose your friend says she doesn't trust God because she's afraid. She thinks too many bad things have happened in her family.

What could you say?

God doesn't promise that bad things will never happen in this world. Because sin entered the world through Adam and Eve, we have bad things like sickness, hurt feelings, and pain. But God promises to be with us and help us through the good times and the bad. The Bible is full of examples where God showed His faithfulness. He always keeps His promises, and He promised in His Word to one day make all things new! Those who are children of God and trust in Jesus will get to live forever with God in a new heaven and a new earth. There will be no more sin, crying, or bad things then. We know this will happen because it's in the Bible.

Activity: Caleb trusted in God for help. Find the right path up the hill to attack the giants.



HOMESCHOOL FOR PARENTS

Joshua divided the land of Canaan and gave it to the 12 tribes of Israel (Joshua 11:23). Nine and a half tribes received land west of the Jordan River, while the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh had received land from Moses east of the Jordan (Joshua 13:7-8). The tribe of Levi received cities and pastureland throughout the country (Joshua 21:1-3). They also received the Lord's offerings from the people as their inheritance (Joshua 13:14). The allotment of land fulfilled God's promise to Abraham to give his descendants all the land of Canaan (Genesis 17:3-8). But the tribes still had the responsibility to take possession of their territory and drive out any remaining Canaanites.

Joshua and Caleb were the oldest surviving Israelite men, and the years did not diminish their heart for the Lord. At age 85, Caleb came to Joshua and asked to have the hill country belonging to the giant descendants of Anak (Joshua 14:10-12). Caleb believed God would give the victory. Caleb and his relatives fought the giants, and the land of Hebron became theirs (Joshua 14:13-15). Joshua also received a special inheritance, a city within the land of Ephraim. Before his death, Joshua called the Israelites to him and charged them to remain faithful (Joshua 23:1-13). He wanted them to remember all the great miracles God did for them. Joshua challenged Israel to put away false gods and choose to follow the Lord. The Israelites promised to serve the Lord (Joshua 24:21), and they did during the days of the generation that saw God's miracles with Joshua (Joshua 24:31).