



Week 2 – Preschool  
Additional Resources for Parents

**ACTIVITY: What Do You See?**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Print the What Do You See printable in color, if possible. Create toilet paper tube binoculars together, or make one in advance for each child. Give each kid a pair of binoculars and tell them to look through their binoculars at the pictures.

Can you name some of the things you see in this picture?

**THE BIG IDEA: I can trust God.**

This month, we have been talking about epic stories in the Old Testament of the Bible! Last week, we learned we can spend time with God anywhere.

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Try a trust fall as a demonstration for today's Big Idea reveal. Ask for one of the children volunteer to come up to the front. Tell the child to stand in front you, facing the crowd. When they are ready, tell them to fall straight backward without looking back, then catch them! Do this for each child.

It takes a lot of trust to fall back into someone's arms and believe they will catch you, doesn't it? Well, luckily for us, God can always be trusted. That brings us to our Big Idea for this week: I can trust God! Everyone, say it with me: **I can trust God!**

**SCRIPTURE: Numbers 13:2-14:9**

**Exploring Canaan**

**13** The LORD said to Moses, <sup>2</sup>“Send some men to explore the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the Israelites. From each ancestral tribe send one of its leaders.”

<sup>3</sup>So at the LORD's command Moses sent them out from the Desert of Paran. All of them were leaders of the Israelites. <sup>4</sup>These are their names:

from the tribe of Reuben, Shammua son of Zakkur;

<sup>5</sup>from the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat son of Hori;

<sup>6</sup>from the tribe of Judah, Caleb son of Jephunneh;

<sup>7</sup>from the tribe of Issachar, Igal son of Joseph;

<sup>8</sup>from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea son of Nun;

<sup>9</sup>from the tribe of Benjamin, Palti son of Raphu;

<sup>10</sup> from the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel son of Sodi;

<sup>11</sup> from the tribe of Manasseh (a tribe of Joseph), Gaddi son of Susi;

<sup>12</sup> from the tribe of Dan, Ammiel son of Gemalli;

<sup>13</sup> from the tribe of Asher, Sethur son of Michael;

<sup>14</sup> from the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi son of Vophsi;

<sup>15</sup> from the tribe of Gad, Geuel son of Maki.

<sup>16</sup> These are the names of the men Moses sent to explore the land. (Moses gave Hoshea son of Nun the name Joshua.)

<sup>17</sup> When Moses sent them to explore Canaan, he said, "Go up through the Negev and on into the hill country. <sup>18</sup> See what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many. <sup>19</sup> What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Are they unwalled or fortified? <sup>20</sup> How is the soil? Is it fertile or poor? Are there trees in it or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land." (It was the season for the first ripe grapes.)

<sup>21</sup> So they went up and explored the land from the Desert of Zin as far as Rehob, toward Lebo Hamath. <sup>22</sup> They went up through the Negev and came to Hebron, where Ahiman, Sheshai and Talmi, the descendants of Anak, lived. (Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) <sup>23</sup> When they reached the Valley of Eshkol,<sup>[a]</sup> they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes. Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs. <sup>24</sup> That place was called the Valley of Eshkol because of the cluster of grapes the Israelites cut off there. <sup>25</sup> At the end of forty days they returned from exploring the land.

#### **Report on the Exploration**

<sup>26</sup> They came back to Moses and Aaron and the whole Israelite community at Kadesh in the Desert of Paran. There they reported to them and to the whole assembly and showed them the fruit of the land. <sup>27</sup> They gave Moses this account: "We went into the land to which you sent us, and it does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. <sup>28</sup> But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are fortified and very large. We even saw descendants of Anak there. <sup>29</sup> The Amalekites live in the Negev; the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites live in the hill country; and the Canaanites live near the sea and along the Jordan."

<sup>30</sup> Then Caleb silenced the people before Moses and said, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it."

<sup>31</sup> But the men who had gone up with him said, "We can't attack those people; they are stronger than we are." <sup>32</sup> And they spread among the Israelites a bad report about the land they had explored. They said, "The land we explored devours those living in it. All the people we saw there are of great size. <sup>33</sup> We saw the Nephilim there (the descendants of Anak come from the Nephilim). We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

#### **The People Rebel**

<sup>14</sup> That night all the members of the community raised their voices and wept aloud. <sup>2</sup> All the Israelites grumbled against Moses and Aaron, and the whole assembly said to them, "If only we had died in Egypt! Or in this wilderness! <sup>3</sup> Why is the LORD bringing us to this land only to let us fall by the sword? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder. Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?" <sup>4</sup> And they said to each other, "We should choose a leader and go back to Egypt."

<sup>5</sup> Then Moses and Aaron fell facedown in front of the whole Israelite assembly gathered there. <sup>6</sup> Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had explored the land, tore their clothes <sup>7</sup> and said to the entire Israelite assembly, "The land we passed through and explored is exceedingly good. <sup>8</sup> If the LORD is pleased with us, he will lead us into that land, a land flowing with milk and honey, and will give it to us. <sup>9</sup> Only do not rebel against the LORD. And do not be afraid of the people of the land, because we will devour them. Their protection is gone, but the LORD is with us. Do not be afraid of them."

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Find or create a very large magnifying glass to use during the telling of this Bible story. Have kids pass the magnifying glass around while they listen.

So, remember God's people, the Israelites, were traveling on their way to Canaan, which is also called the Promised Land. As they reached the edge of Canaan, Moses chose twelve different men to go into Canaan and spy on what was going on there. Moses wanted to know what the land was like, what the people were like, and how they lived. Moses also told them to bring back some of the fruit they found there.

The twelve spies went into Canaan (Hold up the magnifying glass and walk around the room looking at all of the kids, then pass it to a kid). They each gathered fruit from the land — grapes, pomegranates, and figs — and carried them back to the Israelites. They came back and told Moses and all of the people what Canaan was like! They said, “The land is full of fruit. It flows with milk and honey.” That was great news to hear! This meant the land would be great for the Israelites to live in!

But the spies continued and said, “The people are powerful and the cities are strong and large.” Caleb and Joshua spoke up over the other ten spies and said, “But we should go and take over the land from these people! We can do it!” But the other spies argued with Caleb and Joshua. They said, “No! The people are too powerful and we will lose!”

Caleb and Joshua trusted in God, though, and they knew Canaan was the land God had promised to give to the Israelites. They continued to try and convince all of the other people that the land was wonderful and God would keep them safe.

**ACTIVITY: Milk and Honey**

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Print the “Milk and Honey” coloring page and give one to each kid. Let the kids color the page. After a little time, give them one-inch yellow tissue paper squares and help them glue them onto the honey pot.

The milk and honey the twelve spies found in Canaan showed them it was in fact the wonderful place God had prepared for them!