

On The Move - Brave the Unknown with God



DAY 1

Read Numbers 13:27-28

"They gave Moses their report. They said, 'We went into the land you sent us to. It really does have plenty of milk and honey! Here's some fruit from the land. But the people who live there are powerful. Their cities have high walls around them and are very large. We even saw members of the family line of Anak there'" (NIrV).

Have you ever heard someone say, "Do you want the good news or the bad news first?" For instance, pretend you spilled a glass of chocolate milk. You might say something like this: "Bad news, I spilled my chocolate milk, good news, the glass didn't break!"

Open up your Bible and read Numbers 13:27-28. It was time to go into the land God had promised! The twelve spies went into the Promised Land to check it out.

They came back with news—some good and some bad! The good news? The land was amazing, full of good food and beautiful places The bad news? The cities were big and scary.

Sometimes, it's easy to focus on the bad news all the time and forget the good news that's happening! Joshua and Caleb saw the same scary stuff as the other spies, but they trusted God. When have you heard bad news?

How can you trust God instead of getting scared?

DAY 2

Read Numbers 13:17-20

"Moses sent the 12 men to check out Canaan. He said, "Go up through the Negev Desert. Go on into the central hill country. See what the land is like. See whether the people who live there are strong or weak. See whether they are few or many. What kind of land do they live in? Is it good or bad? What kind of towns do they live in? Do the towns have high walls around them or not? 20 How is the soil? Is it rich land or poor land? 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" (NIrV).

The spies had to be careful and brave. Joshua and Caleb kept their faith-eyes open—they didn't just see the scary giants, they remembered God's promises! When we look at life with faitheyes, we see what God can do instead of what we fear. It changes how we live!

SPY BINOCULARS

Today, make your own "Spy Binoculars" to remember that God helps you see with courage!

- Get two empty toilet paper rolls and tape or glue them side by side.
- Decorate with markers, paper, or stickers.
- Tie a string to them to wear them around your neck!

Now go on a "God's Creation Hunt" around your house or yard. Look for five amazing things God made. Share them with someone in your family!

A Devotional About Faith

There's More!

Read Numbers 14:6-9

Go and get a glass and fill it halfway with water. Now go around and ask people what they think it is. You can ask them, "Are you a Glass Half Empty or a Glass Full Person?" This is a good example of how people look at things differently!

In life, some people always see the bad first. Some people see the good first!

When the spies returned, most focused on the giants and the scary cities. But Joshua and Caleb focused on God's promise.

Are you a person who sees problems? Or a person who sees what God can do?

See these two glasses of water? Color the water to make it blue! Then, on top of one cup, write the word "Fear." On top of the other cup, write the word "Faith." This shows that we can look at things with fear or faith.



PRAY TODAY, ASKING GOD TO HELP YOU

You can pray something like this: "Dear God, help me not just see what's wrong. Help me see what You can do! You do amazing things; I want to focus on your promises and all the things you do. I love You so much, Amen."

Read Hebrews 11:7

"But my servant Caleb has a different spirit. He follows me with his whole heart. So I will bring him into the land he went to. And his children after him will receive land there." (NIrV)

Everyone gets scared sometimes, of the dark, of not doing well, or of being left out. But Caleb was different. He trusted God even when others were scared!

God can help you be different, too. You don't have to let fear tell you what to do. You can listen to God's voice instead of fear's voice. When others are scared, you can be brave. When others give up, you can keep trusting. When fear whispers "you can't," you can shout, "God can and God will!" You can be strong because God is always with you. Fear is strong, but faith is stronger when you have God's Spirit in you!

FEAR TO FAITH LIST

- Fold a paper in half.
- On one side, write "Things I'm Afraid Of"
- On the other side, write "How God Helps."
- Talk with a family member or friend about these and pray together that God will help you!

God can give you courage when others are afraid.