

TIGARD COVENANT KIDS'
Sunday School Online Lesson Plan
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The 12 Spies

Dear Parents,

Today's lesson is another reminder that when we trust and obey God in the hard times, our suffering is shortened and that our sins, if not dealt with, will affect our children to the third and fourth generations (and maybe longer). This was true in my family, and I'm so thankful that Jesus showed me what love really looks like.

To God be the Glory!

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References: The Word of God; Amazing Stories for Young Believers by Dave Strehler

Materials Needed: Tablet/Computer and Bible

BEFORE WE GET STARTED, GOD WANTS ME TO TELL YOU SOMETHING:

"I love you with an everlasting love because you are a part of me. I created you and breathed life into your lungs. You are not an accident. I know everything about you... when you sit down, and when you stand up, when you laugh and when you cry. You are more important to me than you will ever know, and I have great plans for your future. I will never stop doing good to you. I am for you and never against you. I loved you so much that I sent my only son Jesus to be your savior. You are my special child and your names are stamped on my heart for all eternity."

Love, from your Father in Heaven

INTRODUCTION:

God ALWAYS keeps His promises, and a long time ago before Moses was born, God promised Abraham that he would become the father of a great people and that if **Abraham** and his descendants obeyed God, then HE would guide them and protect them and give them the land of Israel (the Promised Land of beauty and wonderful things to eat). When Moses brought the Israelites out of Egypt, they were headed for the Promised Land. When they finally arrived, the Lord told Moses to send out 12 spies into the land to find out what the country was like, how many people lived there and how strong they were. After 40 days, they came back carrying **huge** bunches of grapes and other fruits, but 10 of the spies told terrible stories of giant men who lived there. The other two spies

returned with a different attitude. They told the Israelites they had nothing to fear because God was on their side.

Let's watch a video to see what happened next.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MmWhLAAqFEo>

For older children, ask them to read NUMBERS 14:1-30

QUESTIONS:

- 1. What were the names of the two spies who trusted God?** (Joshua and Caleb)
- 2. Who did the Israelites choose to believe? The 10 spies who were afraid or the 2 spies that trusted God?** (the 10 spies who were afraid of the giant men).
- 3. What did the Israelites want to do?** (Choose a new leader and go back to Egypt).
- 4. What did the Israelites want to do to Joshua and Caleb?** (stone them to death)
- 5. How did the Lord feel toward the Israelites after all He had done for them?** (He was very angry and the Bible says he wanted to destroy them with a plague, but Moses reminded him that the Lord is slow to anger and filled with unfailing love).
- 6. What did the Lord do instead to the Israelites?** (He punished them by making them wander in the desert for another 40 years!)

CONCLUSION: God already knew what the spies would find in the Promised Land. He knew they would not be able to simply walk in and take over the land, but He wanted to see whether the Israelites believed that God was able to give them the land HE promised long ago to Abraham and his descendants. Would they trust God enough to face the challenge of conquering the land? Only Joshua and Caleb passed the test of faith by trusting God, but they would have to wait **40 years** until the people who didn't trust God, died. In all those years, God was still faithful. HE provided food and water each day, and kept their sandals and clothing from wearing out. Wow!

*The Lord is slow to anger and filled with unfailing love,
forgiving every kind of sin and rebellion.
But He does not excuse the guilty.
He lays the sins of the parents upon their children;*

*the entire family is affected,
even children to the third and fourth generations.*

Numbers 14:18

Be sure to praise God and thank him EVERY DAY

for all the wonderful things he provides for you and your family.

Let's pray together. Repeat after me.

Dear God,

*Thank you for your awesome love.
Thank you for the ways you look out for us and protect us.
Show us the plans you have for our lives,
and keep your loving hand on me and my family always.
And Thank You for sending Jesus to die for our sins,
so that we can one day be in heaven
with you and our families, forever and ever.
You are an amazing God, and
we thank you for your unfailing love and forgiveness!*

In Jesus' Name, Amen

Activity below:



Some of the spies returning from the Promised Land.