



Kindergarten-2nd

October 25-26, 2014

DATE

Joshua and Caleb

LESSON TITLE

Numbers 12-13; Isaiah 40:31

WHERE TO FIND IT

God Wants Our Trust

MAIN POINT

schedule

Connect Time (20 minutes): Five minutes after the service begins, split kids into groups and begin their activity.

Large Group (25 minutes): Begin 20 minutes after the service starts. Model what it looks like to be engaged in large group.

Small Group (15 minutes): Keep kids in small groups until parents arrive. If you *all* have extra time at the end, you can review the video and songs together.

tips

We're talking about trusting God again today. It's a hard concept to apply, so we want to spend some time focusing on it.

check-in/out

As kids leave, encourage them to show their parents their bracelet and tell them what it means!

large group heads up

Today is all about how Moses sent twelve spies into the Promised Land to check it out. He told them to be brave, because God wanted to give the land to them! Ten of them were scared by the people they met, but two of them trusted God.

connect time

GOAL: *Connect Time is all about engaging kids in an activity that allows them to connect with each other right away while simultaneously piquing their curiosity for Large Group and preparing their minds for what they're going to hear.*

I SPY

*Break into small groups if possible, or have one person lead all the kids

- Put kids in pairs
- As the leader, take the **magnifying glass** and look around the room (only the leader doing the "spying" should hold the glass).
- Choose an object and say, "I spy something _____" (descriptor: blue, etc.).
- Give pairs a few seconds to look around and see what they *think* the leader spied; then call on them to guess.
- The pair who guesses the object to which you're referring, wins!
- Let the winning pair use the magnifying glass to choose the next object.
- Debrief: What does it mean to be a spy?
- Then ask kids to share the best and worst parts of their week.

If you have extra time, remind them of your expectations for their behavior: (1) be kind, (2) listen when somebody speaks, and (3) follow the leader's instructions.



instructions

Goal: Kids will (1) identify a fear they have and (2) replace it with trust.

Why? Similarly to last week, we're talking about trust.

Tip: Make sure to give kids the bracelets. We want to get rid of the fear, but also replace it with trust!

small group

REVIEW AND DIG DEEPER

1. Where was God's family going?
2. Why did God want Moses to send spies into the Promised Land?
3. What did 10 of the spies report when they got back?
4. What did Joshua and Caleb (the 2 other spies) report when they got back?
5. Why were the reports different?
6. Which report pleased God? Why?
7. Why does God want us to trust him?

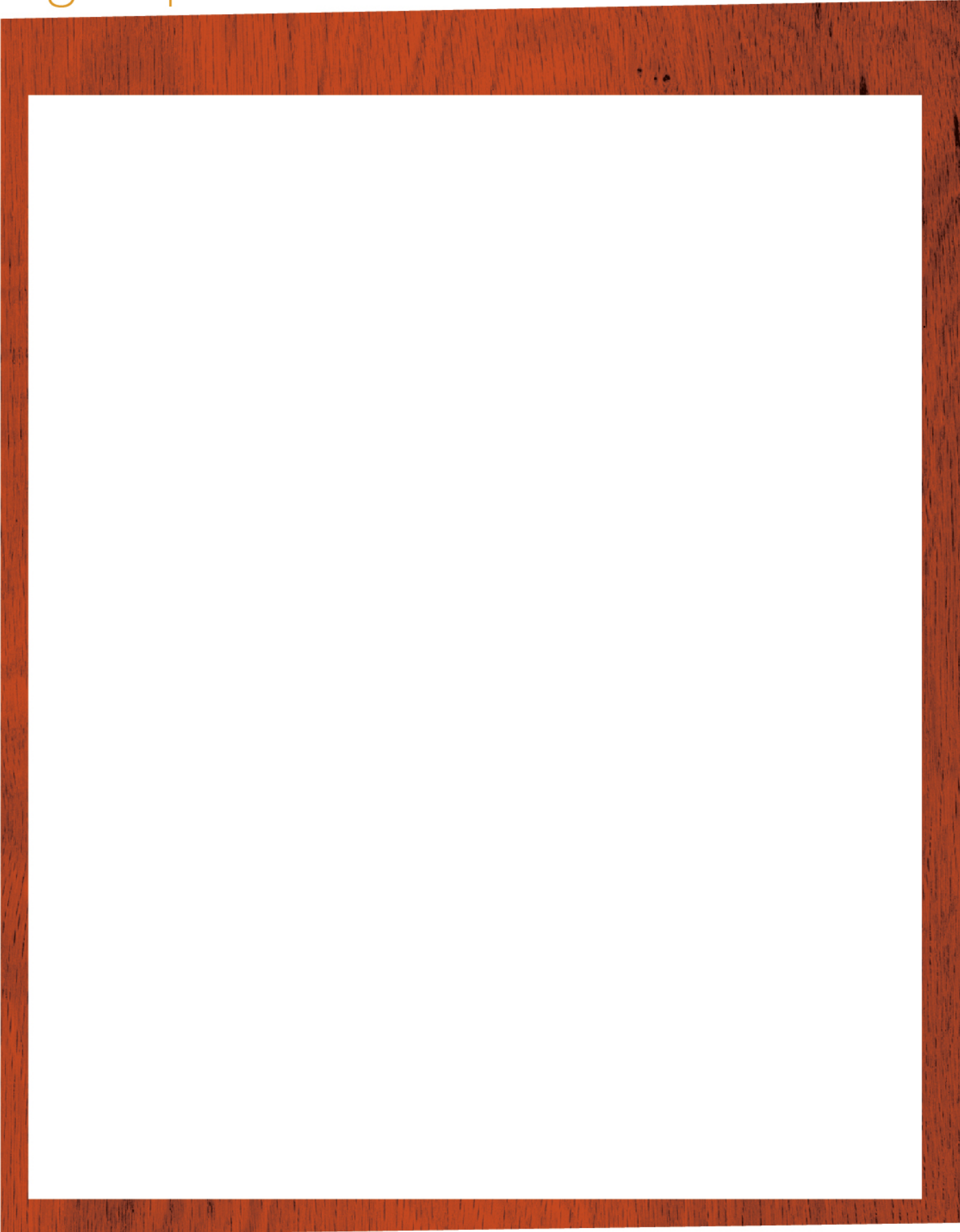
APPLICATION ACTIVITY

- Give each kid a **piece of paper**.
- Draw/write a fear they have (can be what they thought of in Large Group).
- When everybody is done, wad up the papers like snowballs...and throw those fears away! (Have kids walk to trash can or collect them in the small group bin.)
- Fears will try to come back, even if we get rid of them. So we have to replace them with trust! (Ask kids what it means to trust God.)
- Give each kid a **DIY slap bracelet**.
- Read the **verse card** and let them write the word "trust" and decorate the bracelet with **markers**.

*Pray together, asking God to help each kid trust him this week.

Have kids work on a **coloring page until their parents arrive.

Extra time? Color the picture of the Promised Land. Encourage kids to tell their parents what happened when 12 spies went into the Promised Land. If you have even more time, play "I Spy" again.



special notes

Today is all about replacing fear with trust. Try to really help kids understand that we don't *just* get rid of fear, we must replace it.

presenter tips

As you review, keep in mind that some kids may have never heard of the Israelites of God's family before. Review in a way kids who came for the first time can understand.

script

****Click to play intro slide.***

Hi, everybody! Welcome to Kids' Club. It's great to see you here. You guys all played "I Spy." What does it mean to "spy" something? (Let a kid respond.) That's right! It means to see something. And sometimes, maybe you're a person *called* a "spy." What does it mean if a person is a spy? (Let a kid share.) Yes, a spy goes into a situation, usually to find something! But they have to be *sneaky* about it!

Well, today, we're going to hear about some spies in the *Bible*. So I need you guys to put on your spy glasses (make glasses with your fingers). Good. And if you have a collar or a coat, pull it up as high as you can. Spies want to see but they don't want to be seen.

REVIEW OF GOD'S FAMILY

(Show desert loop) You guys might remember that God's family had been slaves in Egypt. The ruler, Pharaoh, wouldn't let them leave so God sent Moses to lead his family out of Egypt and into the desert (refer to the screen).

God did amazing miracles like make a dry path in the middle of a huge sea, just to get them away from Egypt. He led them as a cloud every day and as a pillar of fire every night—that way, they knew exactly where to go. He sent food from Heaven, called manna, every single morning...for *years*. And he did other things too, like bringing them water from a rock and carving rules onto a stone.

God also made his family a special promise. He promised them an amazing home. If they would just trust him and follow him through the wilderness, it would be worth it.



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ALMOST TO THE PROMISED LAND

Finally, they were close to the Promised Land. God told Moses to send 12 men as spies to check out the promised land and how wonderful it was!

But guess what? When the spies got back, TEN of them told Moses that God's promised home was too scary. Even though it would be the perfect place to live, they didn't want to go. They didn't trust God to take care of them...even though he told them he wanted them to live there.

TEN SPIES WERE AFRAID

We're going to watch a video to see what happened. So I need you all to put on your special spy glasses (let kids make glasses with their fingers). Good job! Your special mission is this: As you watch, see if you can figure out WHY ten of the spies were afraid.

Video: Joshua and Caleb

Wow, God really wanted their trust, didn't he? But ten of them didn't trust God because they were WAY too scared. If you figured out why they were scared, put one fist in the air (let kids respond). OK, let's hear some of the reasons they were scared (Let kids say: the people living there were big.) That's exactly right!

TWO SPIES TRUSTED GOD

Now two of them were NOT afraid of the people living in the land. Why was that? (Let kids say: they knew God was with them, they trusted God.) Yes, they trusted that God meant it when he said he wanted them to live in this amazing home. They believed that God could help them deal with the people living there. Show me with your head (nodding or shaking head): do you guys think God helped them get to the new home? (Let kids nod heads.) He sure did!

Now it can be easy to wonder why these spies were so scared when God had been doing tons of miracles and had promised them that they were going to live in this amazing land. But the truth is, we get scared all the time, even though we know what God can do.

SOMETIMES WE'RE AFRAID

One thing I get afraid of is....(*share a personal story of a kid-friendly fear that you have to regularly battle*). Let's think about some other things that might make us scared. I'm going to show you a picture and if it's something that has ever scared you, I want you to make a little "x" with your fingers. Then we'll *all* say, "I want to trust you, Jesus." Even if it's not something that scares you—it's just a good thing to practice saying! We want to "x" out our fears and trust Jesus instead! You guys ready?

- Thunderstorm
- Travel
- Roller Coaster
- Moving to a new place
- Snake
- Bike without training wheels
- Meeting a new friend



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OK, so there's a lot that's not on that list. In your head, think of one other thing that scares you. You don't have to tell anybody. (Let kids think.) Let's read our verse from Isaiah 40:31 to remind ourselves why we can trust God with EVERY fear, including the one you just thought of in your head.

SLIDE: Isaiah 40:31 But those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak.

So what happens if we trust God? (Let kids respond.) Yes, he helps us! We can trust him with anything!

RESPOND

Let's practice trusting right now and turning our fears over to God. Think about one of the fears you saw on the screen. Or, think about the fear you thought of in your head. We're going to listen to a song called "I'm Not Afraid." As you listen, if you want to give your fear to God and trust him, open your hands, like this (show hands at side but palms open and facing up). And every time the song says "I'm not afraid," let's say it with the singer!

Video: KC Acoustic / I'm Not Afraid

WORSHIP

Now let's stand up and declare our bravery!

Song: Bravery

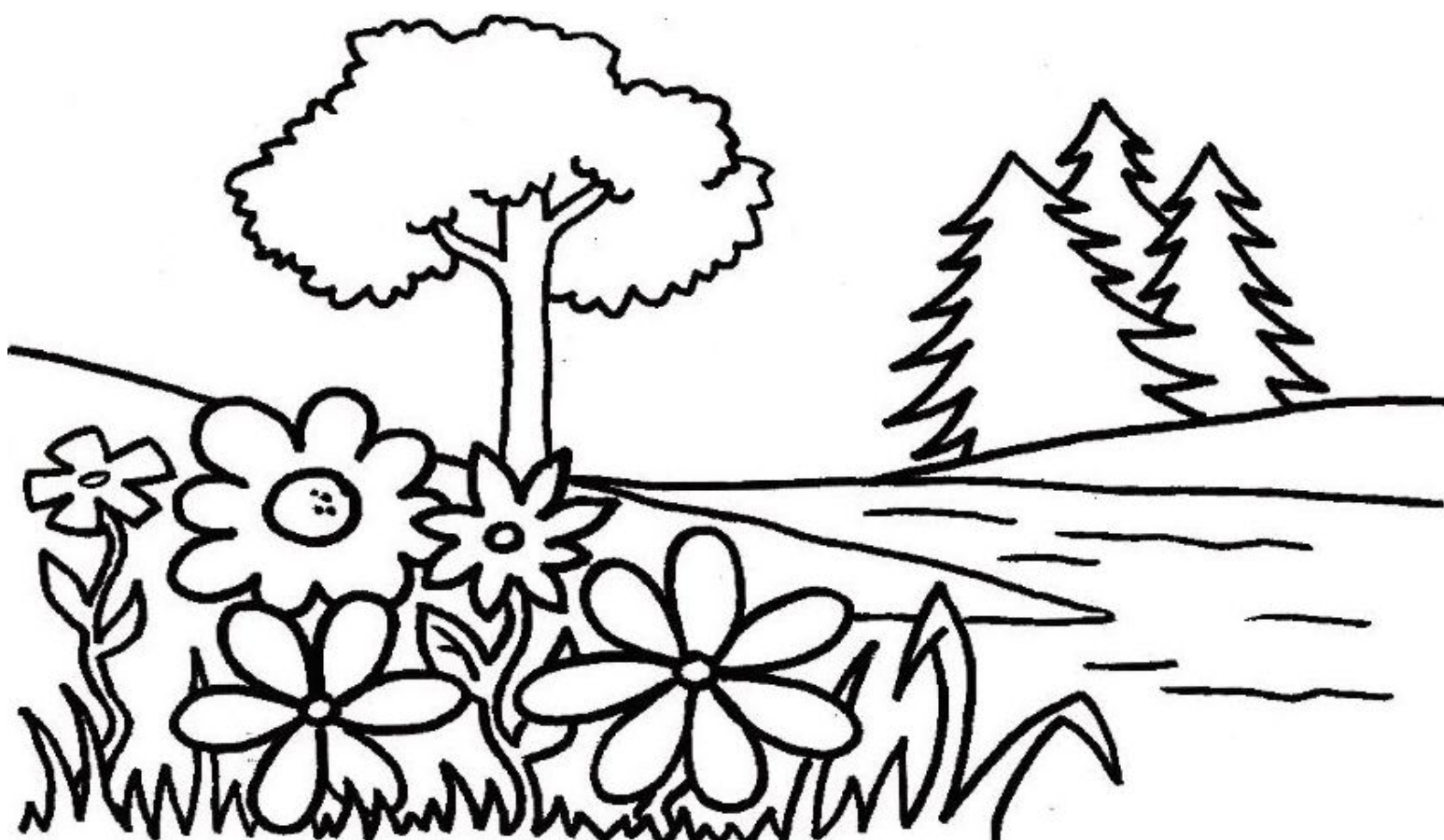
PRAY

Does somebody want to come and ask God to help us trust him this week?



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name



PREP needs



connect time supplies

Per group

Magnifying glass (OT: IN-39/701)

small group supplies

Per kid

Coloring pages

half sheet of blank computer paper

DIY slap bracelet (OT: IN-48/8262)

Per group

Bible

Markers

Verse Card (Isaiah 40:31)

large group supplies

a/v needs

1. Song slide: for when kids enter the room (All that You Need instrumental; mp3 only; can be downloaded on website)
2. Desert loop
3. Video: Joshua and Caleb (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3rX0ysJsr08>)
4. The following images (one per slide):
 - a. Thunderstorm
 - b. Travel
 - c. Roller Coaster
 - d. Moving
 - e. Snake
 - f. Bike
 - g. New friend
5. SLIDE: Isaiah 40:31 But those who trust in the LORD will receive new strength. They will fly as high as eagles. They will run and not get tired. They will walk and not grow weak
6. Video: KC Acoustic / I'm Not Afraid (<http://vimeo.com/95295330>)
7. Video: Bravery (<http://vimeo.com/49923937>)

connect questions

Tell me about Joshua and Caleb.

Why did they trust God?

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