

TWELVE SPIES

CENTRAL TRUTH

God's power and faithfulness give us courage to live boldly.

KEY QUESTION

- **What does God ask us to do when we are fearful of what we see in front of us? What Scriptures above stand out to you?**

God promises us in page after page of Scripture to not be afraid and to trust in Him (see Josh. 1:9; Ps. 23; Isa. 41:10; Matt. 6:34; Luke 12:5; Rom. 8:31; Phil. 4:6-7; 2 Tim. 1:7). We can feel very real fear in the face of very intimidating situations, but God invites us to choose to pray, to trust, to anchor ourselves to Him and be obedient despite the fear!

KEEP IN MIND

- Students may find themselves confused regarding why the land of Canaan was so special. They might even ask, "why couldn't the Israelites go somewhere else?" Show them through this session that the issue at hand was not so much the difficulty in obtaining the land (there were certainly obstacles), but the Israelites' lack of trust in the Lord who promised the land to them and their ancestors. Use the **History Note** to guide you.
- Students—and adults alike—are often told in our culture that we should be confident in ourselves and our own abilities. However, Caleb models something different: he was confident in the Lord's power and His abilities. Encourage students to embody this version of confidence in their own lives.

APPLICATION

- How can you encourage yourself to trust more in God's promises and live more confidently and courageously this week?**

THE WIN

FOR THE STUDENT: We don't have to live gripped by fear. The Lord is mighty and His presence is with us. Because Jesus defeated the greatest enemies of sin, death, and evil, we can live with confidence!

FOR THE LEADER: Create space for students to be honest about any areas of life in which fear has gripped them. Listen well, pray, and encourage them to place their confidence in the Lord.

7 ARROWS

- ↻ What does this passage say?
- ↑ What does this passage tell us about God?
- ← What did this passage mean to its original audience?
- ↔ How does this passage change the way I relate to people?
- ↓ What does this passage tell us about the human heart?
- ↺ How does this passage prompt me to pray?
- What does this passage demand of me?