

CALEB S REWARD

Joshua 14:6-15

Big Idea :

Caleb trusted in God's promise to give him a special portion of land; when Caleb asked for it in faith God kept his promise.

Aim :

To teach that God will reward the faithful obedience of those who continually trust his promises.

REVIEW

- Who disobeyed God? [**Achan (7:1)**]
- What did they do? [**Acted unfaithfully by taking and hiding some of the things that belonged to God (7:1, 11)**]
- How were the rest of God's people affected? [**God was angry with them and allowed Israel to be defeated at Ai (7:1, 12)**]

GAME . . . PROMISED PRIZE

- Today's true story from the Bible is about obeying God's commands, trusting his promises and waiting for them.

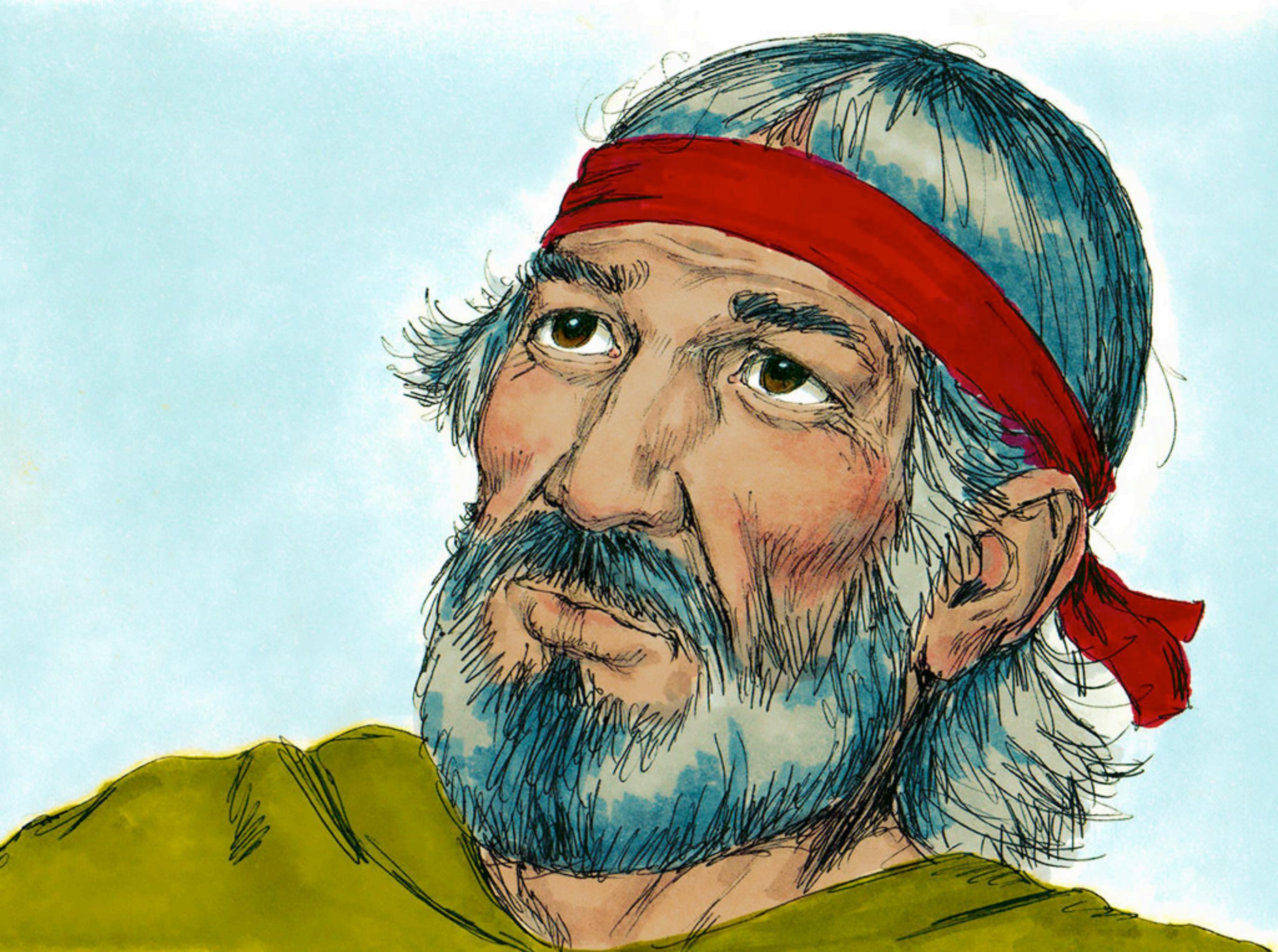
INTRO

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READ THE

STORY

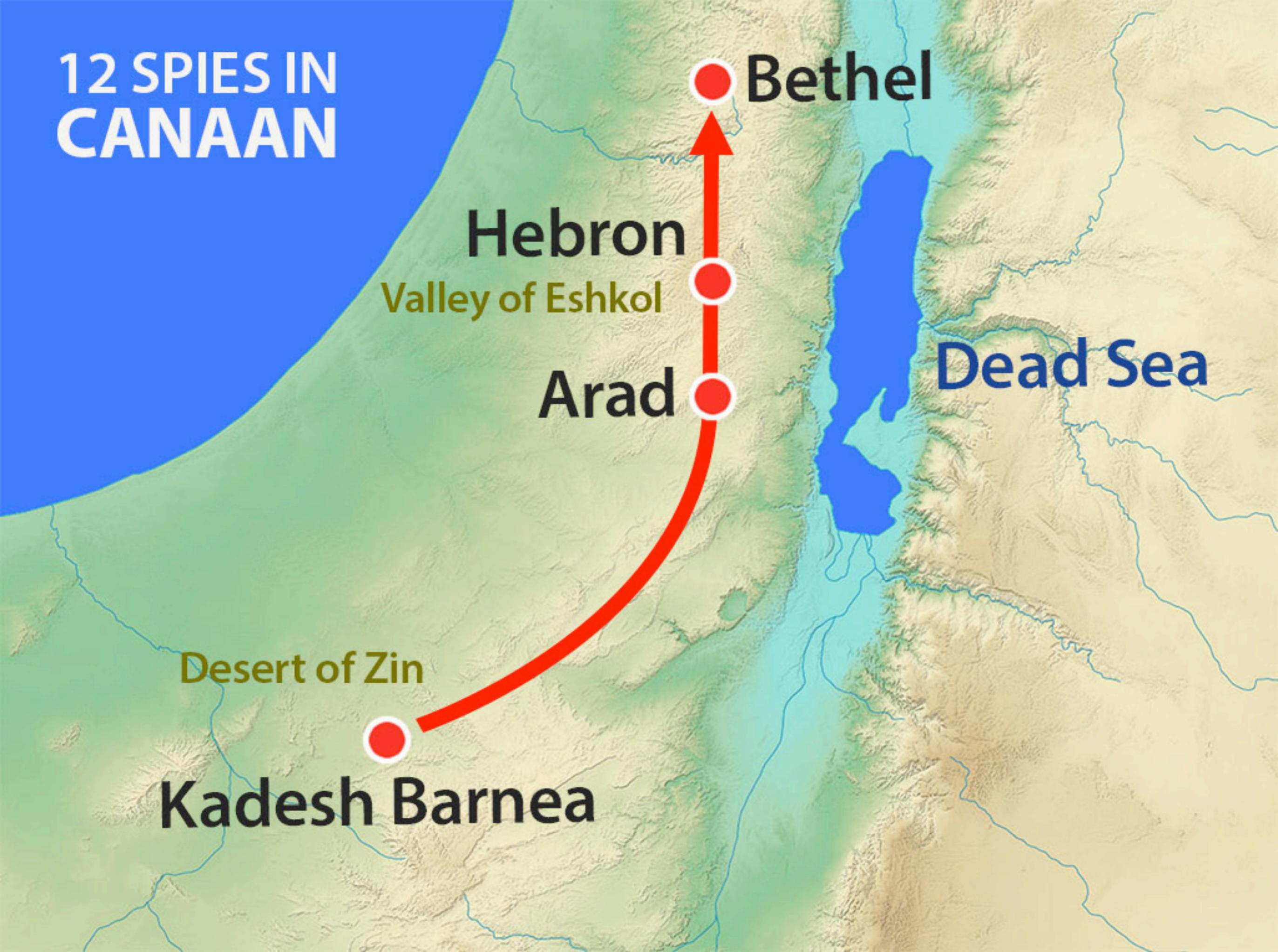








12 SPIES IN CANAAN



Bethel

Hebron

Valley of Eshkol

Arad

Dead Sea

Desert of Zin

Kadesh Barnea



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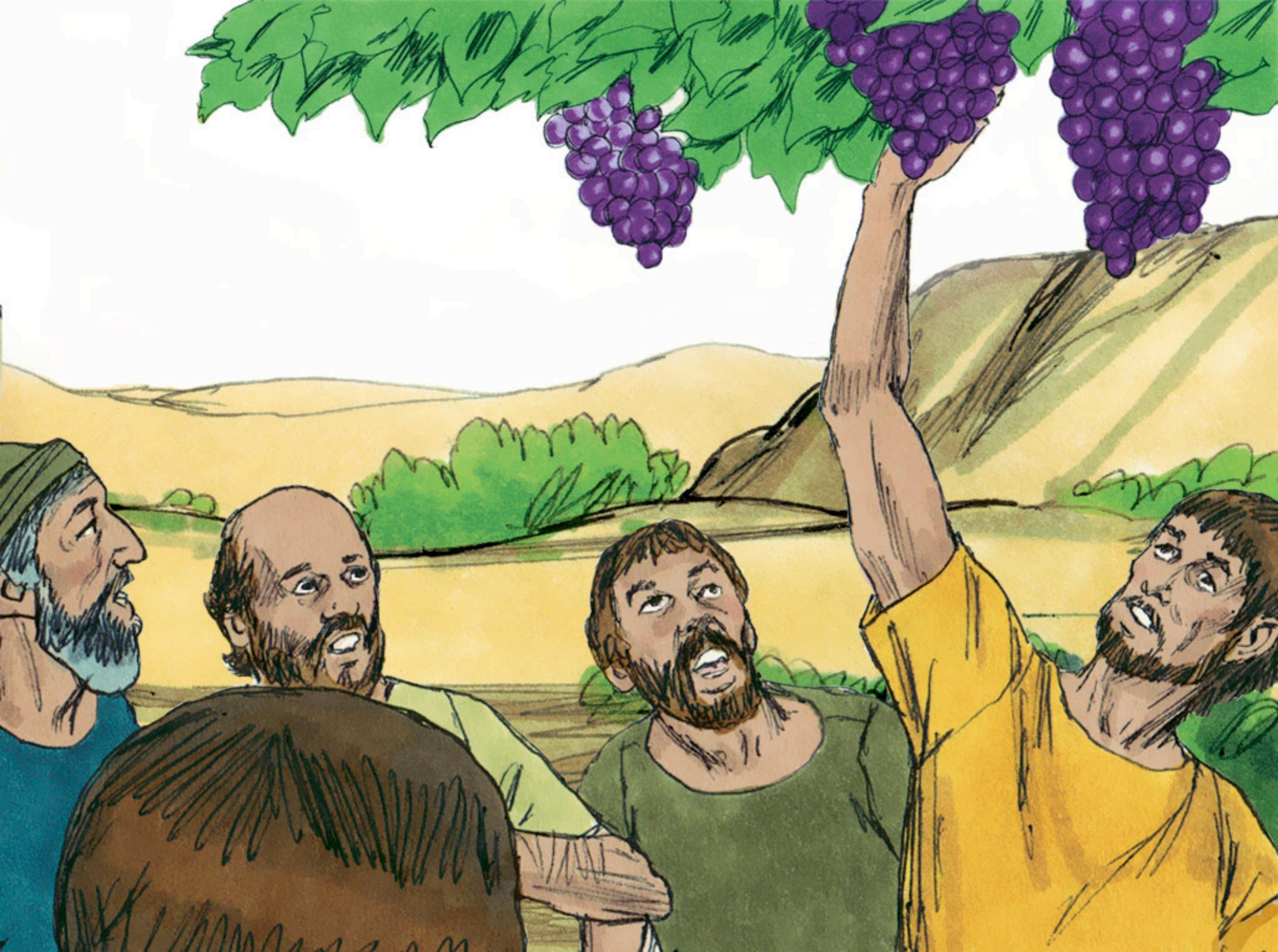
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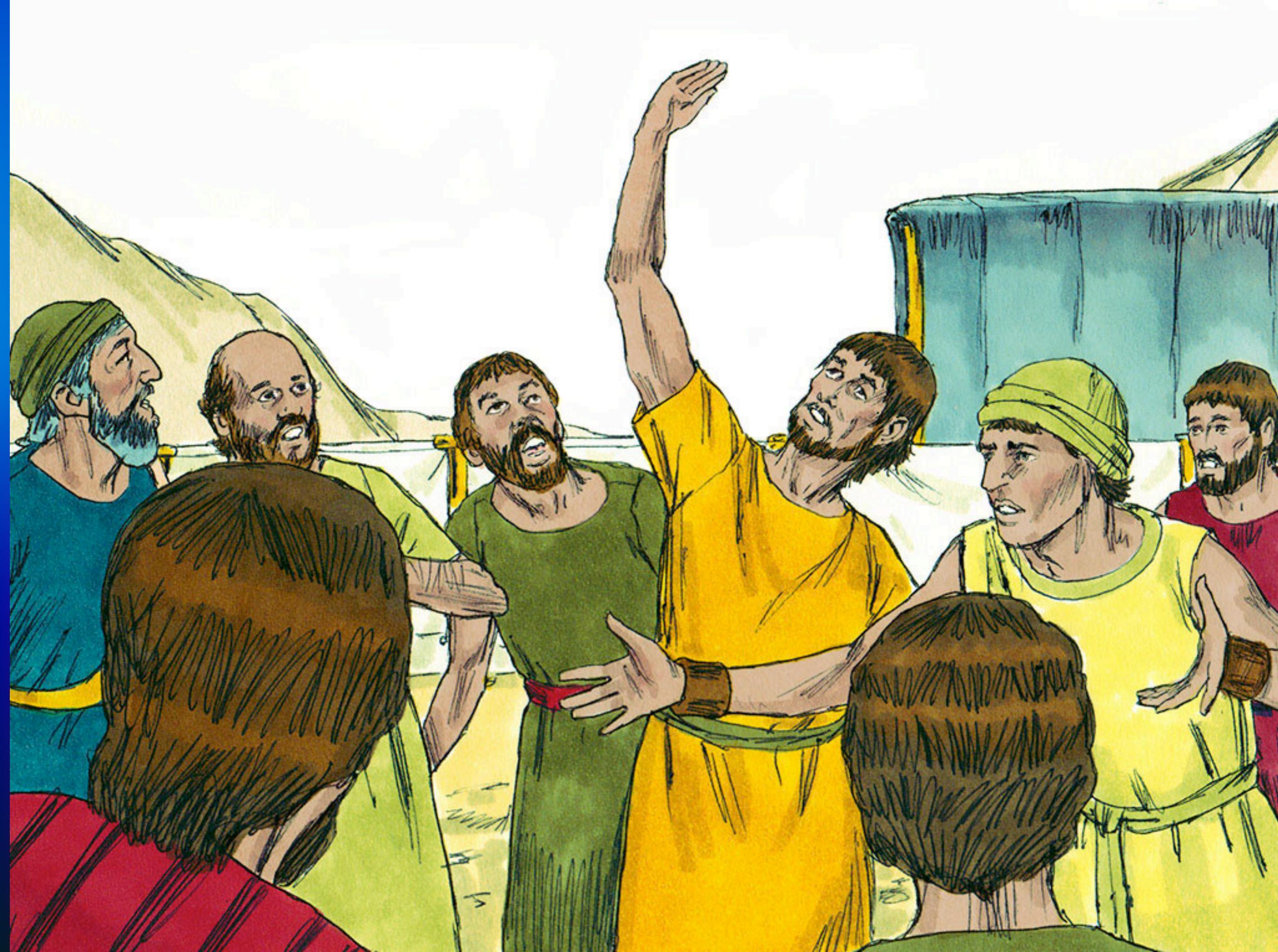




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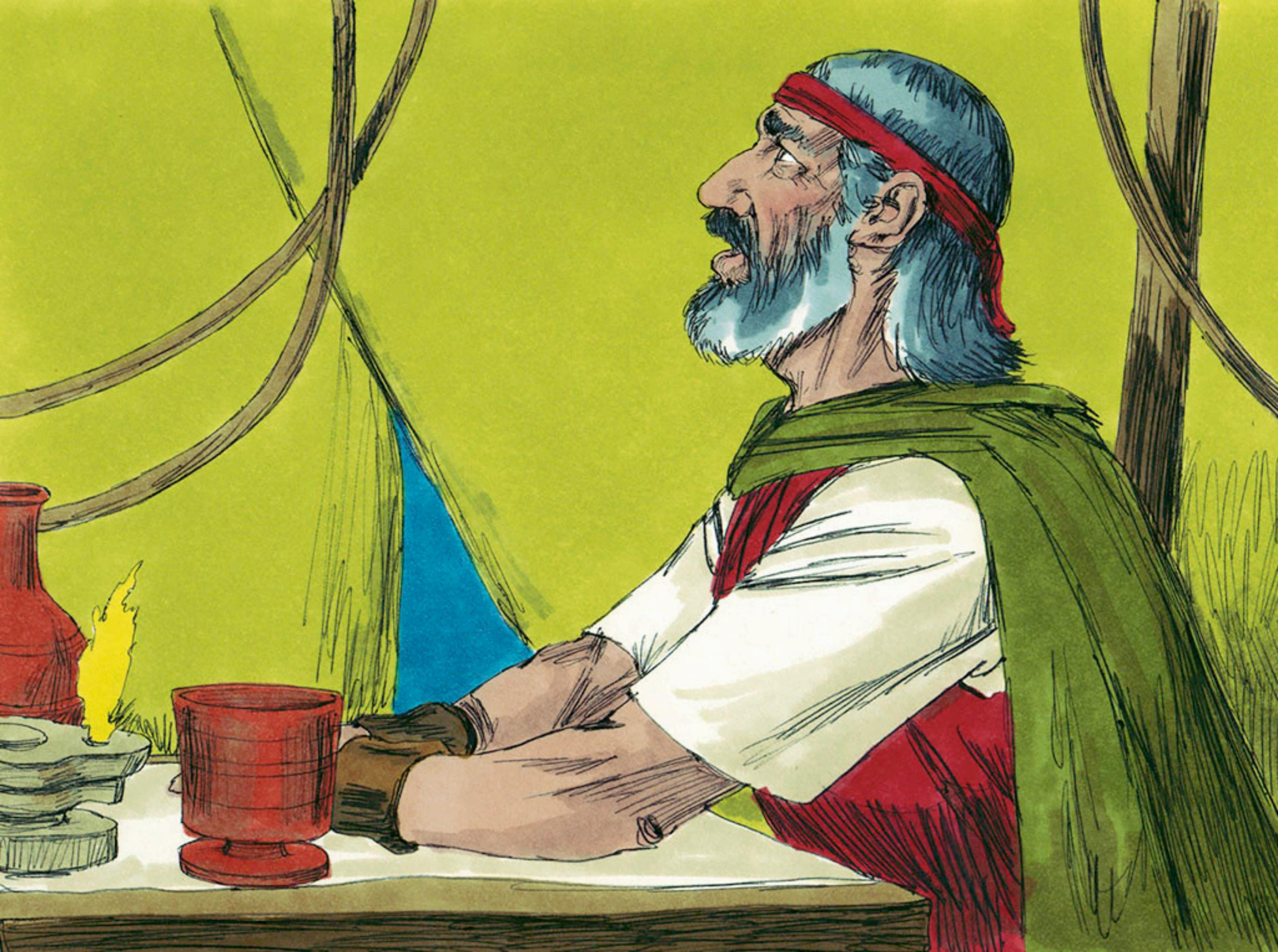




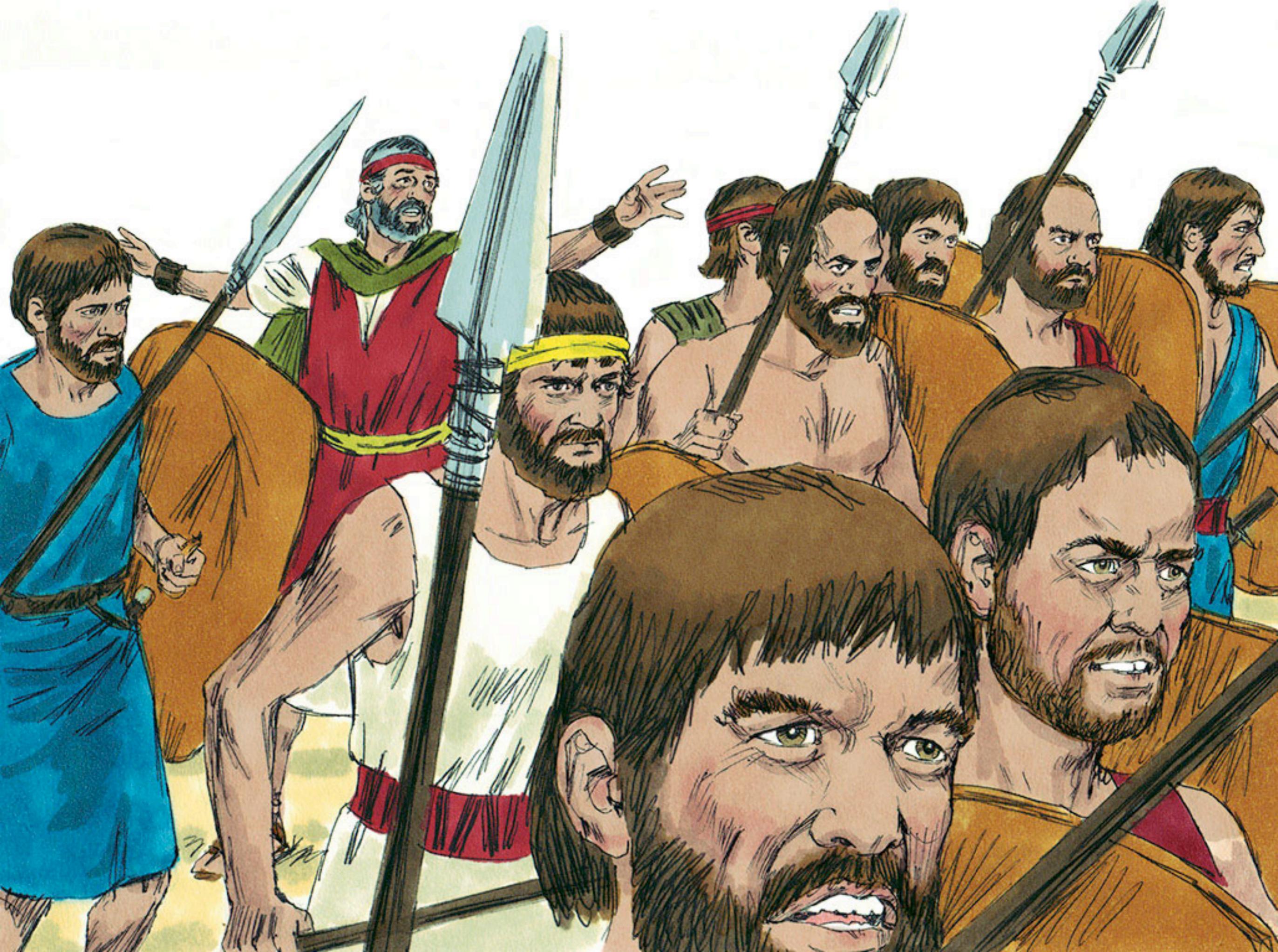








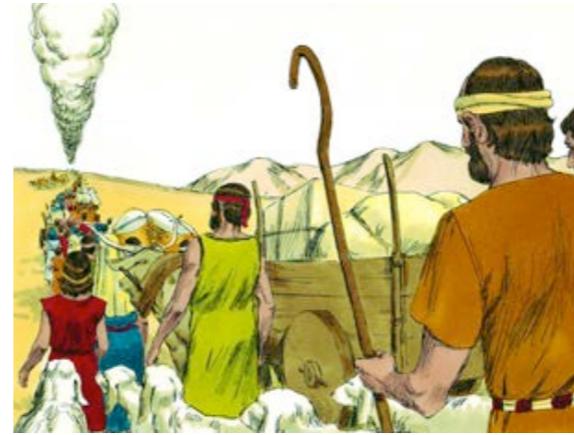








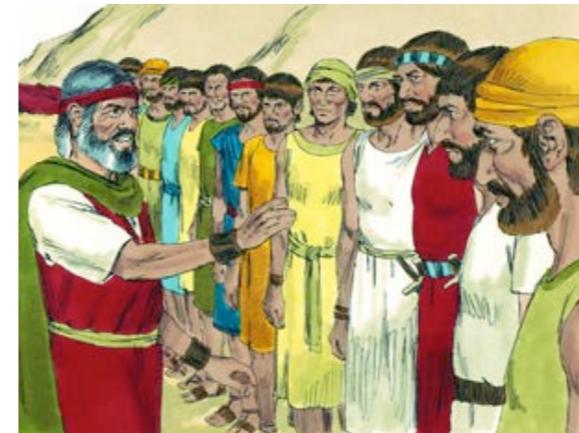
- 1 After leaving Egypt, the freed Hebrew slaves moved through the wilderness on their way to the land God had promised them. As they approached Canaan, they stopped in the wilderness of Zin at a place called Kadesh Barnea



- 2 The Lord told Moses to select a leader from each of the 12 tribes to go and spy out the land ahead.



- 3 Moses chose a leader from each tribe. (*Their names were Shammua, Shaphat, Caleb, Igal, Joshua, Palti, Gaddiel, Gaddi, Ammiel, Sethur, Nahbi and Geuel*).



- 4 Moses told them to find out whether the people in Canaan were strong or weak. How big were their towns and were they fortified? Was the soil fertile or poor? He also asked them to bring back some fruit from the land.



- 5 The twelve spies set out from Kadesh Barnea through the Negev desert, where the Amalekites lived, then up into the hill country.



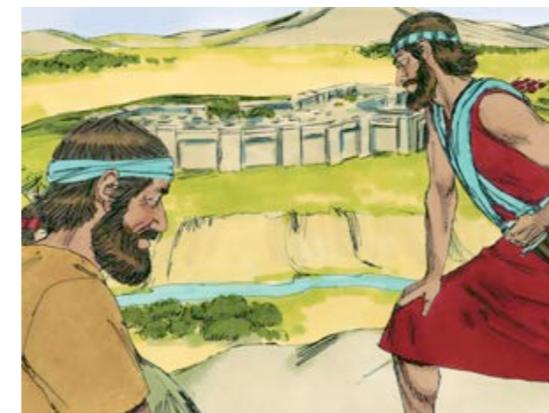
- 6 They saw very tall and strong people who were descendants of Anak.



- 7 They moved north through the hill country where the Hittites, Jebusites and Amorites lived and then around the River Jordan and Lake Galilee where they saw Canaanites.



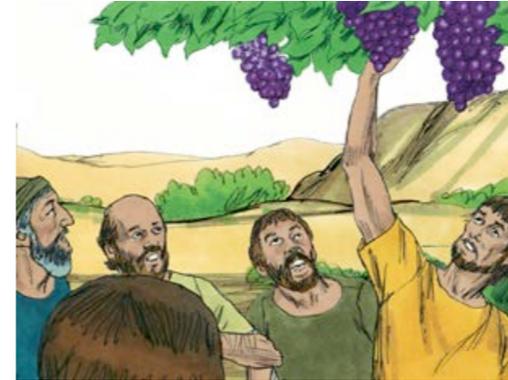
- 8 The towns and cities were large and well fortified.



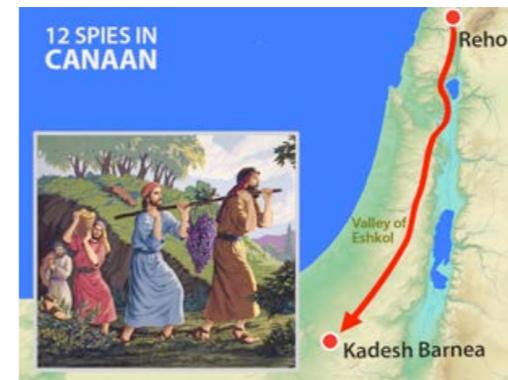
- 9 They went as far north as Rehob before turning back and retracing their steps.



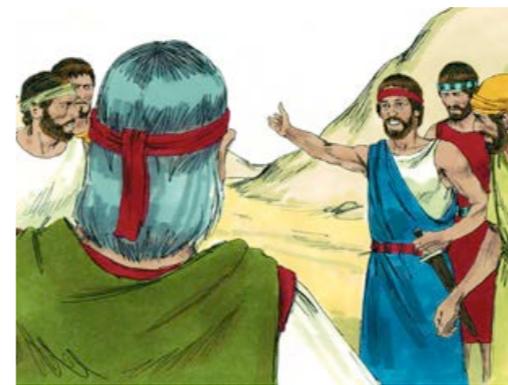
- 10 When they reached the Valley of Eshkol, they cut off a branch bearing a single cluster of grapes.



- 11 Two of them carried it on a pole between them, along with some pomegranates and figs.

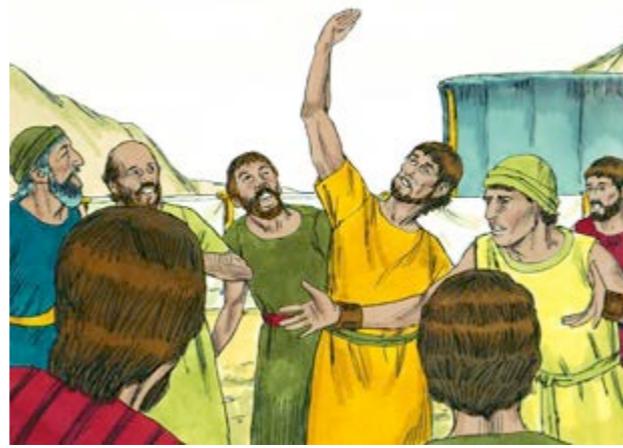


- 12 After 40 days, they returned to their camp. They reported, 'The land does flow with milk and honey! Here is its fruit. But the people who live there are powerful, and the cities are large and fortified. One of the spies, Caleb, silenced everyone and said, 'We should go up and take the land, for we can certainly do it.'

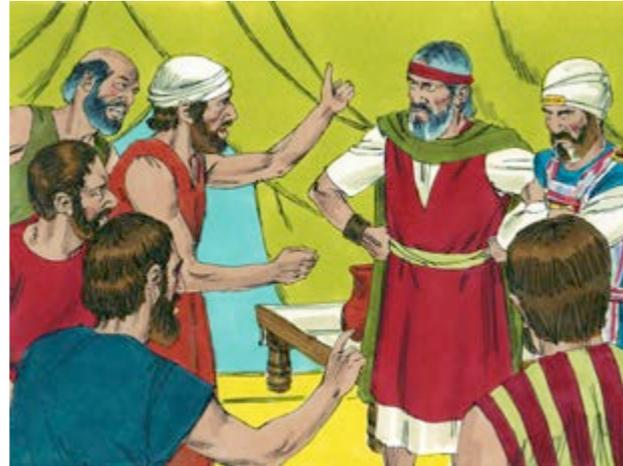


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- 13 Ten of the spies disagreed: 'We can't attack these people, they are stronger than us. All the people we saw are huge. Compared to them we seemed like grasshoppers.'



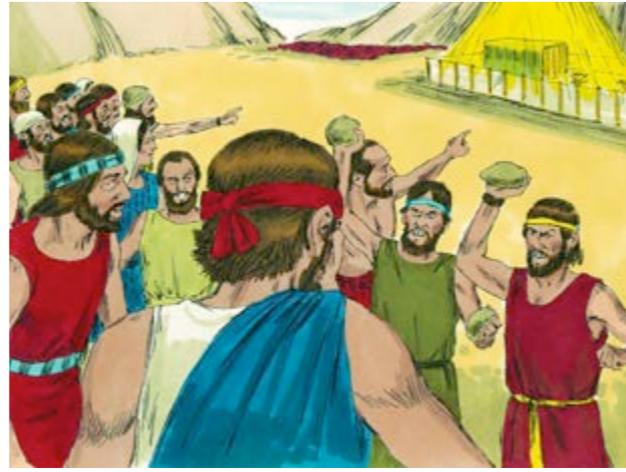
- 14 That night the Israelites grumbled and wept. They complained to Moses and Aaron, 'Why is the Lord bringing us to this land only to die in battle? Our wives and children will be taken as plunder.' They started planning to choose another leader and go back to Egypt.'



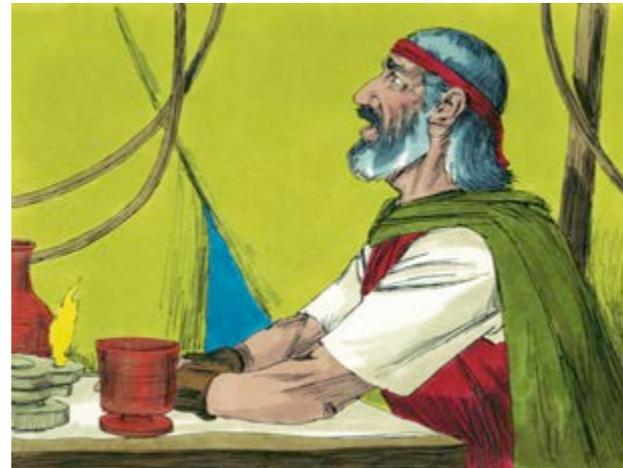
- 15 Moses and Aaron fell face down in front of everyone. Two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, stood up and said, 'The land we explored is exceedingly good. The Lord will lead us into that land flowing with milk and honey, and give it to us. Don't rebel against God or be afraid. The Lord is with us not them.'



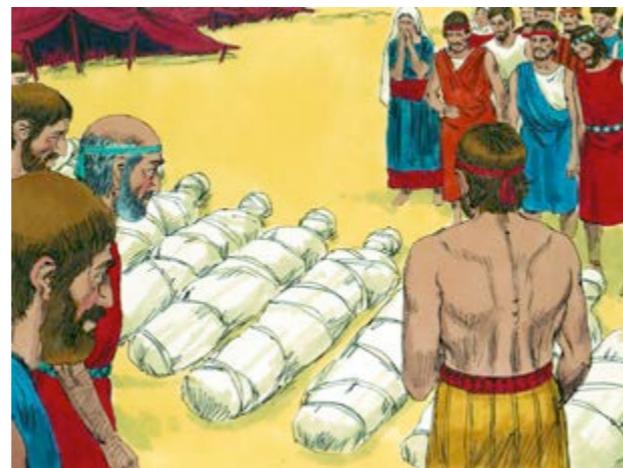
- 16 Just as those listening were muttering about stoning Joshua and Caleb, the glory of the Lord appeared at the Tent of Meeting.



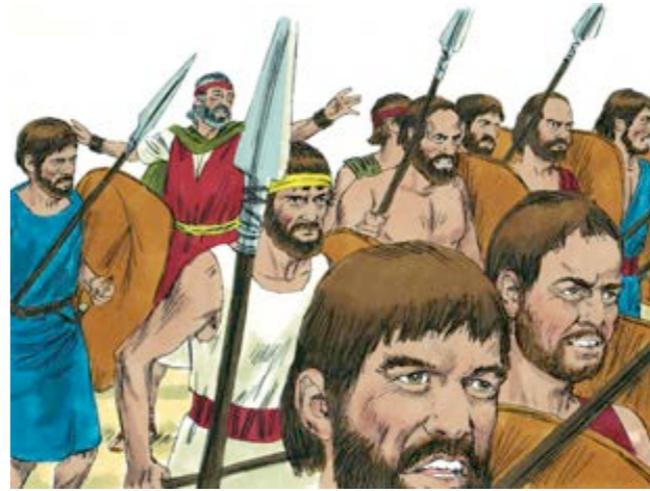
- 17 The Lord told Moses, 'How long will these people refuse to believe in me, in spite of all the miracles I have performed among them? I will strike them down with a plague and destroy them, but I will make you into a stronger nation.' God told Moses He would punish their rebellion by keeping them in the wilderness for 40 years, one year for each day the spies had been in Canaan.



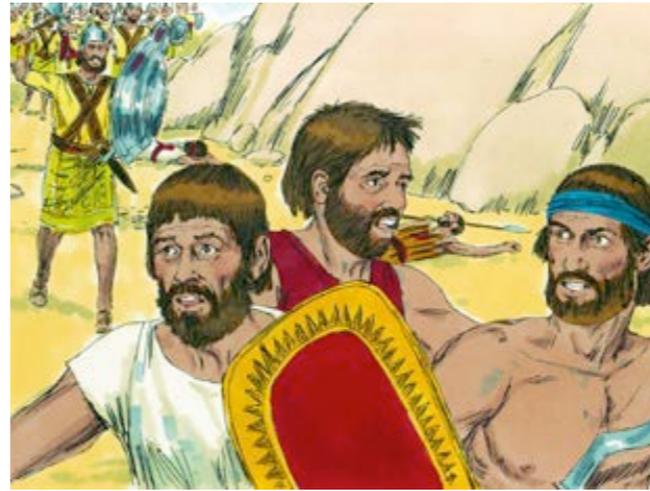
- 18 The ten spies who brought a bad report died of a plague. Only Joshua and Caleb survived - the spies who trusted in God to keep His promises and give them the land.



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- 19 The rebellious people then changed their minds and decided to attack the Amalekites just north of their camp. Moses said, 'Why are you disobeying the Lord's command? This will not succeed!' But they went ahead.



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- 20 The Amalekites, helped by the Canaanites from the hill country, came down and attacked them and beat them into a swift retreat.



- 21 For the next forty years the Israelites wandered around in the wilderness. All those who rebelled against God died. A new generation grew up willing to trust God and take the land God had promised to them – under the leadership of Joshua, supported by Caleb.



WATCH

- <https://youtu.be/C2iYUPs7c-U>

GAME

pass the parcel

In today's true story from the Bible Caleb had to wait a long time to receive his prize - just as they had, but he kept going because he trusted God's promises.

WRAP IT UP

<https://youtu.be/RYFpjl8Mi2I>

GAME

In it to win it

- Why did they participate more vigorously the second time around?
- Why did some of them give up the first time?
- Why were they disappointed when you wouldn't give them the prize?
- Talk about how we can be encouraged to try harder when we know there is something good at the end and when they know you can be trusted to keep your word.

Remind them that in today's true story from the Bible Caleb knew that God had promised Israel a great prize - the promised land. He trusted God to keep his word and give them this prize so Caleb kept going and persevered; because of that God gave him even more!

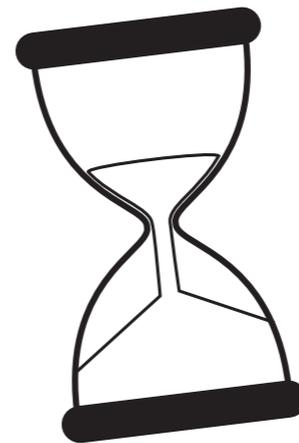
FAITH

<https://youtu.be/8VF8IWZUJL4>

Think? Spot

How many times is Caleb described as following God wholeheartedly?

Do you think it was easy for him to wait and trust God for so long? Why?



DISCUSS?

How did Caleb show that he trusted God's promises?

What did Caleb need to do to receive the reward God had promised him?

What promises has God made to Christians that we still have to wait for? What must we do to receive them?

What will it mean for you to trust God and follow him wholeheartedly?

MEMORY VERSE

You have until the end of next week to send me a video of you saying the memory verse, with actions to win yourself a 300g bag of the best sweets ever... I am going to brave Covid and buy a stash and deliver as your videos come through... don't mess around, these are GOOD sweets

<https://youtu.be/cQMGgSYvamM>

SING ALONG

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The song of Caleb ... <https://youtu.be/7Pil276BUUE>

Peace in Christ ... <https://youtu.be/Waitmz6C100>

Don't you worry ... <https://youtu.be/QhbK2GpbKTY>

PRAY

Dear Heavenly Father

We come to You today, so thankful for each and every promise that you have made to us. We thank you for the promise of forgiveness of sins, the hope of heaven and life ever lasting.

We thank You for this story of Caleb, for how he trusted You and never gave up on the promises that You had made to him, even after many years.

We thank you that You are a promise making and a promise keeping God and we ask that you would help us to faithfully trust in You and Your promises.

We ask all these things in Jesus' name

Amen