

Joshua and Caleb: Lesson 3

SuperTruth: God is faithful to keep His promises.

SuperVerse: “Deep in your hearts you know that every promise of the LORD your God has come true. Not a single one has failed!” Joshua 23:14b (NLT)

Bible Story: Numbers 10–11, 13:1–14:39; Deuteronomy 1:1–40; Joshua 14:1–9

Game Materials Needed:

- Promised Blessing Cards
- Sample List
- Two pool noodles
- Bags with handles—shopping bags or reusable grocery bags—at least two, plus extras in case of breakage
- Scissors
- Glue stick
- Paper plates—26 plus extras
- Bible or the Superbook Bible App

Teaching Materials Needed:

- Three Signpost Cards
- Cardstock or paper
- Optional: tape
- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

Discipleship Challenge:

- Promise Pouch
- Heart Promises Page
- Sample Challenge Craft made in Lesson 1

SuperVerse Materials Needed:

- Whiteboard and marker, or chalkboard and chalk
- Eraser
- SuperVerse Cards
- Scissors
- Bag or large envelope—one per set of cards for every team of 2–3 children

Prayer Materials Needed:

- Bibles or the Superbook Bible App

LARGE GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Joshua and Caleb lived by faith and believed God's promises about the land of Canaan. When others were afraid and began to doubt, Joshua and Caleb stood firm on God's promises!

- Superbook takes Chris, Joy and Gizmo to meet Joshua, Caleb, and 10 other spies sent by Moses to explore the Promised Land. Joshua and Caleb are amazed by Canaan's abundance—yet their good report is undermined by the other spies. The children learn that God blesses faithfulness, while the Israelites are punished for their lack of trust.
- God has made many promises to His children—that means us! Let's watch the Signposts video to learn how these promises are made available to us through Christ and how we can take hold of them in our own lives.

SMALL GROUP / GRADES 1–6

Game: The Spies Return (10 minutes)

Objective: Play a game to possess God's promised blessings.

- We will play a relay game to bring back samples from the Promised Land like the spies did, as evidence that the land was just as God had promised.

Game Instructions:

- Pairs of spies will take a bag and a “pole” and sneak like spies to the “Promised Land.” They will locate plates with pictures of the items on the list. Then they must skip, jump, or hop on one foot as they happily return, carrying the bag with the two plates between them on the pole.

Teaching: The Battle Is the Lord's (15 minutes)

Objective: Trust in God's Promises through any circumstance.

- Even though we may feel discouraged, remember there is always a path forward. When we trust in God's promises, He will help us move from discouragement and hopelessness to joy!

Take Home Activity—Discipleship Challenge (2 minutes)

- Our final challenge is to look up and read this verse each day, and discuss it with your family if possible. You may want to carry it with you as you learn it and stand on His promise! Also, continue to read your Bible each day to discover a new promise to write on Heart #6.

SuperVerse: Superbook Scramble (5 minutes)

Objective: Memorize the SuperVerse with a group activity.

- God kept His promises to Joshua. God's promises are still true today; not a single one has failed!
- Divide the children into teams of 2–3 children. Give a set of SuperVerse Cards to each team. Don't let teams open the bags or envelopes until you say, “Go!” Teams race to arrange their cards in the correct order and shout the SuperVerse aloud first.

Prayer: Promise Prayers (5 minutes)

Objective: Communicate with God.

- When we pray God's promises, we ask Him to do what He already said He would do.
- In our prayer today, we will pray one of God's promises together. I will read a phrase and then you will repeat it.

ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES (REFER TO THE LESSON GUIDE FOR DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS)

Review Game: Play a game to review the Bible story. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Coloring Activity: Color a picture about the land of milk and honey. | **Grades 1–3** | 15 min

Necklace Craft: Make a necklace of God's blessing. | **Grades 1–6** | 15 min

Search and Find Activity: Look up verses to complete the puzzle. | **Grades 4–6** | 15 min

SuperVerse: Superbook Search (5 Minutes)