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PRESCHOOL ACTIVITIES

JOSHUA AND CALEB ACTIVITY PAGE

Give an activity page and a marker or crayon to your child. Say the names of and talk about each type of fruit. Encourage them to circle fruits they have tasted and draw a box around their favorite.

REFLECT WITH YOUR CHILD: God's people, the Israelites, were almost to the land God promised to give them. God told Moses to send men into the land to see what it was like. The men found great fruit! Listen to our Bible story to discover what else they found there.

EXPLORE 40

Gather various items such as pom-poms, coffee stir sticks, blocks, rocks, buttons, straws, and so forth. Count and explore 40 things. Sort into 4 groups of 10, make designs with 40 things, or write the number 40 with paper and pencils.

REFLECT WITH YOUR CHILD: Moses told 12 men/scouts to go into the land God promised to His people to see what it was like. So the men went and looked at the land. They traveled around the land for 40 days. They discovered the land was just as nice as God said it was. Listen to our Bible story to find out what else they discovered there.

FEEL FRUIT

Place several types of toy fruit into a pillowcase. Invite your preschooler to reach inside the bag and select one item without looking. Feel the fruit, guess what it is, and remove the fruit from the bag to confirm. Return the fruit to the bag and mix before another child takes a turn. Call attention to grapes when selected and point out their relation to the story.

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REFLECT WITH YOUR CHILD: Do you like grapes? In today's Bible story, God told Moses to send men to look at the land He planned to give His people. The men who went to the land returned with grapes that were so big, the bunch had to be carried on a pole! Listen to our Bible story to hear what else the men discovered in the Promise Land.

PLAY "WHAT COLOR IS THE FRUIT?"

Place several sheets each of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple construction paper on the floor in a large space. Call out the name of a fruit, and tell your child to move to the paper that represents the fruit's color. Continue calling out fruits as they move.

REFLECT WITH YOUR CHILD: The Bible says the men brought many kinds of fruit back to Moses, and the bunch of grapes they brought was so big they had to carry it on a pole. **Joshua and Caleb trusted God** and were ready to move into the land, but the rest were not. Jesus always trusted God. He took the punishment we deserve for turning away from God. When we trust in Jesus, God forgives our sin and gives us life with Him forever.

EVALUATE THE OUTDOORS

Print the "Outdoor Checklist". Take an outdoor walk. Suggest to your child to look around outdoors and see what the land is like. Show how to check off an item when they discover it. If you have binoculars on hand take them and to take turns looking through them and talk about things you all see.

REFLECT WITH YOUR CHILD: Moses sent the men into the land to see what it was like. When the men saw that there were strong people already living there, they were afraid. They wanted to go against what God wanted. They wanted to go back to Egypt. **What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go against God and His commands.** Because **Joshua and Caleb trusted God** and wanted to obey Him, God allowed them to live in the land many years later.

MAKE A ROCK MEMORIAL

Joshua set up the twelve stones to make a memorial so that when people see them in the future they will be reminded of what God had done for the Israelites on that day.

Build a Rock Memorial like Joshua – Ask your child what they think Joshua's rock memorial might have looked like. Gather twelve rocks and tell them to imagine they are Joshua and that they are going to make a rock memorial so that their ancestors will remember what God had done for them. Tell them to use the rocks to make a memorial. If you don't want to use real rocks, you can make fake rocks out of brown paper lunch bags. Stuff them with crinkled up newspaper and tape or glue them closed.

Make Your Own Rock Memorial – Suggest that your child set up their own rock memorials somewhere in their own backyard or in the house to remind them of something God had done for them.

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ELEMENTARY ACTIVITIES

KEY PASSAGE ACTIVITY

Lead your child in reading Proverbs 3:5-6 aloud together. Then ask them to identify some of the key words or phrases and suggest motions for them. (Examples: point upward for *Lord*, point to your chest for *heart*, and shake head for *do not*, point to head for *acknowledge*, and so on.)

Challenge your child to perform the motions as they repeat the key passage a few times.

REFLECT WITH YOUR CHILD: We're going to work on memorizing this key passage over the next few weeks. Memorizing God's Word helps us remember what is true about God and about ourselves, and knowing what is true helps us trust in Him!

DISCUSSION & BIBLE SKILLS

Guide your child to open their Bible to Numbers 13. Explain that today's Bible story comes from Numbers 13–14. Remind kids that the Book of Numbers is the fourth book of the Bible.

Challenge your child to name the three books before Numbers. (*Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus*)

REFLECT WITH YOUR CHILD: The Book of Numbers tells about the Israelites' travels after they escaped from Egypt. They went to Mount Sinai, where God made a covenant with them, and then they went to the edge of Canaan, the promised land.

Joshua and Caleb trusted God to give His people the Promised Land, but the rest of the Israelites rebelled against God because they did not trust Him.

Ask your child to read aloud Numbers 13:30-31. Then ask the following questions.

What did the Israelites think would happen if they entered the promised land? *Prompt kids to recall that the Israelites thought they would be killed by their enemies. They did not trust that God would give them victory and blessing in the land He promised.* (Option: Read Num. 14:3.)

Why did God keep the Israelites who didn't trust Him from entering the promised land? *Lead kids to discuss how the Israelites refused to enter the promised land, so God punished them by sending them to wander in the wilderness for 40 years. God was right to punish their sin. Only Joshua, Caleb, and the Israelites' children were allowed to enter the promised land.* (Option: Read Heb. 3:16-19.)

Why can we trust God? *Guide kids to discuss what they know to be true about God. Point out that fear can keep us from following God, but God is faithful. He will never leave us. God is good, and He is in control.* (Option: Read Ps. 9:10.)

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GRAPE CLUSTERS

Provide circles of purple construction paper or have them draw a large cluster of grapes using circles to the can write words inside each grapes. Invite them to write on multiple circles things they need God's help with. Remind them that it can be anything from school work to a frustrating situation at home to a game or what is happening in the world today. Help your children to tape their "grapes" together so it looks like a bunch and read / pluck off a grape each day to pray about the thing they wrote down.

REFLECT WITH YOUR CHILD: **Joshua and Caleb trusted God to give His people the promised land.** Trusting God is important. Only He has the power to help us through any situation. When we don't trust God, we sin. ***What does it mean to sin? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God or His commands.*** God sent Jesus to pay the price of our sins, and when we trust in Him, God forgives our sin and promises us eternal life with Him.

REFLECTION AND PRAYER

Distribute a sheet of paper to each child. Ask your child to write about or draw a picture to answer the following questions:

What does this story teach me about God or about the gospel?

What does this story teach me about myself?

Whom can I tell about this story?

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY – ZOOM CALLS

We miss seeing all the children and having community with one another so we invite your children to join us this week to check-in with one another, share a story and sing some songs via Zoom! Hope to see you there!

Preschool Ministry Zoom (Twos – Kindergarten): Thursday Mornings at 10:30 a.m.

Time: Apr 23, 2020 10:30 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://christchurch.zoom.us/j/990861703>

Meeting ID: 990 861 703

Elementary Ministry Zoom (1st – 5th Grade): Thursday Afternoon at 1:00 p.m.

Time: Apr 23, 2020 01:00 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/744275810>

Meeting ID: 744 275 810