

Giants in the Land

Items needed: Paper to draw on and some crayons or pencils.

Bible truth: We need to remember that God is bigger than the giants.

Bible verses: Numbers 14:24- *But because my servant Caleb has a different spirit and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it.*

1. Teach: Have your learners draw a bug on their paper. Any color. Any size. Any shape. While they color read them Numbers 13:1, 17-33. Retell the story in your own words to make sure that your learners understand what was read.

The 12 spies went in and checked out the land God had promised them they would live in. They saw that there was a lot of food growing there. There was a lot of water. It was going to be a great place to live.

There was one problem though. There were a lot of people who already lived in the land, and some of the people who lived there were giants. Giants! Huge people! The people there were so huge that 10 of the 12 spies felt like bugs. There was no way they could go in and take that land.

There were two, however, Caleb and Joshua, who knew that God had promised them this land. They remembered all the things that God had already done for Israel as they had come to the Promised Land from Egypt. They reminded the people that God was bigger.

The people didn't listen to Caleb and Joshua. It broke God's heart. God told the people that none of them who had seen the miracles that God had done in Egypt would see the Promised Land except Caleb, and Joshua who would be their leader.

2. Do: Imagine what it would be like to be the bug in your picture. Lay on the floor and look at how big things look from down there. The giants that the spies saw were HUGE! They made the spies feel like grasshoppers, like bugs. What's the biggest thing you can see from the floor? What's the smallest thing you can see? How would you feel if the people around you made you feel as small as a bug?

3. Discuss: Sometimes the things going on around us in life make us feel like a tiny bug. What made Caleb believe in God even though he felt bug-sized? (He had seen what God had done bringing the people out of Egypt. The 12 plagues. The crossing the Red Sea. The manna and quail, and water in the desert.)

What are some things that you have seen God do that will help you remember to trust God when you feel bug-sized?

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