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5 Simple Ways You Can Make This Lesson Stick With Your Kids



Unit 7 Lesson 1: Numbers 13-14: Joshua and Caleb

IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Answers will vary based on kid's experience, but it should be along the lines of the story point: "Joshua and Caleb. They trusted God when no one else would to bring them into the promised land"

Ask kids why they think we can 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.

Why do you think God allows us to go through difficult or scary circumstances?

Help kids see that when we face hard times we learn to trust Him. Remind the kids that asking for help is wise. We never have to face scary times alone.

HANGING OUT:

Prompt kids to discuss a time someone made a promise to them. Who made the promise? Did he or she keep that promise?

SAY • When a person makes a promise, we expect him or her to keep it. When God makes a promise, we know for certain that He will keep it. Today, we will heard about a group of people who sinned by doubting God's faithfulness to keep promises.

Why do you think God allows us to go through difficult or scary circumstances?

Help kids see that when we face hard times we learn to trust Him. Remind the kids that asking for help is wise. We never have to face scary times alone.

AT DINNER:

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.

Who trusted God?

Only Joshua and Caleb trusted God to give them the land. The other scouts were afraid (Optional: Read Num. 14:6-9) How can trusting God help us face our fears? Guide kids to think about who God is and what He can do. Lead them to see that He has promised His people eternal life through Jesus. When we trust Jesus, we know that no difficult situation lasts forever. We always have hope. We can persevere through hard times by remembering what Jesus did to save us.

BEFORE BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this unit's key passage: Proverbs 3:5 "Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding."

SAY • Our key passage reminds us that we need to trust God. He knows better than we do about everything! This passage warns us against trusting our own understanding. God leads us to righteousness in Jesus. Trusting in ourselves for righteousness is sin. We saw this clearly in our story today. Joshua and Caleb trusted God, but the other 10 scouts trusted in their own understanding.

PARENT TIME/WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

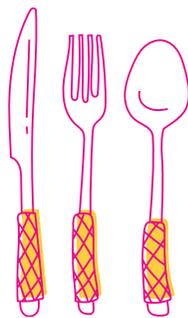
Story Point: "Joshua and Caleb trusted God to give His people the promised land."

Key Passage: Proverbs 3:5 "Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding."

Gospel Gems from the Story: • Twelve men went to look at the promised land. • Joshua and Caleb trusted God to give His people the land. • God forgives us when we trust in Jesus.

Big Picture Question: What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go against God and His commands.

Christ Connection: The Israelites turned away from God because they did not trust Him. 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.



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Unit 7 Lesson 2: Numbers 20-21: The Bronze Snake

IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Answers will vary based on kid's experience, but it should be along the lines of the story point: "The Bronze Snake: God told His people to look at the bronze snake to be healed."

Ask kids what they think sin is.

Point kids back to the big picture question we introduced last week: WHAT IS SIN? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.

Why was it sin to complain against God?

Guide the kids to discuss the fact that God had proven Himself faithful time and time again. God had promised good things to His people and met all their physical needs. Complaining against God was the same as accusing Him of being unfaithful or uncaring.

HANGING OUT:

Prompt kids to discuss animals they might be afraid of. Ask them why they are afraid of those animals. Ask how the kids feel about snakes.

SAY • It's normal to be afraid of some animals. In fact, it's probably good to be afraid of animals that could hurt you, like a venomous bug or angry grizzly bear. Today we heard about a time the people of Israel faced venomous snakes. How do you think they were protected from the dangerous snakes?

What were the Israelites complaining about?

(the food that God had provided them, OPTIONAL: Read Num. 21:5)

When do we grumble or complain against God?

Guide kids to see that there are many ways we express ungratefulness toward God or distrust of God. Whenever we grumble or complain, it's like saying "God isn't doing the right things in my life" or "I know what is best for me better than God does."

AT DINNER:

Why did God send snakes to bite the Israelites?

Lead kids to consider that the snakes were how God disciplined His people. He loved them and wanted to lead them to repent and turn back to Him. When God's people realized they had sinned by complaining, God told Moses to make a snake image and put it on a pole.

How does the bronze snake remind us of Jesus?

Guide kids to recognize that Jesus was lifted up on a cross to die for our sins. On the third day, He rose again and provides the cure for sin.

How are we like the Israelites who were bitten by snakes?

Help kids make the connection that sin is deadly like a snakebite. We are all dead in our sin, and we can't do anything to rescue ourselves. As Savior, Jesus calls us to look to Him and live. He gives us life and freedom from sin forever.

BEFORE BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this unit's key passage: Proverbs 3:5 "Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding."

SAY • Our key passage is a reminder that God knows everything and can be trusted. When we trust in Him with our whole heart, He leads us to Jesus. Jesus saves us from sin and teaches us to lovingly obey God. On the other hand, when we trust in ourselves, we wander from God and make sinful choices.

PARENT TIME/WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Story Point: "Joshua and Caleb trusted God to give His people the promised land."

Key Passage: Proverbs 3:5 "Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding."

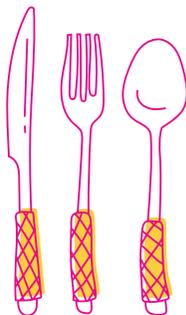
Gospel Gems from the Story: • God did not leave His people when they complained. • God healed His people.

• God sent Jesus because He loves us.

Big Picture Question: What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go against God and His commands.

Christ Connection: The Israelites turned away from God because they did not trust Him. 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.



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Unit 7 Lesson 3: Numbers 22-24: Balaam and Balak

IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Answers will vary based on kid's experience, but it should be along the lines of the story point: "Balaam and Balak: God commanded Balaam to bless His people."

Ask kids what they think sin is.

Point kids back to the big picture question we introduced last week: WHAT IS SIN? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.

Why do you think King Balak wanted Balaam to curse the Israelites?

Prompt kids to discuss how the Israelites were a possible threat to King Balak and the people of Moab. The king saw that they were victorious against their enemies. The Israelites were numerous, and the Moabites were afraid.

HANGING OUT:

Prompt kids to tell about what animals they like best. After they speak for a bit about their favorite animals, ask if any of them like donkeys best.

SAY • You may not think donkeys are the best animal, but they can be very useful as a work animal to pull things. Today we heard about a time when God used a donkey in a very different way. God gave the donkey the ability to speak! What would your pets say if they could speak?

Who came to stop Balaam?

An angel of the Lord.

Why did Balaam hit his donkey?

Balaam could not see why the donkey kept stopping, and he was angry.

How did God use Balak's sin to bless His people?

Guide kids to discuss that Balak sinned by planning to have Balaam curse the Israelites, but God turned the situation around so that Balaam would bless them instead. God shows His great power when He changes difficult situations into blessings. God protected his people just like how he protects us now by rescuing us from sin and death through His Son, Jesus.

AT DINNER:

How does God show grace to sinners? Help kids

see that God's sending the angel to stop Balaam was gracious. Instead of letting Balak continue with his sinful plan, God changed those plans to fit His own good plans. God shows us grace through Jesus, who died to save us from sin so that we can be part of God's plan to rescue sinners all over the world.

When might we miss what God is doing around us, like Balaam did?

Guide kids to see that we often desire sinful things. We often think that our plans will be better than God's plans for us. When we chase after sinful things, we can miss out on being a part of God's good plans.

How can we use our words for God's glory?

Lead kids to recognize that they can tell the truth, talk to others about Jesus, and encourage one another. We can all choose to honor God and bless others with our mouths, or we can dishonor Him and hurt others. God wants us to use our mouths to honor Him.

BEFORE BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this unit's key passage: Proverbs 3:5 "Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding."

SAY • Our key passage is a reminder that God knows everything and can be trusted. When we trust in Him with our whole heart, He leads us to Jesus. Jesus saves us from sin and teaches us to lovingly obey God. On the other hand, when we trust in ourselves, we wander from God and make sinful choices.

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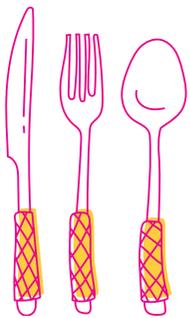
Story Point: "God commanded Balaam to bless His people."

Key Passage: Proverbs 3:5 "Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding."

Gospel Gems from the Story: • Balak wanted Balaam to speak against Israel • Balaam could only bless God's people. • Balaam said that God would send His people a king.

Big Picture Question: What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go against God and His commands.

Christ Connection: Balaam could not curse God's people. God had blessed the Israelites, so Balaam blessed them too. Long after Balaam announced the coming king, Jesus was born. God sent Jesus to bless the world. Jesus rescues people from sin.



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Unit 7 Lesson 4: Deuteronomy 31-34: Moses' Farewell

IN THE CAR:

Ask your child what they learned about this week on the drive home:

Answers will vary based on kid's experience, but it should be along the lines of the story point: "Moses' Farewell: Moses reminded the people to keep God's covenant."

Ask kids what they think sin is.

Point kids back to the big picture question we introduced last week: WHAT IS SIN? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.

What did Moses tell the people in his farewell?

Be strong and courageous. God will go ahead of you. God will defeat your enemies for you. Do not be afraid, and so forth; Deut. 31:3-6

HANGING OUT:

Prompt kids to think about a time they said goodbye to someone. Did they know if they would see that person the next day or week? Have they ever said goodbye for a long time, such as moving away?

SAY • Saying goodbye can be sad. Today we heard about the time Moses—the man God chose to lead His people for many years—said goodbye to them. What do you think Moses might have told them?

Why did Moses tell the people to be strong and courageous?

Guide kids to discuss that following God is not always easy. Sometimes we face scary or difficult situations. We are often tempted to distrust God or turn away from Him to do things our own way. But God's ways are always best. It takes strength and courage to obey God.

What are some things we may do today that require strength and courage?

Guide kids to talk about the difficulty of obeying God even today. We may not fight physical battles, but spiritual warfare still happens all around us. We need strength and courage to obey God just as the Israelites did.

What are ways God helps us fight spiritual battles?

Guide kids to discuss Jesus' taking our punishment. He sent the Holy Spirit to live in us and guide us. We also have God's Word to learn from, and we can pray to God for help. We also have other believers who comfort and encourage us or point us to God when we are wrong.

AT DINNER:

What did Moses say God would do for the Israelites?

Guide kids to recall that Moses said God would protect and fight for Israel. With His help, they would defeat their enemies.

Why is it important to remember God's Word?

Guide kids to discuss that by spending time in God's Word, we learn and remember what is true about God and about ourselves. When we forget the truth, we turn away from God and live for ourselves. Scripture gives us hope and compels us to live for Christ. (Option: Choose a volunteer to read Rom. 15:4.)

What do you think is the most important thing you can do in your life?

Allow kids to discuss what they hope to accomplish. Kids might talk about being kind or becoming famous, but guide them toward the fact that the most important thing we can do is commit our lives to Jesus and tell others about Him. Our life on earth is temporary, but the work we do for Jesus lasts forever.

BEFORE BEDTIME:

Quiz your child on this unit's key passage: Proverbs 3:5 "Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding."

SAY • This is our last week with this bible verse! We disobey God when we trust in ourselves instead of trusting in Him. I hope you will keep these words in mind. God has told us in the Bible how life works best. Our key passage shows, God's ways are better than our ways. Life works best when we trust God and obey Him.

PARENT TIME/WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Story Point: "Farewell: Moses reminded the people to keep God's covenant."

Key Passage: Proverbs 3:5 "Trust the Lord with all your heart, and do not rely on your own understanding."

Gospel Gems from the Story: • Moses led God's people to the promised land. • Moses reminded God's people to love and obey God. • God promised to be with His people.

Big Picture Question: What does it mean to sin? To sin is to go against God and His commands.

Christ Connection: Balaam could not curse God's people. God had blessed the Israelites, so Balaam blessed them too. Long after Balaam announced the coming king, Jesus was born. God sent Jesus to bless the world. Jesus rescues people from sin.

