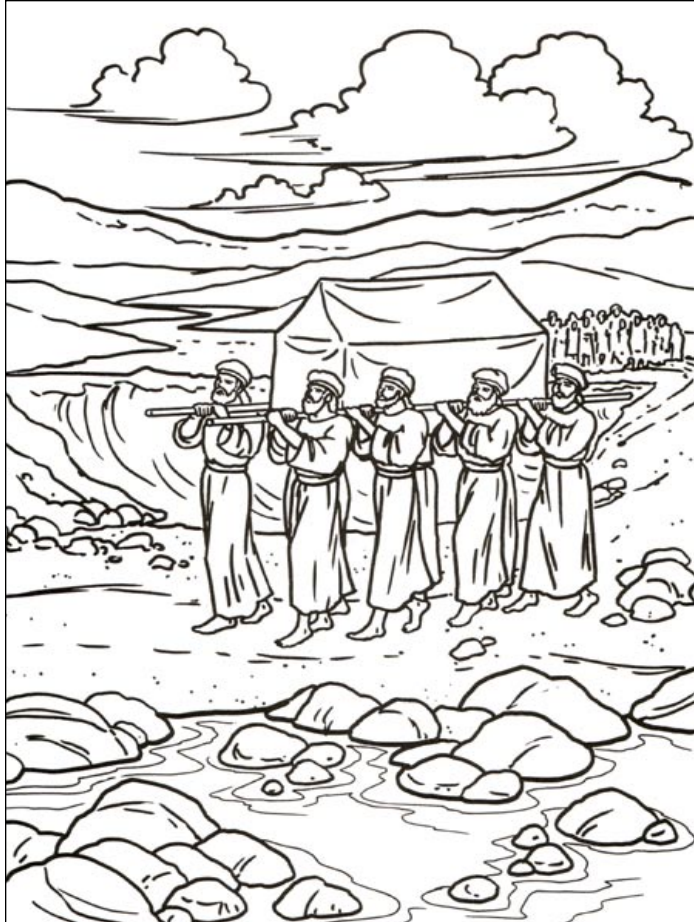
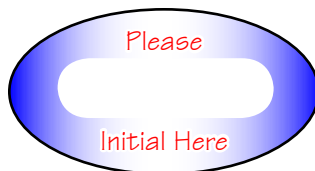


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The children of Israel journeyed toward the good land.

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The Travels of the Chosen Children of Israel

- Lesson Seven -

God's Good Land

I. Overview.

As the children of Israel traveled across the wilderness, they began to approach their destination – the land of Canaan. When they arrived at the Wilderness of Paran, God told Moses to choose one man from each of their twelve tribes to go into the land of Canaan to spy out the land. The twelve spies were to bring back a report concerning the condition of the land, the number and type of people who occupied the land and whether the cities were strongly fortified.



The land of Canaan flowed with milk and honey.

So the twelve men spied out the land. After forty days they returned with their report. Ten of them brought back an evil report, saying that the people were giant and their cities fortified. They discouraged the heart of all the people. Two of the spies brought back a good report, believing in God and saying that Israel was well able to take the land. But the evil report prevailed.

II. Memory Verse.

“We came to the land into which you sent us; and indeed it flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit.”

(Num. 13:27)

III. Lesson.

Before Israel was to enter the land of Canaan. God commanded that spies be sent into the land to see what kind of land it was and how many and strong its people were. So Moses sent a leading man from each of the twelve tribes into the land to spy it out for forty days.

The Fruit of the Land

When the spies returned, they brought back some rich fruit from the land. They brought back pomegranates and figs and a single cluster of grapes that had to be carried on a pole between two men. They said that indeed the land flowed with milk and honey. The land of Canaan was certainly a rich land, full of good things.

The Evil Report

But ten of the twelve spies did not believe God's word and brought back an evil report concerning the people of the land. They said that the people were like giants and that their cities were fortified and too strong to defeat. This caused the children of Israel to become discouraged and rebellious. They wept and murmured against Moses and Aaron and wanted to choose a new leader who would take them back to Egypt. God was very unhappy with this evil report and its result.



The fruit of the good land of Canaan was very bountiful.

The Good Report

Two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, believed in God's word and brought back a good report. They tried to calm the people.

They trusted that God had given them the land and that they could take it. They testified that the land was an extremely good land. They said "if Jehovah delights in us, He will bring us into the land and give it to us." They trusted in God's word and believed in God. They said "let us go up at once to possess the land."

The Evil Report Prevailed

But the evil report prevailed and the people turned away from the good land of Canaan. God was very unhappy with them and said that none of them would enter into the good land except for Joshua and Caleb, who brought back the good report. All the others would die in the wilderness.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. How many spies were sent into the land?

2. What were the spies supposed to do when they were in the land of Canaan?

3. Why did the ten spies bring back an evil report?

4. Why did the two spies bring back a good report?

