

WEEK 1

SMALL GROUP GUIDE



BIG IDEA

Obstacles are no problem for God.

BIBLE

The Spies in the Promised Land

Numbers 13-14:9; Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37

ABOUT THIS WEEK

In a race, there are twists, turns, and tight corners—but the driver doesn't stop when things get tough.

This week, God sends spies into the Promised Land to check it out. Some were scared of what they saw, but Joshua and Caleb trusted that God could handle whatever was ahead. Even when the path looks tricky, **obstacles are no problem for God.**

MEMORY VERSE

"Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful." — Hebrews 10:23 (NIV)



DISCUSSION

BIBLE QUESTIONS

- **Why did Moses send the twelve men to Canaan?** To check out the land and the people who lived there.
- **What did ten of the spies say about the Promised Land?** That the land was good, but the people living there were too strong; the Israelites seemed like grasshoppers by comparison.
- **How did Joshua and Caleb show they trusted God?** They told the people God was with them, God would give them the land, and not to be afraid.
- **Read Psalm 107:4–6. What were some of the obstacles that God removed for the people?** People were hungry, thirsty, lost, and struggling.

APPLICATION QUESTIONS

- **Think of a time when you were faced with an obstacle or a hard time in your life. How did you feel before facing the obstacle? How did you feel after?**
- **What are some things, or even people, that might be obstacles in your life right now?**
- **What is one way you can trust God with an obstacle?**

ACTIVITY

WHAT TO DO



Provide a bunch of random supplies: yarn, tape, pipe cleaners, cotton balls, wax sticks, and the like. Give each kid a paper food tray and a small marble (or mini car for younger kids). Have them create a maze out of these materials with creative obstacles. Afterward, have them navigate their marble through the maze by tilting the box strategically to get the car to the finish line. Scan QR code for a worked example.

WHAT TO SAY

Even better than you are able to get your "car" to the finish line, God is able to steer you in the right direction, especially when obstacles are involved. Because obstacles are no problem for God!