

Israelites' Response Skit

Based on Numbers 14:1–10

Parts: *Narrator, Moses, Aaron, Joshua, Caleb, Children of Israel (assign specific lines or have all other students read together)*

Scene: *Moses and Aaron should stand up front to start the skit. Other characters may sit. Joshua and Caleb will stand later.*

Narrator: When the Israelites heard the bad report from the 10 spies, they raised a loud cry and wept that night.

Children of Israel: *Cry and weep.*

Narrator: Then all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron.

Children of Israel: We wish we had died in the land of Egypt or in this wilderness!

Children of Israel: Why is the Lord bringing us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our children will be killed! Wouldn't it be better for us to go back to Egypt?

Children of Israel: Let's choose a leader and go back to Egypt.

Narrator: Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the congregation of the people of Israel.

Moses and Aaron: *Look upset and fall down.*

Narrator: Then Joshua and Caleb, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes and said to all the people of Israel:

Caleb and Joshua stand up.

Caleb: The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey.

Joshua: Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land, for we can defeat them! Their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us. Do not fear them.

Caleb and Joshua sit down.

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Children of Israel: You will take us to our deaths!

Children of Israel: Away with these men! Let's stone them!

Children of Israel: *Look angry and pretend to pick up rocks.*

Narrator: But the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.

Children of Israel: *Cower in fear and put down pretend stones. Cover eyes and look down.*