

# Moses Sends the Spies

Lesson 61

They have giants  
and strong cities!

The LORD is with us.  
Do **NOT** fear them!

We look like  
grasshoppers next  
to them!





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## *Lesson Focus*

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When the time came for the Israelites to enter the land God promised to Abraham, they had a crisis of faith. Ten of the men who spied out the land were afraid of the giants and the fortified cities. Two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, trusted that God would give them victory.

## *Key Passages*

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Grades 2–3: Exodus 23:20–23; Numbers 13:23, 13:27–28, 13:31–33, 14:4, 14:6–10

Grades 4–5: Exodus 3:8, 23:20–23; Numbers 13:23, 13:27–28, 13:32–33

## *What You Heard in the Word*

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- God promised Abraham and his descendants, the Israelites, that he would give them a land “flowing with milk and honey.”
- Twelve men spied out the Promised Land, but only Joshua and Caleb trusted God to keep his promise to protect them and give them the land.



# God Judges Rebellion

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# God Judges Rebellion

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## *Lesson Focus*

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Three men rebelled against Moses' and Aaron's God-given leadership. God judged them by supernaturally opening the earth and swallowing them up, along with their tents and families. The people blamed Moses and Aaron and continued to complain about food and water. God sent fiery serpents that killed some. Only those who looked to the bronze serpent were saved from God's judgment.

## *Key Passages*

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Grades 2–3: Numbers 16:6–7, 16:12–14, 21:5–6, 21:8–9

Grades 4–5: Numbers 16:1–3, 16:12–14, 21:5–9; John 3:14–15

## *What You Heard in the Word*

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- God judged the rebellion of men who spoke against Moses and Aaron by having the earth open up and swallow them, their families, and their belongings.
- The Israelites complained about food and water, and God judged them with poisonous snakes. God showed mercy by having Moses create a bronze serpent that the people could look to and be saved from death.



# God Prepares the Way

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## *Lesson Focus*

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To prepare the way into Canaan, God gave Moses and the Israelites two great victories over the Amorite kings Sihon and Og. The Israelites took possession of their lands, and two and a half tribes settled there. Moab and Midian hired the false prophet Balaam to curse the Israelites, but God caused him to bless them instead.

## *Key Passages*

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Grades 2–3: Deuteronomy 3:1–5; Numbers 22:28, 22:31–33, 23:11–12

Grades 4–5: Deuteronomy 3:1–5; Numbers 22:26–35, 23:8–12

## *What You Heard in the Word*

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- God gave the Israelites victories over two powerful Amorite kings, Sihon and Og, and the Israelites took over their lands and cities.
- King Balak called Balaam (a false prophet) to curse the Israelites, but God caused him to bless them instead.



# Rahab Helps the Spies

Lesson 64

By **FAITH** in God  
Rahab did not perish.







# Rahab Helps the Spies

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## *Lesson Focus*

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God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites after Moses' death. Joshua sent spies into Jericho, but they were discovered. The prostitute Rahab hid the spies and helped them escape because she had faith in God. God rewarded her faith by sparing her and her family, and she was included in the genealogy of Jesus and listed in the book of Hebrews as an example of faith.

## *Key Passages*

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Grades 2–3: Joshua 1:5–6, 2:1, 2:11, 6:25

Grades 4–5: Joshua 1:5–6, 2:1, 2:11, 6:25; Hebrews 11:31

## *What You Heard in the Word*

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- Rahab heard of God's miracles and believed he was the true God. God showed mercy to her because of her faith.
- God used Rahab to accomplish his plan to save the spies then rewarded her faith by sparing her and her family from the destruction of Jericho.



# Israel Crosses the Jordan

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God blocked the Jordan River so the Israelites could cross into the Promised Land. The priests, carrying the ark of the covenant, showed faith by leading the people and stepping into the flooded river before it dried up. Joshua set up 12 memorial stones to remind future generations of this miracle.

## *Key Passages*

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Grades 2–3: Joshua 3:14–17, 4:20–24; Luke 22:19–20

Grades 4–5: Joshua 3:14–17, 4:19–24; Luke 22:19–20

## *What You Heard in the Word*

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- God strengthened the faith of Joshua, the priests, and the Israelites when he stopped the Jordan River so they could safely cross into the Promised Land.
- Joshua set up 12 memorial stones, one from each tribe, so the people would remember God's miracle and his faithfulness.



# Israel Conquers Jericho

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*The people shouted and  
the walls fell down **FLAT!***







# Israel Conquers Jericho

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## *Lesson Focus*

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God commanded Joshua to have the priests carry the ark of the covenant and blow trumpets while they and the fighting men of Israel marched around Jericho once every morning for six days. On the seventh day, they marched seven times around the city, gave a great shout, and watched the Lord collapse the walls. Israel destroyed the city but spared Rahab and her family as promised.

## *Key Passages*

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Grades 2–3: Joshua 6:1–6, 6:15–17, 6:20, 6:23, 6:25

Grades 4–5: Joshua 6:1–6, 6:15–17, 6:20, 6:23, 6:25

## *What You Heard in the Word*

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- God gave the Israelites victory over Jericho through an unusual battle plan.
- God was faithful to his promises to give victory to Israel and to save Rahab.



# God Gives the Victory

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# God Gives the Victory

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## *Lesson Focus*

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God let the Israelites lose the first battle at Ai to point out Achan's sin and show them that victory could come only through complete obedience. God gave the Israelites victory over Ai and then over five Amorite kings, making the sun stand still until they defeated their enemies.

## *Key Passages*

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Grades 2–3: Joshua 7:1, 7:4–6, 7:10–11, 10:10–12

Grades 4–5: Joshua 7:1, 7:4–6, 7:20–22, 10:9–14

## *What You Heard in the Word*

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- Achan's sin brought defeat to the Israelites at Ai until he was punished.
- God fought for Israel against five Amorite kings, even making the sun stand still until Joshua was victorious.



# Israel Receives a Land







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## *Lesson Focus*

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God fulfilled his promises to Abraham to make his descendants into a great nation and to give them the land of Canaan. Joshua led the Israelites in key victories to conquer the land and gave each tribe its inheritance to possess. Caleb and Joshua remained faithful to God, and God rewarded their trust in him by giving them a special inheritance.

## *Key Passages*

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Grades 2–3: Joshua 11:4–6, 11:23, 14:11–13, 24:14

Grades 4–5: Joshua 11:4–5, 11:23, 14:11–13, 24:14–15; Genesis 17:6–8

## *What You Heard in the Word*

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- God fulfilled his promise to Abraham to make his descendants a great nation and to give them a land.
- Joshua and Caleb served God faithfully, and God blessed them with their own inheritance.



# Israel Turns to Idols

Lesson 69

## Israel's Cycle of Idolatry

The Israelites worshipped false gods.

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God sent punishment because of sin.

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The Israelites cried out in repentance.

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God raised up a judge for deliverance.

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The Israelites had peace and rest, until ...







# Israel Turns to Idols

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## *Lesson Focus*

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During the 300-year period of judges, Israel repeated a cycle of idolatry and disobedience to God. God punished Israel, and they cried out to him. Each time they repented, God delivered Israel with judges, proving his faithfulness.

## *Key Passages*

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Grades 2–3: Joshua 21:43–45; Judges 2:11–16, 3:7–12; Luke 18:22–24

Grades 4–5: Joshua 21:43–45; Judges 2:11–16, 3:7–12; Luke 18:18–23

## *What You Heard in the Word*

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- The Israelites repeatedly disobeyed the Lord and received punishment in the form of enemies mistreating them. When they cried to the Lord for help, he was merciful and raised up judges to deliver them.
- Idolatry in the Old Testament was worshipping false gods. Idolatry for us is when we treasure anything in our lives more than God.