



BRING IT HOME

Conversation starters to continue at home what began at Immanuel.
Our desire is to see families use this resource
as you live out Deuteronomy 11:19.

UNIT 6: GOD GUIDES HIS PEOPLE

As God's people continued their wilderness journey, they failed to believe in the Lord's promise to work for their good by giving them the land of Canaan. The Israelites' disobedience, grumbling, doubting, and complaining demonstrated their unbelief. Yet, God was faithful to guide His people and raise up a new leader—Joshua— who would lead the next generation of Israelites into the Promised Land.

BIG PICTURE QUESTION

Why should we obey God?

We should obey God because He made us, He loves us, and His plans are good.

KEY PASSAGE:

Romans 8:28

And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose.



AT HOME RESOURCES

February 2 | Session 1

THE PEOPLE GRUMBLED | NUMBERS 11-12



STORY POINT:
God gave commands to His people to show them how to love Him and others.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

The people grumbled because they thought they needed more than God had provide. We also grumble when we wish God would give us more of the things we want. But God has already provided what we need most – His Son, Jesus, who died and rose again so we could be saved.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why did the people grumble?

How can we show thankfulness in all circumstances?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Create a complaint jar to keep in the living room or kitchen. Whenever a family member—kids or parents—complain about something, they must put spare change in the jar. At the end of the week, talk as a family about how easily our hearts can fall into complaining and how discontent we can be. Pray as a family for faith to trust in God's good plan for your lives.

TO SERVE :

Cook a meal, assemble a care basket, or do a random act of service for someone this week. Talk about how good it feels to serve others and how this can be an act of worship as it reminds us how Jesus served us. Talk as a family about how serving others can keep our hearts from becoming self-centered and discontent.

February 9 | Session 2

THE PEOPLE DOUBTED | NUMBERS 13-14



STORY POINT:

The people who doubted God were not able to enter the land of Canaan.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Joshua and Caleb believed the words that God had spoken, and they were eventually allowed to enter the Promised Land. The people who did not believe would die in the wilderness. If we believe the words God has spoken about Jesus and place our faith in Him, we will be saved from our sin and will enter the new heaven and new earth.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why didn't the people trust God to give them the land?

Why can we always trust God?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Go on an exploration walk at a state park or wilderness area. Ask kids to journal or draw pictures of the things they see and experience in the land. After the walk, compare notes about what was seen. Review the story of the spies that inspected the land of Canaan. Talk with kids about why we can trust God and His power when we're afraid.

TO SERVE :

Go grocery shopping as a family and choose different fruits from the produce section. Try to allow each family member to choose their favorite fruit and another fruit they've never tried. Assign each family member a task in making a fruit salad using the fruits chosen at the store. Invite neighbors over to share the salad. Talk about the fruit-filled land God promised His people. Then, talk about all that

February 16 | Session 3

THE PEOPLE COMPLAINED | NUMBERS 16; 20-21



STORY POINT:
The Israelites sinned when they complained against God and Moses.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Like the Israelites, we sin when we complain and do not trust God. The Israelites faced death for their sin, but when they looked to the bronze snake they were healed. The consequence for our sin is also death, but when we look to Jesus and trust in Him, we will be saved.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why is complaining a sin?

What happens when we believe in Jesus (John 3:14-16)?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Visit the zoo and study the differences between venomous and non-venomous snakes. If you don't have a zoo in your area, look up nature videos on the internet or check out books from your local library. Talk with kids about the fear and chaos that might have come when God sent the venomous snakes to the Israelite camp. Remind kids that God showed mercy by giving the people a way to be healed, and ultimately saved, from the punishment of their sin. He did the same for us through Jesus!

TO SERVE :

Go around your family and ask each person to confess something they recently complained about. Then, have each family member turn that complaint into praise of thankfulness to God for what He has provided. For example, if you've complained about eating peas, you can praise God for providing food!

February 23 | Session 4

MOSES' FAREWELL | DEUTERONOMY 31-34



STORY POINT:

Moses blessed the Israelites and reminded them that God would be with them.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

Moses led God's people faithfully but died unable to bring them into the Promised Land. Jesus leads us in perfect faithfulness. He died so that all who place their faith in Him will join Him in the new heaven and earth.

FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS:

Why did Moses warn the people to not disobey God?

How is Jesus greater than Moses?

FAMILY ACTIVITY:

FOR FUN :

Play "Simon Says" with the whole family. Allow each child in the family to take turns calling out instructions. After the game, talk about how hard it can be to perfectly obey instructions. Explain to kids that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. Remind them that this is why we need Jesus—the only perfect One who saves us from our sins.

TO SERVE :

Use paper and crayons to create a piece of art with the words Moses shared in Deuteronomy 32:3-4. Use the entire passage or choose words to incorporate into a design. Encourage every family member to participate by adding their own touch to the piece. Review this week's Bible story and talk about how Moses praised God and His Word. Remind kids that Jesus is the Word made flesh and we have even more reasons than Moses to praise God.



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