

3. Joshua and Caleb Are the Only Two Faithful Spies

Two of the men who had explored the land, Joshua son of Nun and Caleb son of Jephunneh, tore their clothing. They said to all the people of Israel, "The land we traveled through and explored is a wonderful land! And if the Lord is pleased with us, he will bring us safely into that land and give it to us. It is a rich land flowing with milk and honey. Do not rebel against the Lord, and don't be afraid of the people of the land. They are only helpless prey to us! They have no protection, but the Lord is with us! Don't be afraid of them!"

Numbers 14:6-9

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Historical Note: When thousands of Israelites finally crossed the desert and made it to the Promised Land, Moses sent 12 spies to scout the land. Ten spies reported, "Oh, no—the people of that land are giants! We can never conquer them!" Only two spies, Joshua and Caleb, urged the people to trust God and not be afraid. How will you present this part of Joshua's story to the entire group?

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4. Moses Dedicates Joshua; The Israelites Follow Joshua

Then Moses called for Joshua, and as all Israel watched, he said to him, "Be strong and courageous! For you will lead these people into the land that the Lord swore to their ancestors he would give them. You are the one who will divide it among them as their grants of land. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord will personally go ahead of you. He will be with you; he will neither fail you nor abandon you."

Deuteronomy 31:7-8

Now Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him. So the people of Israel obeyed him, doing just as the Lord had commanded Moses.

Deuteronomy 34:9

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Historical Note: Joshua had been Moses' assistant since he was a young man. Before Moses died, God told him to dedicate Joshua as the new leader of Israel in front of all the people. This was a huge job for Joshua! How will you present this part of Joshua's story to the entire group?

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1. Joshua Is a Brave Warrior

While the people of Israel were still at Rephidim, the warriors of Amalek attacked them. Moses commanded Joshua, "Choose some men to go out and fight the army of Amalek for us. Tomorrow, I will stand at the top of the hill, holding the staff of God in my hand." So Joshua did what Moses had commanded and fought the army of Amalek... As a result, Joshua overwhelmed the army of Amalek in battle.

Exodus 17:8-10, 13

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Historical Note: When the Israelites left Egypt, a band of roving bandits attacked their long train of people. Moses made Joshua captain of the men who went to drive away the Amalekites. With God's help, Joshua won a huge victory! How will you present this part of Joshua's story to the entire group?

2. Joshua Goes With Moses Up Mount Sinai

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain. Stay there, and I will give you the tablets of stone on which I have inscribed the instructions and commands so you can teach the people." So Moses and his assistant Joshua set out, and Moses climbed up the mountain of God.

Exodus 24:12-13

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Historical Note: When Moses went up to the mountain of God to receive the Ten Commandments, no others but Joshua and some Israelite elders were allowed to come close to the mountain or they would die. And only Joshua went part way up the mountain with Moses. How will you present this part of Joshua's story to the entire group?