

Lesson 1: The Twelve Spies in Canaan

Text: Numbers 13–14

Date Used: _____

Key Point: By God’s power, Israel rose victorious over many great enemies. By the power of Christ, who fought for us on the cross, we are victorious over the greater enemies of sin, death, and the devil.

Law/Gospel: I do not always believe God’s promises; instead, I grumble and am afraid. **God, who always keeps His promises, kept His promise to send His Son to save me from my sin through His sacrifice on the cross.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “Child of God,” Track 1; “One, Two, Three! Jesus Loves Me!” Track 2; “We Are in God’s House Today,” Track 4

Bible Challenge Question: What book of the Bible is named after one of the twelve spies who snuck into the new land to get information? **Joshua**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** Child of God, Track 2
Psalm 46:10, Track 16
Have No Fear, Little Flock, Track 4

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** The Twelve Spies in Canaan

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** Caleb's Spyglass

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Promised Land Snack

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Service Activity:** Military Care Packages

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 2: Entering the Promised Land

Text: Joshua 3:1–5:12

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Led by Joshua through the Jordan River, Israel left the desert and entered the Promised Land. Led by Christ through the water of our Baptism, we leave behind the desert of sin, death, and Satan and enter into the promised land of His heavenly kingdom.

Law/Gospel: Complaining and unrepentant, I wander in a desert of sin, determined to go my own way—a way that leads to death. **In Baptism, Christ lifts me from the grave, joins me to His own Baptism and Body, the Church, and leads me to my heavenly home.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “We Are in God’s House Today,” Track 4; “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens,” Track 5; “My Friend Jesus,” Track 6

Bible Challenge Question: The Israelites entered the Promised Land. What land has God promised to give us? **Heaven!**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** Child of God, Track 2
Greet the Rising Sun, Track 3
My Friend Jesus, Track 12

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** Entering the Promised Land

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** Remember Rock

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Milk and Honey Snack

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Group Activity:** Stop the Water

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 3: The Fall of Jericho

Text: Joshua 6

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Through His servant Joshua, God gave the Israelites victory over Jericho by causing its fortress walls to fall. Through Jesus Christ, God gives us victory over our enemy, Satan, causing the fortress of sin and death to fall and assuring us that we are His people.

Law/Gospel: Proudful, I trust in walls of self-made security, but my works and my accomplishments are weak and crumble around me. **God delivers me from the ruin of my sin and provides me a mighty fortress in Christ.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: "My Friend Jesus," Track 6; "I Am Sorry, Jesus," Track 7; "Let Us Sing for Joy!" Track 8

Bible Challenge Question: Who led the children of Israel after Moses? **Joshua**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** Psalm 28:7, Track 15
In God We Believe, Track 6
My Friend Jesus, Track 12

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** The Fall of Jericho

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** Tumbling-Blocks Trivet

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Nugget Crosses

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Group Activity:** Breaking Down the Wall of Sin
Lord's Prayer Poster

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 4: Deborah

Text: Judges 4–5

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Through the unlikely acts of Deborah, Barak, and Jael, God freed His people from tyranny. Through Christ’s unlikely virgin birth and His death on the cross, God freed us from the tyranny of sin and death.

Law/Gospel: Sin always leads to slavery, and ultimately death, trapping me under its control. **Christ rescues me from the oppression of sin so that in Him I might have ultimate freedom and eternal life.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “Jesus Loves Me,” Track 9; “Listen, God Is Calling,” Track 10; “What a Gift!” Track 11

Bible Challenge Question: Deborah was a judge. Which leaders served earliest in Israel’s history, kings or judges? **Judges**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** Listen, God Is Calling, Track 11
Psalm 50:15, Track 17
Have No Fear, Little Flock, Track 4

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** Deborah

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** Freedom Fronds

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Explosive Power

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Group Activity:** Godly Surprises
Memory Songs

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Service Activity:** Judge Appreciation

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 5: Gideon

Text: Judges 6:11–7:25

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Christ, the light of the world, overcomes the darkness of sin and death, just as God overcame Israel’s enemy while the light streamed from the lamps of Gideon’s men.

Law/Gospel: Because of sin, I love the works of darkness, and I think darkness can hide my sin. **Christ, the light of the world, exposes and overcomes sin and grants me life and salvation through the cross.**

To bring:

Engage

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “What a Gift!” Track 11; “I Am Sorry, Jesus,” Track 7; “Child of God,” Track 1

Bible Challenge Question: True or false: Gideon was a king of Israel. **False. Gideon was a judge of Israel.**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** Listen, God Is Calling, Track 11

Isaiah 35:4, Track 7

We Are in God's House Today, Track 19

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** Gideon

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** Christ-the-Light Lamp

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Overcoming Darkness Whoopie Pies

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Group Activity:** Egg-ceptional Strength

Prayer Cards

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 6: Samson

Text: Judges 16

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Samson delivered God’s people from those who oppressed them. Jesus, God’s Son, delivers us from sin and death and wins salvation for us. We are weak, but He is strong!

Law/Gospel: Sin weakens me, making me a target for the devil’s temptations, bringing me guilt and destruction. **God loves me, in spite of my sin and weakness, and puts on me Christ’s strength and victory over sin, death, and the devil.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “One, Two, Three! Jesus Loves Me!” Track 2; “We Are in God’s House Today,” Track 4; “Let Us Sing for Joy!” Track 8

Bible Challenge Question: What was the claim to fame of Samson, a judge of Israel?

Great strength

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** 1 John 1:8–9, Track 1
Let Us Sing for Joy! Track 10
Listen, God Is Calling, Track 11

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** Samson

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** He-Is-Strong Bookmark

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Grinding Corn and Griddle Cakes Snack

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Group Activity:** Samson and Delilah Relay

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 7: Ruth

Text: Book of Ruth

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Through the lineage of a common woman, Ruth, God ultimately brought forth His Son, who is the Savior of all: Jews and Gentiles, men and women.

Law/Gospel: My sins, the sins of others, and the fallen creation cause me to lose hope; I come to think that even God is against me. **Though I feel overwhelmed, God causes all things to work together for good for the sake of His Son, Jesus, who has already borne my greatest burden, sin, on the cross, forgiving me and enabling me to see His steadfast love.**

To bring:

Engage

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: "Let Us Sing for Joy!" Track 8; "I Am Sorry, Jesus," Track 7; "Jesus Loves Me," Track 9

Bible Challenge Question: True or false: Ruth was one of Jesus' ancestors, a member of His family. **True!**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** Isaiah 43:1, Track 8
Jesus Loves Me, Track 9
One, Two, Three! Jesus Loves Me! Track 14

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** Ruth
Location: _____
Leader(s): _____
Notes:

- Craft:** Harvest Wreath
Location: _____
Leader(s): _____
Notes:

- Food Activity:** Gleaning Snack
God's Family Lineage
Location: _____
Leader(s): _____
Notes:

- Group Activity:** Taking Troubles to the Cross
Location: _____
Leader(s): _____
Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 8: God's Servant Samuel

Text: 1 Samuel 1–3

Date Used: _____

Key Point: For the sake of Christ, God, who is ever eager to forgive us and grant us His grace, calls all to repentance through preachers such as Samuel.

Law/Gospel: My sin is great, and I am not holy as God demands. **Christ became unholy with my sin that I might become holy in His righteousness.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: "Child of God," Track 1; "Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens," Track 5; "Listen, God Is Calling," Track 10

Bible Challenge Question: Who was born to Hannah after she prayed and asked God to give her a son? **Samuel**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens, Track 18
Isaiah 43:1, Track 8
One, Two, Three! Jesus Loves Me! Track 14

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** God's Servant Samuel

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** Servant Light

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Sin and Forgiveness Pudding

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Group Activity:** Taking Off the Covers

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Service Activity:** Pastor Appreciation Gifts

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 9: Saul Becomes King

Text: 1 Samuel 8–10; 11:12–15

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Though God lets us have our own way at times, His is the way of forgiving and saving, which He did for His people of old and does for us today.

Law/Gospel: I desire all the wrong things, I crave that which will ultimately kill me, and I suffer the consequences of sin. **God the Father forgives my faults and sustains my hopes, for in Christ, I am His child, beloved beyond words.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “Listen, God Is Calling,” Track 10; “Speak, O Lord, Your Servant Listens,” Track 5; “What a Gift!” Track 11

Bible Challenge Question: Who was the first king of Israel? **King Saul**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** Jesus Loves Me, Track 9
Listen, God Is Calling, Track 11
Isaiah 43:1, Track 8

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** Saul Becomes King

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** Crown Bible-Verse Holder

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Cupcake Choices

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Group Activity:** Guess the Fad Challenge
Whom Do We Follow?

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 10: David and Goliath

Text: 1 Samuel 17

Date Used: _____

Key Point: As David struck down the giant Goliath, so David’s greater Son—Jesus—struck down the Goliaths of sin, Satan, and death through His own death on the cross.

Law/Gospel: Left to fight sin, death, and the devil myself, I would perish. **Jesus fights triumphantly for me against my adversaries of sin, death, and the devil because they are too great for me. His victory is my victory.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “My Friend Jesus,” Track 6; “Jesus Loves Me,” Track 9; “Who Would Have Known?” Track 12

Bible Challenge Question: What is the name of the shepherd boy who fought a giant and won? **David**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** Who Would Have Known? Track 20
Let Us Sing for Joy! Track 10
Psalm 50:15, Track 17

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** David and Goliath

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** Shepherd's Bag

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Victory Snack

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Group Activity:** Giant Fears

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 11: David and Jonathan

Text: 1 Samuel 18:1–5; 20

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Just as God’s love filled Jonathan and David and helped them love each other, so Christ fills our hearts with God’s love, enabling us to love our neighbor.

Law/Gospel: Hatred and envy shatter relationships among friends and in families. **Because God first loved me and gave me His Son, I am able to love and care for others, especially my friends and family.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “One, Two, Three! Jesus Loves Me!” Track 2; “Listen, God Is Calling,” Track 10; “Who Would Have Known?” Track 12

Bible Challenge Questions: Who was David’s best friend? **Jonathan** How was this person related to King Saul? **He was Saul’s son.**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

To bring:

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** Who Would Have Known? Track 20
My Friend Jesus, Track 12
One, Two, Three! Jesus Loves Me! Track 14

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** David and Jonathan

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** Friendship Arrow

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Pretzel Hug Snack

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Group Activity:** Friend Indeed

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 12: David Becomes King

Text: 1 Samuel 16:1–13; 2 Samuel 5:1–10

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Just as David reigned over Israel, so the God-man, Jesus, our David, reigns over the kingdom of grace, of which we are citizens.

Law/Gospel: My sinful foolishness blinds me to the wise ways of my heavenly Father. **God truly sees and knows what I need; He does what is good, right, and salutary for me through His Son.**

To bring:

Engage

Approximate time: _____

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “Who Would Have Known?” Track 12; “My Friend Jesus,” Track 6; “We Are in God’s House Today,” Track 4

Bible Challenge Question: How old was David when he began to reign as king? **Thirty years old**

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Approximate time: _____

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** Who Would Have Known? Track 20
O Jesus, King Most Wonderful, Track 13
Psalm 46:10, Track 16

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** David Becomes King

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** God's Ruler

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Olive Oil for a King

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Group Activity:** Joyful, Joyful

Royal Fireworks

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

*If applicable

Lesson 13: God Forgives David

Text: 2 Samuel 12:1–23

Date Used: _____

Key Point: Just as God accepted and forgave King David and other great saints who committed grave sins, so He accepts and forgives us, all for the sake of Christ.

Law/Gospel: Weighed down by my sins, I make excuses and put the blame on God and others. **God is faithful and just to forgive my sins because Jesus, God’s Son, has taken the blame for me, heaping upon Himself the sins of the world.**

To bring:

Engage

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Suggested Songs: “Let Us Sing for Joy!” Track 8; “Who Would Have Known?” Track 12; “Child of God,” Track 1

Bible Challenge Question: Name one or more prophets in the Bible. *Answers vary, but may include Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jonah, Nathan, or John the Baptist.*

Notes:

To bring:

Explore

Level 1 (Grades 1–3)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Level 2 (Grades 4–6)

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

Adult Bible Study

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

To bring:

Express Options (Choose 2 or more!)

Approximate
times:

Slot 1:

Slot 2:

Slot 3*:

Slot 4*:

Slot 5*:

Slot 6*:

- Music:** I Am Sorry, Jesus, Track 5

1 John 1:8–9, Track 1

Psalm 50:15, Track 17

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Skit:** God Forgives David

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Craft:** God-Forgives-Me Reminder

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Food Activity:** Crushing Sin

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes:

- Group Activity:** Crashing Sin

Creative Confrontations

Location: _____

Leader(s): _____

Notes: