

Kids' Chronicle

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In search of the Promised land

"How many scouts have been seen?" Moses asked his brother.

"All 12!" Aaron smiled.

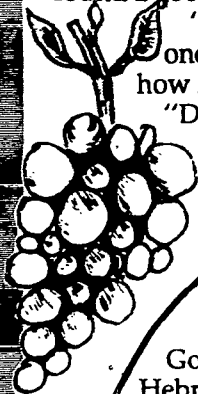
More than a month had passed, since Moses had chosen 12 men — one from each of the tribes of Israel — to go into the Promised Land. The rest of the Hebrews were still camped in the desert.

By the time the scouts arrived, an eager crowd had already gathered, anxious for news.

"Are there flowing rivers for water and luxurious trees for shade?" they asked. "Is the land fertile so we can grow tasty food?"

Moses motioned for silence. "Give them a chance to speak." He turned to the scouts and asked, "You have found a good land?"

"The soil is very rich," one of them replied. "Taste how sweet these grapes are." "Delicious!" Moses agreed,



and the crowd applauded.

"But it's not all good news," another scout added sadly. "The people there live in a town with fortified walls," he explained. "Next to them, we felt as insignificant as grasshoppers!"

"We would never win if we attacked these giants!" the man continued in his gloomy account. "And these people may come here and destroy us!"

"Why did we ever leave Egypt?" someone cried. "Better to serve as Pharaoh's slaves than to die!"

"Stop your grumbling!" Caleb, another scout shouted. "You have forgotten God's promise! Let's go and take possession of Canaan!"

"Caleb is right!" Joshua added. "It is a good land I have seen."

"Then you go there with Caleb and perish!" the crowd challenged.

"Stop being afraid and trust

God!" Moses yelled.

The Hebrews continued to murmur, and Moses went off to pray.

"These people have seen my miracles and still they don't believe. I am going to kill them all with a plague!" God told him.

"No, Lord!" Moses cried. "If you do so, our enemies will say that you have broken your promise."

Moses continued to pray until God said, "I will forgive them. But, because they broke faith, not one of those who first left Egypt, except for Caleb and Joshua, will enter Canaan — only their descendants."

Read More About It: Book of Numbers, Chapters 13 & 14.

1. What made Caleb and Joshua different from the other scouts sent by Moses?

2. What can you do when you are afraid of something?

God leads the Hebrews to the Promised land

EGYPT

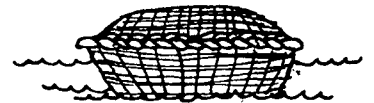
• 1600 B.C.

The Hebrews are forced to serve as Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt.



• 1526 B.C.

Pharaoh fears there are so many Hebrews that they will overthrow him. He issues a cruel law that all Hebrew baby boys must be killed at birth. Moses' parents hide him in a basket and place it in the Nile River. Pharaoh's daughter finds the baby and raises Moses in Pharaoh's palace.

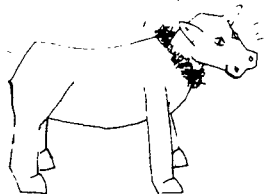


• 1446 B.C.

God speaks to Moses from a burning bush on Mount Sinai: "Moses, I want you to lead my people out of Egypt to a new home."

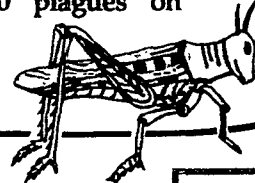
• 1445 B.C.

God gives Moses the Ten Commandments on Mount Sinai. But the people break their covenant with God by worshipping a golden bull.

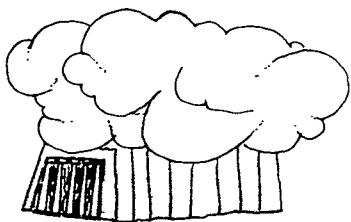


• 1446 B.C.

Stubborn Pharaoh finally releases the Hebrews after God sends 10 plagues on Egypt.



God forgives the Hebrews. They build a portable "tent church" called a Tabernacle to carry with them as they continue toward Canaan. God uses a cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night to lead the Hebrews.

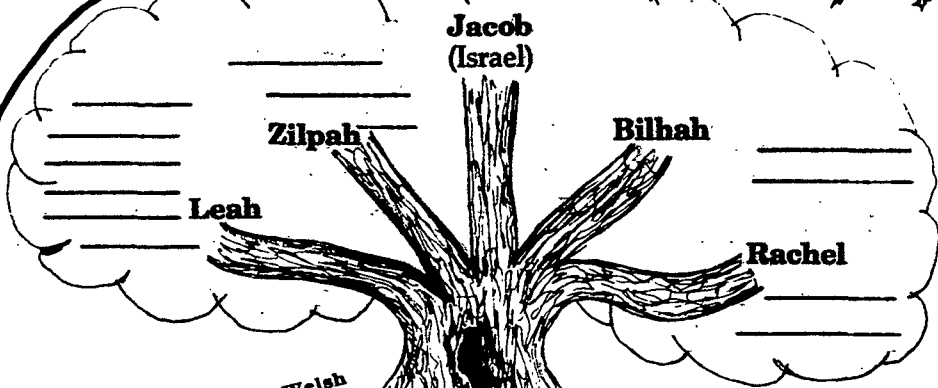


• 1405 B.C.

The Hebrews arrive in the Promised Land after 40 years of travel! But in spite of all of God's miracles, they kept failing to trust their lives to him.



CANAAN
The Promised Land



Illustrations by Kathy Welsh

Long before the time of Moses, God asked Jacob to be a leader and changed his name to Israel. Israel had 12 sons with four different women, a that was acceptable at the time. His descendants formed the 12 tribes, and Moses chose his scouts from them.

Fill in the names of Jacob's 12 sons on his family tree below. The answers can be found in Genesis, Chapter 35 (and on page 20 of the *Catholic Courier*).

Bible Trivia

Jacob had 12 sons and one daughter. What was his daughter's name?

Send answers to: *Catholic Courier Bible Trivia*, 1150 Buffalo Road, Rochester, N.Y. 14624. Please include your name and address with your entry.

All entries must be received by March 12, 1992. A winner will be selected at random from all the correct entries submitted. The winner will be notified by mail and will receive a gift courtesy of Trants, 696 South Ave., Rochester, NY 14620.

Last month's winner was Anna Pierce who correctly answered 10 as the number of miracles performed by God.

King Solomon's Wisdom



"An unreliable messenger causes trouble. But those who can be trusted bring peace!"

Proverbs 13:17.

Talking to God

"The Lord is my light and my salvation — Whom shall I fear? Even if an entire army comes to attack me, my heart will not fear; For in the day of trouble, God will keep me safe!"

(From Psalm 27. Written by David, slayer of the giant, Goliath)

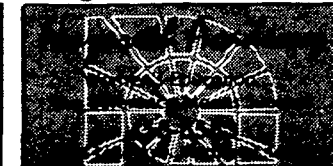
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