

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Numbers 13:1-2,30-33; 14:1-4,30-35

Session Summary

As we have looked into the lives of the Israelites, how God delivered them from slavery in Egypt, provided for them in the wilderness, and brought them to the promised land, we have seen God's patience and faithfulness over and over again. In this session, we will see the Israelites' failure to trust God and enter into the land was not a small misstep, but outright rebellion against Him. And we will see that Israel was not alone in their rebellion. Likewise, God created us for His glory, but we all fall short, and the consequence of our sin is death. We will see how we too have rebelled against God, and how God responds to our rebellion.

Conversation Questions

- What are some tough moments we have experienced together as a family? How is God teaching us to trust Him in those situations?
- How does fear sometimes prevent us from following God as a family?
- How can God's work in our family be used to draw others to Him?
- How can we learn from the Israelites and avoid disobedience in our own lives?

Family Challenge

As a family, play a game where the goal is to be able to describe as many "phobias" as you can. Beforehand, write down around twenty different phobias (arachnophobia, zoophobia, etc.) on a sheet of paper. Have participants guess what fear is associated with each of the phobias. Whoever gets the most amount correct is the winner. Use this simple game as a way to talk about fear and the way we tend to let fear lead us to doubt and unbelief in God and His promises, as well as God's love, power, and desire to help us overcome our fears and rest in His goodness.