



The People Refuse God's Plan

Lesson Text: Numbers 14:1-12

GOLDEN TEXT—"Only rebel not ye against the Lord, neither fear ye the people of the land" (Numbers 14:9).

OUR LESSON TALK

Have you ever made a promise but later found that you could not keep it? There is only one whom we can be sure will always keep His promises. He is God. God had promised the people of Israel He would lead them to a good land and give it to them. They had left a life of slavery in Egypt. God had led them through the desert. Finally, they came to the edge of the land God had promised them, the land of Canaan.

However, when a group of twelve men went quietly into that country to look it over, ten of them became afraid. They feared God may not keep His promise. They feared the people of the land.

The people began to complain, wanting to go back to Egypt. They even talked about killing their leaders, Moses and Aaron. They were doubting God.

Then the glory of the Lord was seen over the place of meeting. God was angry with their rebellion and unbelief.

SOMETHING TO DO

Answer the following questions based on Our Lesson Talk. Write the answers in the blanks.

Who is the only one who always keeps His promises?

What had God promised the people of Israel? He promised to lead them to a good _____ and to _____ it to them.

Where had the people been slaves?

What kind of land had God led them through?

Where had God led them? God led them to the land of _____.

How many men were sent to look over the land?

How many returned with a bad report?

When the people heard the report, what did they do? They _____.

What land did they want to return to?

Why did the people want to return to Egypt? Unscramble the words and write the answers in the blanks.

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They feared the EELOPP _____ of the DLNA _____.

Beginning with the second letter, cross out every other letter to find what God called their attitude. Write the answer in the blank.

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