

12.28 Twelve Spies and Their Report (Numbers 13; 14; Deuteronomy 1:19–46; Hebrews 3:7–4:13)

✓ “Check” it out; opinion, inference, supposed conversation, or fact one can verify follows.

[. . .] indicates a remark to the teacher that should not be read aloud. It also indicates answers to questions.

Visuals and Tools:

- “Life of Moses” Series 3 Flash-a-Cards from A Beka Book and/or pictures and other visuals found at the end of this lesson. Please give credit to the sources of pictures.
- Check “Activities” and “Handwork” found below for additional needed materials.
- Grapes, figs, pomegranates
- Chart that shows the murmurings of the people. (See the end of this lesson.)
- Nancy Ganz’s treatment of this story is excellent in *Numbers: A Commentary for Children*, published by Shepherd Press, 2006. Ideas or quotes from this source will be noted by (Ganz).

Bible Time Tips and Terms to Teach: Tips and terms are enlarged for flashcards at the end of this lesson. Print, cut out, and glue to card stock, or just print on colorful cardstock.

- *Anakim, Jebusites, Amorites, Hittites, Nephilim*: nations that were giants; Nephilim had a more sinister background (see Genesis 6)
- *to stone*: throwing rocks at a person until [s]he dies

Scripture: (ESV)

Numbers 13:1 The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Send men to spy out the land of Canaan, which I am giving to the people of Israel. From each tribe of their fathers you shall send a man, every one a chief among them.” 3 So Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran, according to the command of the Lord, all of them men who were heads of the people of Israel. . . . 6 from the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh . . . 8 from the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun . . . These were the names of the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called Hoshea the son of Nun Joshua.

17 Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan and said to them, “Go up into the Negeb and go up into the hill country, 18 and see what the land is, and whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many, 19 and whether the land that they dwell in is good or bad, and whether the cities that they dwell in are camps or strongholds, 20 and whether the land is rich or poor, and whether there are trees in it or not. Be of good courage and bring some of the fruit of the land.” . . .

21 So they went up and spied out the land . . . and came to Hebron. . . . [T]he descendants of Anak, were there. . . . 23 And they came to the Valley of Eshcol and cut down from there a branch with a single cluster of grapes, and they carried it on a pole between two of them; they also brought some pomegranates and figs. . . .

25 At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land. 26 And they came to Moses and Aaron and to all the congregation of the people of Israel in the wilderness of Paran, at Kadesh. They brought back word to them and to all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 And they told him, “We came to the land to which you sent us. It flows with milk and honey, and this is its fruit. 28 However, the people who dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified and very large. And besides, we saw the descendants of Anak there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the land of the Negeb. The Hittites, the Jebusites, and the Amorites dwell in the hill country. And the Canaanites dwell by the sea, and along the Jordan.”

30 But Caleb quieted the people . . . and said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.” 31 Then the men who had gone up with him said, “We are not able to go up against the people, for they are stronger than we are.” 32 So they brought to the people of Israel a bad report of the land . . . saying, “The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. 33 And there we saw the Nephilim (the sons of Anak, who come from the

Nephilim), and we seemed to ourselves like grasshoppers, and so we seemed to them.”

14:1 Then all the congregation raised a loud cry, and the people wept that night. 2 And all the people of Israel grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The whole congregation said to them, “Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! Or would that we had died in this wilderness! 3 Why is the Lord bringing us into this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will become a prey. Would it not be better for us to go back to Egypt?” 4 And they said to one another, “Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the people of Israel. 6 And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes 7 and said to all the congregation of the people of Israel, “The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceedingly good land. 8 If the Lord delights in us, he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. 9 Only do not rebel against the Lord. And do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, and the Lord is with us; do not fear them.” 10 Then all the congregation said to stone them with stones. But the glory of the Lord appeared at the tent of meeting to all the people of Israel.

11 And the Lord said to Moses, “How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me, in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? 12 I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you a nation greater and mightier than they.”

13 But Moses said to the Lord, “Then the Egyptians will hear of it, . . . 14 and they will tell the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that you, O Lord, are in the midst of this people. For you, O Lord, are seen face to face, and your cloud stands over them and you go before them, in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night. 15 Now if you kill this people as one man, then the nations who have heard your fame will say, 16 ‘It is because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land that he swore to give to them that he has killed them in the wilderness.’ 17 And now, please let the power of the Lord be great as you have promised, saying, 18 ‘The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.’ 19 Please pardon the iniquity of this people, according to the greatness of your steadfast love, just as you have forgiven this people, from Egypt until now.”

20 Then the Lord said, “I have pardoned, according to your word. 21 But truly, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord, 22 none of the men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness, and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice, 23 shall see the land that I swore to give to their fathers. And none of those who despised me shall see it. 24 But my servant Caleb, because he has a different spirit and has followed me fully, I will bring into the land into which he went, and his descendants shall possess it. 25 Now, since the Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valleys, turn tomorrow and set out for the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.”

26 And the Lord spoke to Moses and to Aaron, saying, 27 “How long shall this wicked congregation grumble against me? I have heard the grumbings of the people of Israel, which they grumble against me. 28 Say to them, ‘As I live, declares the Lord, what you have said in my hearing I will do to you: 29 your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness, and of all your number, listed in the census from twenty years old and upward, who have grumbled against me, 30 not one shall come into the land where I swore that I would make you dwell, except Caleb the son of Jephunneh and Joshua the son of Nun. 31 But your little ones, who you said would become a prey, I will bring in, and they shall know the land that you have rejected. 32 But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. 33 And your children shall be shepherds in the wilderness forty years and shall suffer for your faithlessness, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness. 34 According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, a year for each day, you shall bear your iniquity forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.’ 35 I, the Lord, have spoken. Surely this will I do to all this wicked congregation who are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall come to a full end, and there they shall die.”

36 And the men whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned and made all the congregation grumble

against him by bringing up a bad report about the land— 37 the men who brought up a bad report of the land— died by plague before the Lord. 38 Of those men who went to spy out the land, only Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh remained alive.

39 When Moses told these words to all the people of Israel, the people mourned greatly. 40 And they rose early in the morning and went up to the heights of the hill country, saying, “Here we are. We will go up to the place that the Lord has promised, for we have sinned.” 41 But Moses said, “Why now are you transgressing the command of the Lord, when that will not succeed? 42 Do not go up, for the Lord is not among you, lest you be struck down before your enemies. 43 For there the Amalekites and the Canaanites are facing you, and you shall fall by the sword. Because you have turned back from following the Lord, the Lord will not be with you.” 44 But they presumed to go up to the heights of the hill country, although neither the ark of the covenant of the Lord nor Moses departed out of the camp. 45 Then the Amalekites and the Canaanites who lived in that hill country came down and defeated them and pursued them, even to Hormah.

Deuteronomy 1:19 “Then we set out from Horeb and went through all that great and terrifying wilderness that you saw, on the way to the hill country of the Amorites, as the Lord our God commanded us. And we came to Kadesh-barnea. 20 And I said to you, ‘You have come to the hill country of the Amorites, which the Lord our God is giving us. 21 See, the Lord your God has set the land before you. Go up, take possession, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has told you. Do not fear or be dismayed.’ 22 Then all of you came near me and said, ‘Let us send men before us, that they may explore the land for us and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up and the cities into which we shall come.’ 23 The thing seemed good to me, and I took twelve men from you, one man from each tribe. 24 And they turned and went up into the hill country, and came to the Valley of Eshcol and spied it out. 25 And they took in their hands some of the fruit of the land and brought it down to us, and brought us word again and said, ‘It is a good land that the Lord our God is giving us.’

26 “Yet you would not go up, but rebelled against the command of the Lord your God. 27 And you murmured in your tents and said, ‘Because the Lord hated us he has brought us out of the land of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 28 Where are we going up? Our brothers have made our hearts melt, saying, The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven. And besides, we have seen the sons of the Anakim there.’ 29 Then I said to you, ‘Do not be in dread or afraid of them. 30 The Lord your God who goes before you will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.’ 32 Yet in spite of this word you did not believe the Lord your God, 33 who went before you in the way to seek you out a place to pitch your tents, in fire by night and in the cloud by day, to show you by what way you should go.

34 “And the Lord heard your words and was angered, and he swore, 35 ‘Not one of these men of this evil generation shall see the good land that I swore to give to your fathers, 36 except Caleb the son of Jephunneh. He shall see it, and to him and to his children I will give the land on which he has trodden, because he has wholly followed the Lord!’ . . . 38 Joshua the son of Nun, who stands before you, he shall enter. Encourage him, for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. 39 And as for your little ones, who you said would become a prey, and your children, who today have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in there. And to them I will give it, and they shall possess it. 40 But as for you, turn, and journey into the wilderness in the direction of the Red Sea.’

41 “Then you answered me, ‘We have sinned against the Lord. We ourselves will go up and fight, just as the Lord our God commanded us.’ And every one of you fastened on his weapons of war and thought it easy to go up into the hill country. 42 And the Lord said to me, ‘Say to them, Do not go up or fight, for I am not in your midst, lest you be defeated before your enemies.’ 43 So I spoke to you, and you would not listen; but you rebelled against the command of the Lord and presumptuously went up into the hill country. 44 Then the Amorites who lived in that hill country came out against you and chased you as bees do and beat you down in Seir as far as Hormah. 45 And you returned and wept before the Lord, but the Lord did not listen to your voice or give ear to you. 46 So you remained at Kadesh many days, the days that you remained there.

Introduction/Review:

It was only an eleven-day journey from Mount Sinai (Horeb) to Kadesh-Barnea (Deuteronomy 1:2), right next to the Promised Land, but the Israelites were delayed by what events? [Complaining at Taberah and the fire in the outskirts of the camp; complaining for meat and the plague that followed; Aaron's and Miriam's criticizing Moses' leadership and waiting a week for Miriam after she had leprosy.]

Story:

Finally, the Israelites had gotten to the wilderness bordering the Promised Land. They had learned so much about God and His faithfulness. He had protected them, provided for them, and prospered them on their journey from Egypt. Excitement must have filled the atmosphere, for the time of their long-awaited entry into their very own promised land was very near.

Searchers

"You know," said a man, "we are about to enter Canaan. Maybe it would be a good idea to have some guys check out this new place. It's been four hundred years since any of our family has been here, and we know nothing about what it looks like, who lives here, and what can grow here." So some men went to Moses, who asked God, "What do You want us to do?"

The Lord said to choose one leader from each of the tribes to go search out the land. That's twelve men who were to go. We call them spies.

Moses said, "Go up and see what the land is—if it is rich or poor, if it has trees in it or not. Check to see whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many. See whether the cities are tent camps or fortified strongholds. Be courageous and bring back some fruit of the land."

Searching

The twelve spies took off. The first place they visited was the area around the town of Hebron. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob had lived here years before. In fact, the family burial cave, Machpelah (pronounced "MACK peh lah"), was near this town. However, when the spies arrived at Hebron, they encountered, not friendly natives but huge giants called Anakim.

Turning from there, they went to Eschol. It was the season of first ripe grapes, and the searchers found some wonderful grapes! They cut down a bunch so large that it had to be carried on a pole between two men! They also found pomegranates and figs to bring back.

What a great land this whole country was, but, of course, the Anakim were there too. Other tribes of giants—Hittites, Jebusites, Canaanites, and Amorites—might also be a challenge. Otherwise, it was a land "flowing with milk ✓(needed things) and honey" ✓(desirable extra benefits). ✓It was such a shame that those giants were in this wonderful land that God had promised to them.

Reporting

Forty days of spying ended, and the spies traveled back to Moses at Kadesh Barnea. "Oh, it is a good land!" they exclaimed. Perhaps excitement mounted among the people as they heard the opening words of this good report. But their joy soon turned to despair as the report continued: "The people are greater and taller than we. We felt like grasshoppers in their sight. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven (a slight exaggeration). This is a land that devours its inhabitants (another exaggeration). We are not able to go up against the people of this land. That's all there is to it."

"Not so!" exclaimed one spy, Caleb. "Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it." Another spy, Moses' helper Joshua, also supported God's side of this issue and spoke up later.

"You are wrong," answered the other ten spies. ✓"The majority wins here. We have convinced the people. Listen to them."

That they had convinced the people was a fact, for all the congregation raised a loud cry, weeping through the night and murmuring in their tents, saying, "Because the Lord hated us he has brought us out of the land

of Egypt, to give us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us.”

Wait a minute! “Because the Lord hated us”?! What a terrible thing to say about the God who bore them on angels’ wings, who protected and provided for them all the way. How could they say such a thing?

They continued: “The spies have made our hearts melt by saying, ‘The people are greater and taller than we. The cities are great and fortified up to heaven.’ And they have seen the sons of Anak there.”

Then all the people of Israel raised their voices against Moses and Aaron, saying to them, “We wish we would have died in the land of Egypt or in this wilderness! Why is the Lord bringing us into this land to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will die. Wouldn’t it be better for us to go back to Egypt? Yes, that’s a good idea. We will choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

Pleading

Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before the congregation of Israel. Joshua and Caleb tore their clothes and said to the congregation, “The land that we spied is an exceedingly good land. If the Lord delights in us (and He has demonstrated over and over that He does), he will bring us into this land and give it to us, a land that flows with milk and honey. Only do not rebel against the Lord. Do not fear the people of the land, for they are bread for us. Their protection is removed from them, for the Lord is with us. Do not fear them!”

Moses added his admonition: “Do not dread or be afraid of them. The Lord your God will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, and in the wilderness. You have seen how your God has carried you, as a man carries his son, all this way until we came to this place.”

Did the pleas of Caleb, Joshua, and Moses change the minds of the congregation? No. Instead, the people increased their hostility and threatened to stone Joshua, Caleb, Moses, and Aaron.

Judging

At that moment the glory of the Lord appeared to all the Israelites at the tent of meeting. It didn’t take long to learn that God was angry, for this is what He said: “How long will this people despise me? And how long will they not believe in me in spite of all the signs that I have done among them? I will strike them with the pestilence and disinherit them, and I will make of you, Moses, a nation greater and mightier than they.”

Oh, we’ve heard God say this before. Can we blame Him for being angry? He is righteous and good and wants the best for His people, but they refused His goodness and quickly turned away from Him.

Interceding

Moses, in his usual meek way, pled again with God to continue His steadfast love toward this rebellious and sinful people. He argued, “The Egyptians will hear of it. You brought up this people in your might from among the Egyptians. The inhabitants of this land have heard that you, O Lord, are in the midst of Your people. For you, O Lord, are seen face to face, your cloud stands over them, and you go before them in a pillar of cloud by day and in a pillar of fire by night.

“Now if you kill this people, then the nations who have heard of your fame will say, ‘It is because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land that He swore to give to them that He has killed them in the wilderness.’

“So now, please, let the power of the Lord be great as you have promised. Remember what you said when I saw your glory. You said, ‘The Lord is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, forgiving iniquity and transgression, but he will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, to the third and the fourth generation.’

“Please, Lord, pardon the iniquity of this people according to the greatness of your steadfast love just as you have forgiven this people all these ten times from Egypt until now.”

Pardoning

God turned from His fierce anger and said, “I have pardoned, according to your word. But truly, as I live and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord, none of these men who have seen my glory and my signs that I did in Egypt and in the wilderness and yet have put me to the test these ten times and have not obeyed my voice—none of them shall see the land that I promised to give to their fathers. None of those who despised me shall see it except Caleb and Joshua because they have followed me fully.

“Say to the grumbling people, ‘What you asked for I will do: you asked to die in this wilderness, and here you will die. None of those listed in the census from twenty years old and upward who have grumbled against me, not one except Caleb and Joshua shall come into the land where I said you would dwell. ✓Those ten men who came back with a report to discourage this conquest shall be the first to die—soon in a plague.

“‘But your little ones, whom you said would die by the hands of the giants, I will bring in, and they shall enjoy the land. Your children shall have to suffer for your faithlessness in the wilderness forty years, a year for each day you spied out the land, until the last of your dead bodies lies in the wilderness.’ I, the Lord, have spoken. Now, Moses, tomorrow turn away from these valleys and go back to the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.”

Regretting

However, those contrary people had other plans for “tomorrow.” ✓Moaning and mourning greatly in their tents that night because of all the words of the Lord and then thinking they could rectify the situation by their own resolve, they rose early in the morning and announced, “Here we are. We will go up to the place that the Lord has promised, for we have sinned.”

Moses answered with words from the Lord, “No, do not go up, for the Lord is not among you. You will be struck down before your enemies and fall by the sword. Because you have turned from following the Lord, He will not be with you.”

But those stubborn people went anyway, and sure enough, the Amalekites, Amorites, and the Canaanites came out against them, chased them as bees chase someone who tries to swat them. The enemy beat them down. Israel returned to the camp, weeping before the Lord. ✓Maybe they thought demonstrating such sorrow would change God’s mind; but this tactic didn’t work either. The Lord did not listen to them. As He had said, they would now spend forty more years in the wilderness with more trouble—eating manna, looking for water to drink, living in tents, moving from place to place. Oh, that they had believed God! Oh, that *we* might learn from their bad example and trust the Lord!

Lessons from this lesson:

- We see Jesus:
“In the midst of the people’s rejection of him, Moses prayed for them. Offered greatness, he declined” (Ganz). Thus, Jesus prayed from the cross in His time of ultimate rejection, “Father, forgive them” (Luke 23:24).
- May we trust the Lord in every circumstance, even when we think we know better than God or His Word.
- God said two things are absolutely true: (1) that He lives, and (2) that all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord. Remembering these facts can give us constant hope.

Activities:

- Play dough: grapes, pomegranates, figs, bees
- Snack: Grapes (the biggest to be found) and/or pomegranates and figs
- With the colored map found below of the various geographical areas of Israel, present geography facts of the land the spies were exploring. Use the following notes:

Israel is 290 miles from its northernmost modern city to its southernmost city. At its widest point, the country is only 85 miles wide. Four main areas form the geographical features of Israel. Three of these run north and south, and the fourth is in the southern half of Israel.

1. Coastal Plains: This is a narrow strip of land along the Mediterranean Sea that reaches inland about 25 miles. Between the Coastal Plains and the Western Mountains in the south is an area called the Shephelah (pronounced “sheh FEE luh” or “SHEF eh luh”).

2. Central Highlands: Mountains and hills take up most of the center of Israel from north to south. The northern mountains of Galilee (in the present-day Golan Heights) may reach 4000 feet.

3. Jordan Rift/Jordan Valley: This is the narrow strip of land on either side of the Jordan River. South of the Dead Sea to the Gulf of Aqaba, this rift is also called the Araba or Arava or Hula Valley.

4. The Negev or Negeb: This arid land takes up about half of Israel from the Dead Sea to the south and has low hills, plains, and canyons.

- Watch a cartoon video of this story at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=C2iYUPs7c-U>. (The cartoon is good, but the grapes pictured are not impressive.)
- Sing “Twelve Spies of Canaan.” See motions at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MZzJqxe-Vlk>.

Twelve men went to spy out Canaan, (Ten were cowards; two were brave.)

What do you think they saw in Canaan? (Ten were cowards; two were brave.)

Twelve saw giants, big and tall! Twelve saw grapes in clusters fall,

Two saw God was in it all. (Ten were cowards; two were brave.) [Words altered; visual aid below]

- A longer song to the tune of “Standing on the Promises” is found at <https://www.gardenofpraise.com/bibsong13.htm>.
- Review questions: (Game: A student may eat a grape after answering a question correctly.)
 1. Was it a good idea to spy out the land? Why or why not? [Yes: God concurred and organized the search. No: It became an opportunity for unbelief.]
 2. How many men searched the land? [Twelve, one from each of the twelve tribes.]
 3. Tell about the cluster of grapes the spies found. [It was so large that it had to be carried on a pole between two men.]
 4. Fill in the blanks: The land was so good that it was called a land flowing with _____ and _____. [Milk; honey.]
 5. What huge problem discouraged ten spies and, eventually, the congregation? [The giants and their fortified cities.]
 6. Fill in the blank. The ten spies felt like _____ in the sight of the giants. [Grasshoppers.]
 7. Which spy said, “Let us go up at once and occupy it, for we are well able to overcome it.” [Caleb.]
 8. Which other spy believed God would help the people conquer the land? [Joshua.]
 9. What was the punishment for despising God? [The present generation would spend forty years in the wilderness and die; their children, however, would conquer the land.]
 10. What did some of the people do in the morning? What happened to them? [They tried to go ahead and conquer. They were chased back.]

Memory Verse[s]:

- Exodus 20:1–17. An enlarged copy of the words, the “Exodus 20:1–17” song sheet, and motions are in Lesson 12.15 or on the “Lessons” and “Songs” pages at teachingthebibletochildren.org. “Stop! It’s the Law,” a song that teaches only the basic Ten Commandments, is found on the same “Songs” page.

Handwork:

- Templates and instructions for three grasshopper crafts are at <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2017/01/31/toilet-paper-roll-grasshopper/> and <https://craftingthewordofgod.com/2013/09/18/the-plague-of-locusts/>.

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Jebusites

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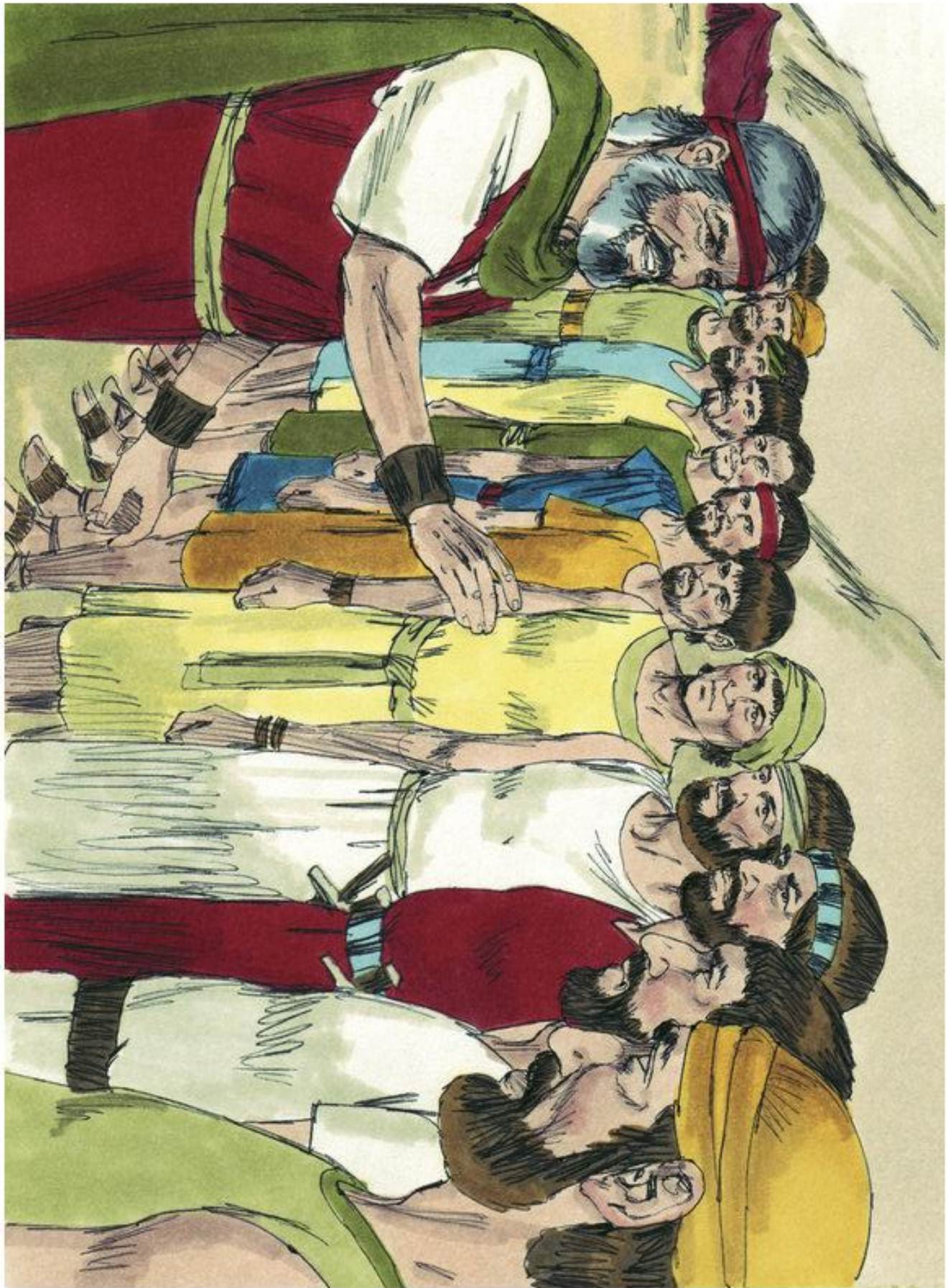
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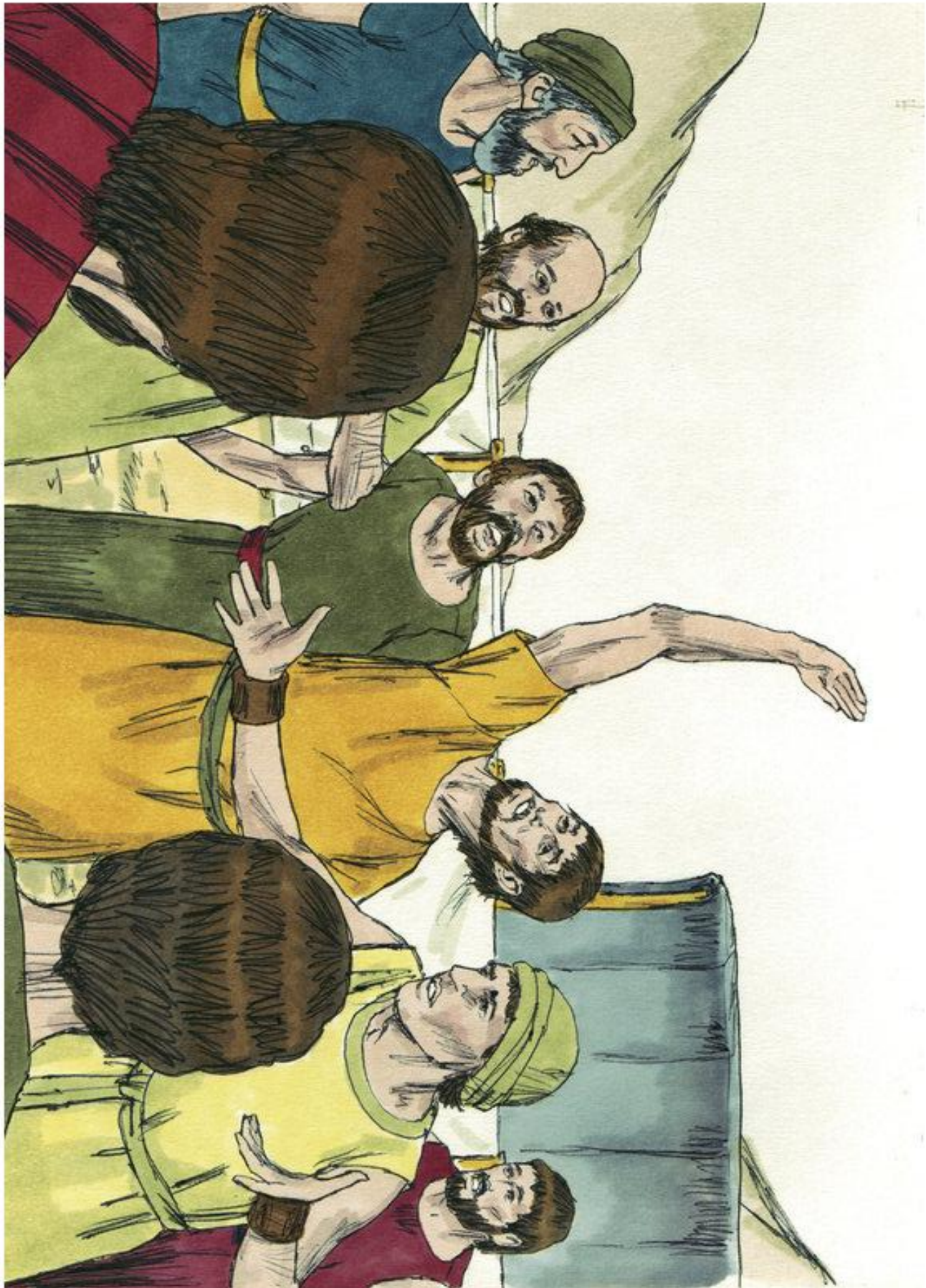
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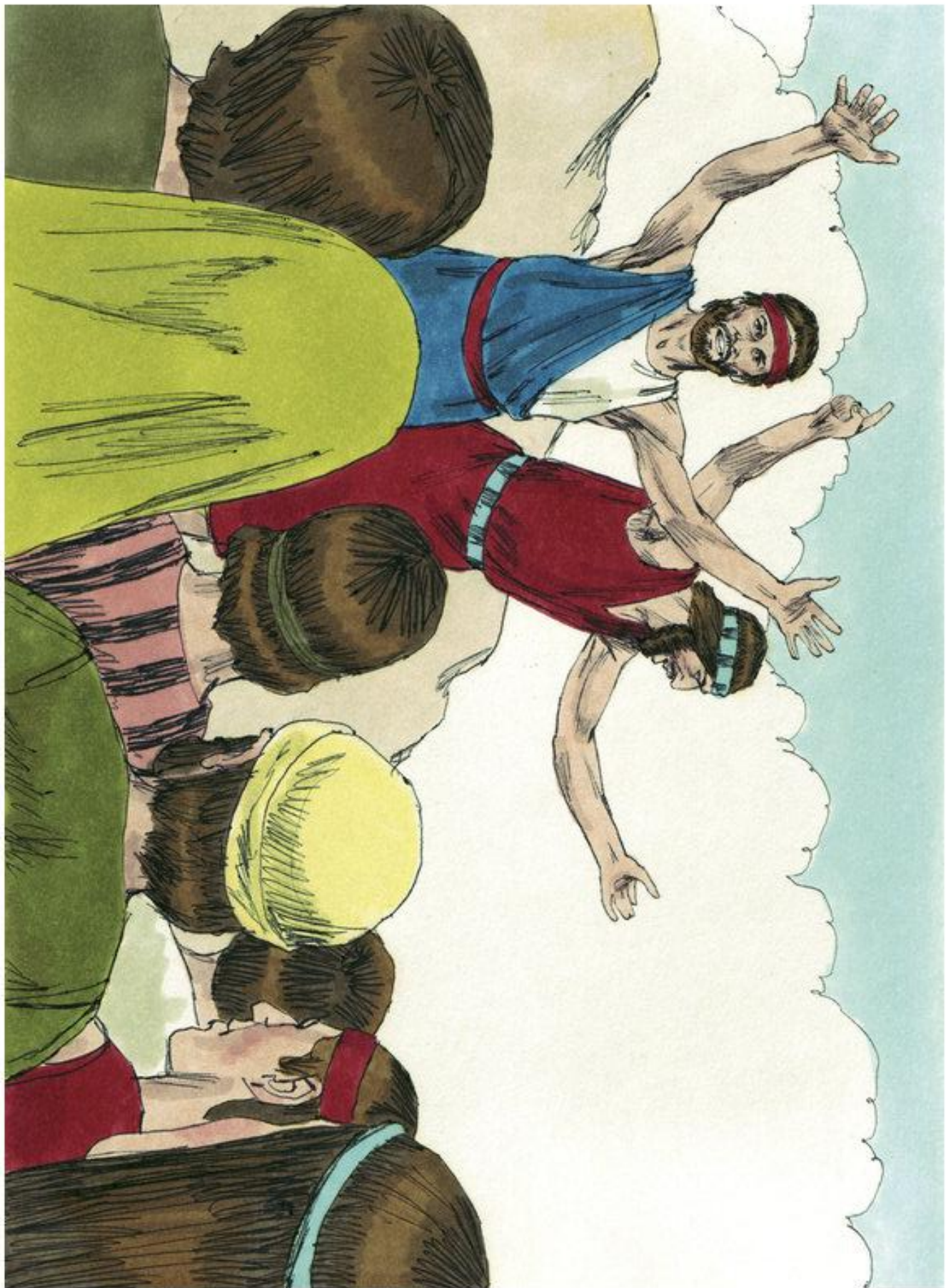
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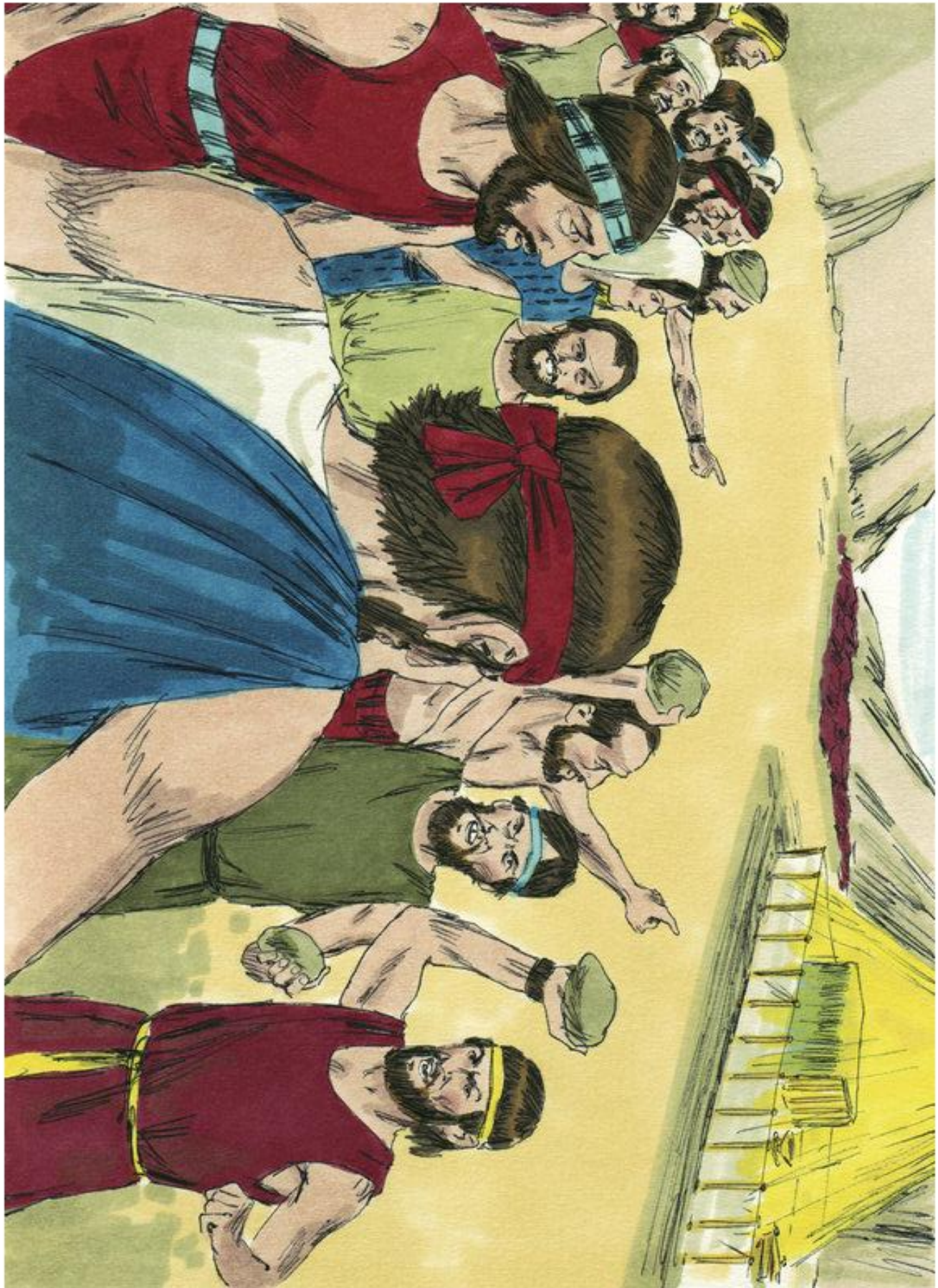
Ten Murmurings of the Israelites

Place	Problem	Provision/Punishment
1. Red Sea	“The Egyptians will kill us” (Ex. 14:10-12).	Crossed the Red Sea on dry ground
2. Marah (bitter)	“What shall we drink?” (Ex. 15:22-25).	Water sweetened with a tree
3. Wilderness of Sin	“You have brought us out here to kill us with hunger” (Ex. 16:2, 3).	Manna provided
4. Wilderness of Sin	Some tried to keep manna overnight; some didn’t gather enough for the Sabbath (Ex. 16:20-30).	Forgiveness although the manna spoiled/was unavailable
5. Rephidim/ Horeb	“You brought us out to kill us with thirst” (Ex. 17:1-4).	Water from the stricken rock
God’s Covenant Made with Israel		(Note that God now, since He has made His covenant promises, begins to punish for complaining.)
6. Mount Sinai/ Horeb	“Moses is gone. Make us a god” (Ex. 32). Nadab and Abihu’s “strange fire”	3000 died in punishment; God’s presence went with them. God destroyed them with fire.
7. Taberah (“fire”; 3 days from Mount Sinai)	General complaints about misfortunes (Num. 11:1-3).	God sent a fire to burn in the outskirts of the camp.
8. Kibroth-hattaavah (“craving”)	“Oh that we had meat to eat!” (Num. 11:4-35).	God gave a month’s worth of quail but sent a great plague that slew many.
9. Hazeroth	Aaron and Miriam complained about Moses’ leadership (Num 12:1-16).	Miriam had leprosy and stayed outside the camp for a week.
10. Kadesh in the Wilderness of Paran	“Moses brought us out here to kill us by the sword!” (Num. 13; 14).	God forgave but delayed the conquest for 40 years until all the 20-year-olds and up died in the wilderness.

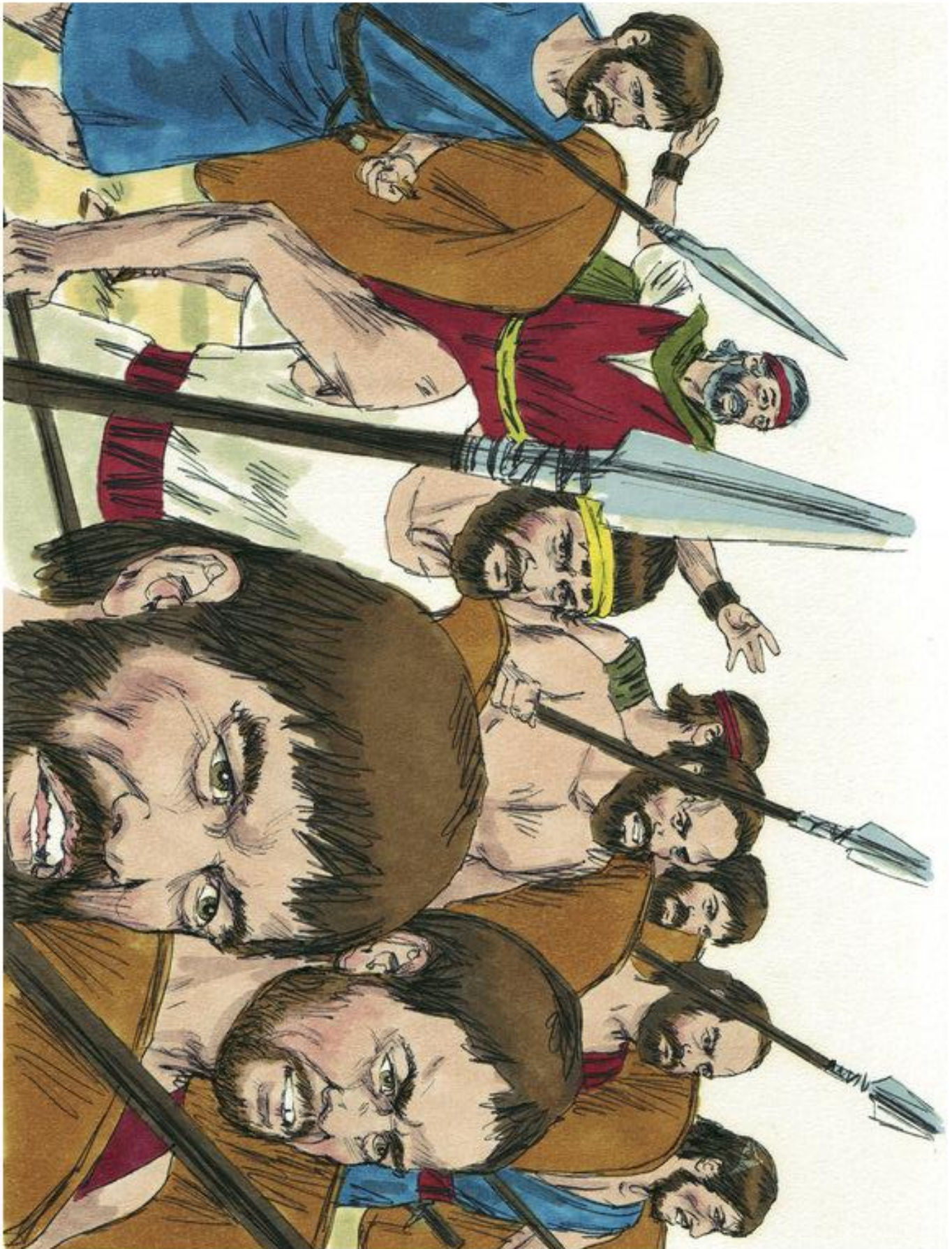


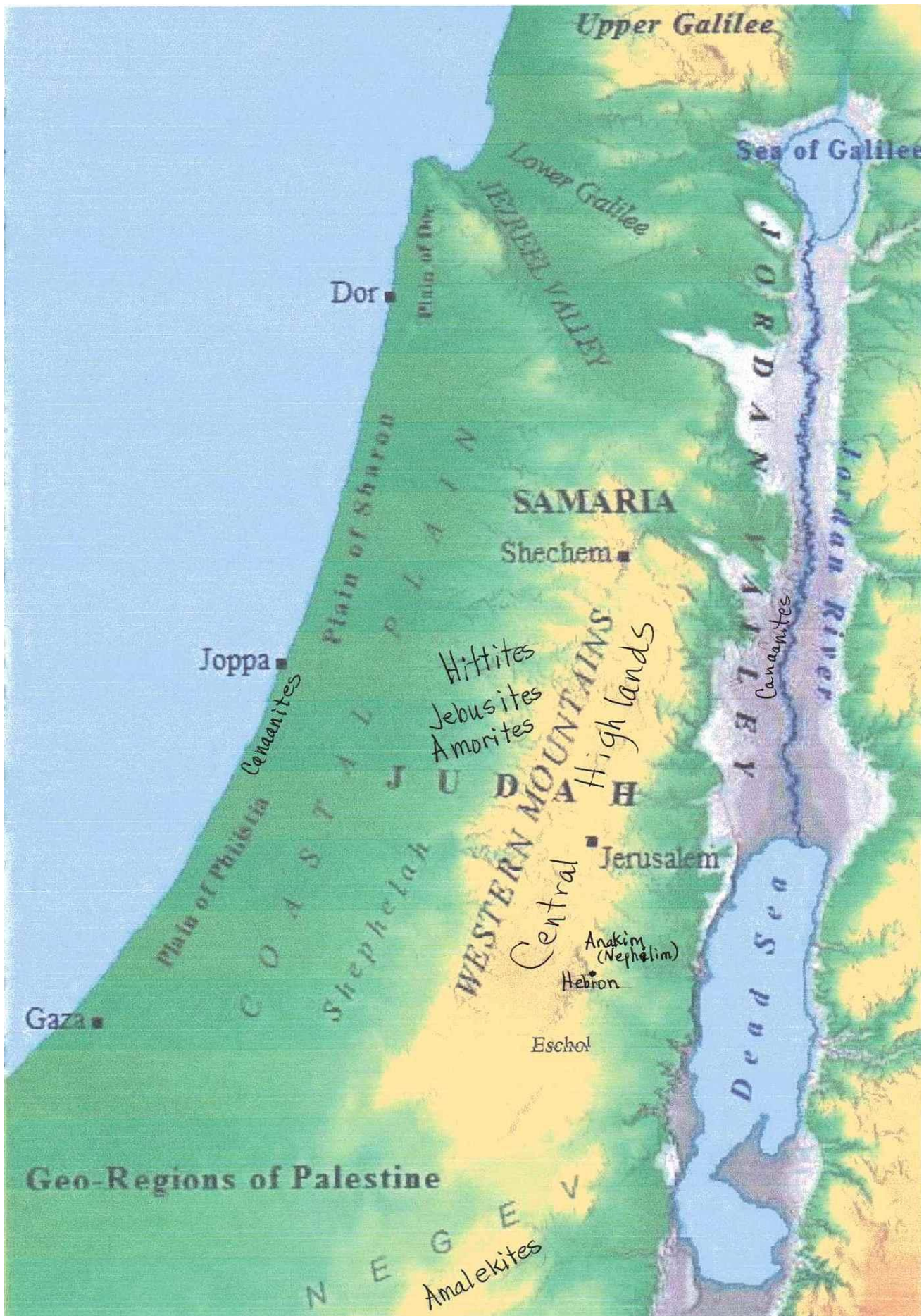


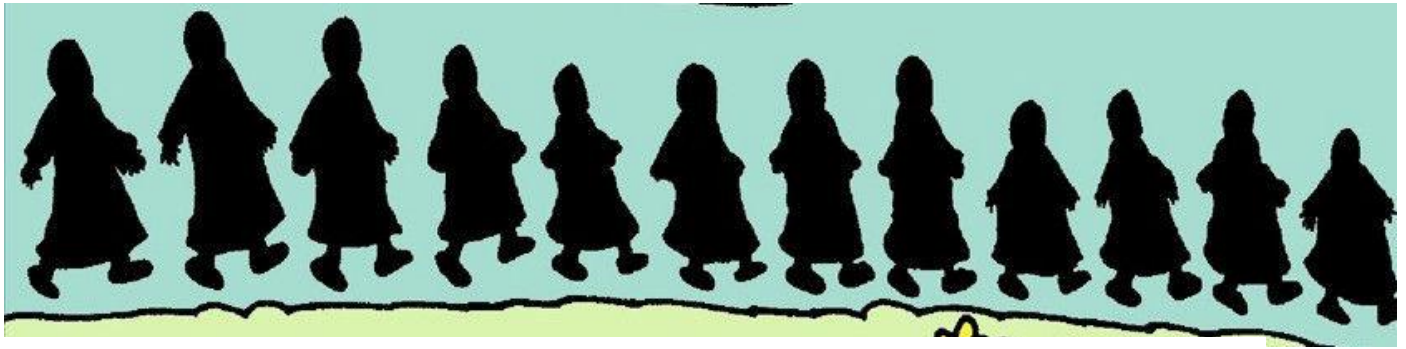




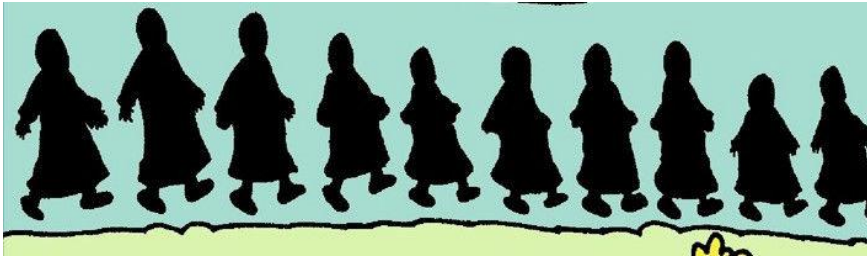








Twelve men went to spy out Canaan.



Ten were

cowards;



two were brave.



What do you think they saw in Canaan?



Ten were

cowards;



two were brave.

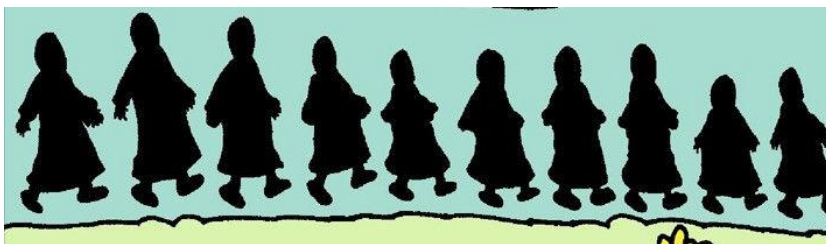


Twelve saw giants, big and tall!

**Twelve saw grapes
in clusters fall,**



Two saw God was in it all.



Ten were

cowards;



two were brave.

