



The giants are still there, but the mountain is yours!

When Caleb was 80 years old, he returned to the mountain and said to God, “Give me this mountain.” The giants hadn’t changed, nor had God changed. Because of Caleb’s faithfulness and belief in God’s goodness and power, he conquered the mountain and experienced the promised land God had for him. No matter what our background or age, God wants His best for us as well, if we will trust Him.

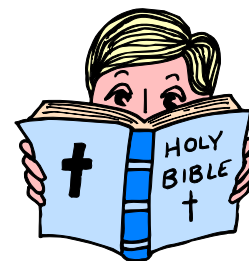


Object Lesson

Repeat the same object lesson from day 3, but this time have your child use his or her hand to move the ball through the “giants.” Same giants, but God’s power can overcome any giants in front of us.

Scripture

6Then the children of Judah came to Joshua in Gilgal. And Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite said to him: “You know the word which the Lord said to Moses the man of God concerning you and me in Kadesh Barnea. ⁷I was forty years old when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh Barnea to spy out the land, and I brought back word to him as it was in my heart. ⁸Nevertheless my brethren who went up with me made the heart of the people melt, but I wholly followed the Lord my God. . . .



¹¹As yet I am as strong this day as on the day that Moses sent me; just as my strength was then, so now is my strength for war, both for going out and for coming in. ¹²Now therefore, give me this mountain of which the Lord spoke in that day; for you heard in that day how the Anakim were there, and that the cities were great and fortified. It may be that the Lord will be with me, and I shall be able to drive them out as the Lord said.”

¹³And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron to Caleb the son of Jephunneh as an inheritance. ¹⁴Hebron therefore became the inheritance of Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite to this day, because he wholly followed the Lord God of Israel.

—Joshua 14:6–8, 11–14 (NKJV)



Team Work

Ephesians 6:10–18 describes the equipment we need to fight our biggest giant: Satan. Before reading the passage, see how many pieces of the armor you can identify. After reading the passage, see how you did. Which equipment do you need to work on most in this spiritual battle we are in?

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Sharing

Think of areas you have perhaps doubted God's goodness or power and have "given up" believing what He has for you.



Encouragement

God was stronger than the giants 40 years earlier, but the spies and the children of Israel did not believe He was, even though they had seen His miraculous power many times. God is always bigger than our giants. He wants us to trust Him and let Him help us defeat the things keeping us from experiencing what He has for us.

⁶And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were among those who had spied out the land, tore their clothes ⁷and 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. ⁸If 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. ⁹Only 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."

—Numbers 14:6–9

And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.

—Galatians 6:9

Final Thought

The giants were still there in the Promised Land! But Caleb did not forget God's promises. He had remained faithful for all the years they wandered in the wilderness.

Sometimes we get tired of doing the right thing and give up, and miss out on what God has for us.

Turning away and not dealing with the giants in our lives does not do away with them; we'll just have to deal with them later. Why not face them now and enjoy the blessings God desires for us?



Pray

Help us to be like Caleb and follow you fully and not get tired or impatient when things don't happen when or how we think they should. Thank you for being patient with us.