

WEEK 3: I SPY BOLD FAITH

INTRO: Think about this for a minute. Two people found a ladder leaning against a house. One person who is adventurous might think, “Cool! I want to climb all the way to the top!” The other person who is afraid of heights would say, “We are much safer on the ground. Even if you do get a better view from up there, I am going to stay down here.” People can be in a situation together at the same time but be focusing on completely different things.

BOTTOM LINE: WE CAN BE **BOLD** WHEN WE FOCUS ON GOD.

STEP 1 – FOCUS ON FAITH

SUPPLIES: Focus on Faith activity page, colored pencils or crayons

WHAT TO DO: Focus on the faith elements on the activity page. Find all 10 of each element and color them in as you do. Place a check-mark next to each element in the Key once you find all 10. Play against your family and see who can complete the most! For families who are a bit more competitive, you can set a timer for 60 seconds and see who can find the most of 1 element.

STEP 2 – DISCUSSION

READ: 12 Israelites were sent to spy on Canaan, the land God promised would be theirs. They reported to Moses, “We entered the land you sent us to explore, and it is indeed a bountiful country – a land flowing with milk and honey” (Numbers 13:27). It was a paradise, especially to people who had been wandering in a desert. Unfortunately for them, they also saw that it was occupied by many people, surely with a great army, and even giants!

10 of the spies saw only the obstacles in the way of their paradise and decided it wasn't worth the risk. 2 of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, saw God's promises right in front of them and trusted that God would be faithful and victorious.

The spies that didn't trust God never got to live in Canaan. Because they focused on their fear, they missed out on what God was about to give them.

God made Joshua and Caleb leaders of the Israelites, gave them victory in Canaan, and blessed them for the rest of their lives. Because they focused on their faith instead of their fear, God showed His glory in their lives. Joshua and Caleb knew that it is never about what we can do by our own power, but what God can do in His.

DISCUSSION: When is a time that a great opportunity was in front of you but there was something holding you back?

- Did you focus on your fear like the 10 spies or focus on your faith in God like Joshua and Caleb?
- Next time you are in a similar situation, how can you be **BOLD** by focusing on God?

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