

Not for You

As a child, what is something your parents chose for you (but you wouldn't have necessarily chosen it for yourself)?

Read Numbers 13:1—14:45.

1. Why did God send 12 men to explore/spy the land of Canaan?
 - A. It gave them a taste of what God had in store for His people.
 - B. This was to provide a final warning for the Canaanites.
 - C. No particular reason; just something to do.
 - D. To provide a representative report that would include everyone.
 - E. This was a test of their faith in God.
 - F. Men usually have a good sense of direction.
 - G. He wanted their involvement in the whole "Egypt to Canaan" thing.
 - H. Other.

2. What were the 12 spies to include in their report when they returned?
 - A. What the land was like.
 - B. What the people were like.
 - C. Soil testing for farming.
 - D. Taste tests.
 - E. Likelihood of conquering the inhabitants.
 - F. Likelihood of forging a peace treaty.
 - G. Determine which neighborhoods would be most desirable.
 - H. Religious practices observed in Canaan.
 - I. Other.

3. Why did the Israelites cry all night when they heard the report (14:1)?
 - A. They hadn't had a good cry in quite a while.
 - B. The report was all negative.
 - C. God clearly didn't want them to enter Canaan.
 - D. It left them with no choice but to return to Egypt.
 - E. The bad news outweighed the good news in the report.
 - F. They believed the majority.
 - G. God's involvement wasn't included in their assessment.
 - H. They had forgotten all God had done for them up to that point.
 - I. Other.

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4. How did Moses respond to God's idea to destroy the Israelites and start over with a new group comprised of just Moses' descendants?

- A. Now we're talking.
- B. The Israelites aren't as bad as you're making them seem.
- C. You must be having a bad day.
- D. These are your people, and it's your reputation on the line, Yahweh.
- E. Confession, and request for forgiveness on behalf of the Israelites.
- F. Just give them another chance.
- G. Reciting God's actions and character traits.
- H. I'm really no better than them, and my descendants won't be, either.
- I. Other.

5. What was God's response to Moses' request?

- A. Get out of my way.
- B. Forgiveness for the Israelites.
- C. Punishment for the Israelites.
- D. Reward for Caleb and Joshua.
- E. God answered the people's request to just die in the wilderness.
- F. Form a committee to make a plan to enter Canaan.
- G. The 10 negative scouts died by God's plague.
- H. Let's try this again.
- I. Other.

6. What was wrong with the Israelite's late attempt to enter Canaan?

- A. Their timing was all off.
- B. This demonstrated another example of them doing their own thing.
- C. They did the exact opposite of what God told them to do.
- D. It was based on avoiding the consequences of their previous choice.
- E. They couldn't overcome the Canaanites in the land.
- F. It seemed like a good idea to them, but it wasn't a good idea to God.
- G. They tried it without the ark of the covenant.
- H. God wasn't with them in their actions.
- I. Other.

7. Why didn't God's people follow his directions? Why don't you?

8. What has God done for you (but you often forget it)?