

ELEMENTARY DISCUSSION GUIDE

CHARACTER TRAIT:

TRUSTWORTHINESS

DEFINITION:

Being dependable without a doubt

MEMORY VERSE:

“Let us hold tightly without wavering to the hope we affirm, for God can be trusted to keep His promise.”
Hebrews 10:23

FINISH LINE:

God is trustworthy and always keeps His promises

READ: Numbers 13:1-3, 17-32; 14:5-9

WHAT DOES IT SAY? (OBSERVATION)

READ NUMBERS 13:1-3, 17-20

1. What did God remind them? *(He promised to give them the land.)*
2. Who did Moses send to spy on the land? *(One leader from each of the 12 tribes of Israel.)*
3. What instructions did Moses give the spies? *(See what the land, cities, and people were like.)*

READ NUMBERS 13:27-32

4. What was the land like? *(It was really good, flowing with milk and honey.)*
5. What were most of the spies worried about? *(They thought the people living in the land were unbeatable and stronger than the Israelites.)*
6. Who were the only two spies who trusted God’s promise? *(Joshua and Caleb)*

WHAT DOES IT MEAN? (INTERPRETATION)

1. How do you think the spies’ report made the people feel? *(It might have made them feel discouraged, scared, sad.)*
2. **READ NUMBERS 14:5-9.** What did Joshua and Caleb believe was true about God? *(They knew God is mighty and powerful. God is stronger than any enemy they could face. They believed God would do what He said He would do and give them the land He promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God was their protector and would fight for them.)*
3. Did God end up keeping His promise? *(Yes! The book of Joshua shows us how God led the people of Israel into the promised land and gave them victory over their enemies.)*

WHY DOES IT MATTER? (APPLICATION)

1. When is it hard for you to believe God is trustworthy? Why?
2. What promises has God given you? How have you seen Him keep some of them?
3. Often God does things we do not expect. His actions can look different than we think they should. Sometimes we have to wait a really long time for His promises to come true. Is God still trustworthy in those times? Why do you think that?
4. Check out the God’s Promises page in the Elementary Kids Kit for promises that God has made to us and verses to remind you that God can always be trusted to keep His promises.