

Take Time to Be Holy



Lesson 13

Preparing to Enter the Land

Theme: Perseverance—Faithfully following God

Memory Verse

“But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.’”

Numbers 20:12

Daily Bible Readings

- 1 Numbers 32:1-15
- 2 Numbers 32:16-27
- 3 Numbers 32:28-33
- 4 Numbers 33:50-56
- 5 Numbers 35:29-34

Imagine that you are an Israelite in the Wilderness thinking about the Promised Land. Your parents have taught you about God’s great promise to Abraham, that He would make Israel a great nation and give the nation a good land. You know the sad story of the generation before you having to die in the Wilderness and not being allowed to go into Canaan. But you get to go! You think about the land, picture it in your mind, and talk about it with your family and friends.

The weeks just before going into the Promised Land must have been exciting times in Israel. But people needed to be careful to follow God’s

After this lesson you should be able to ...

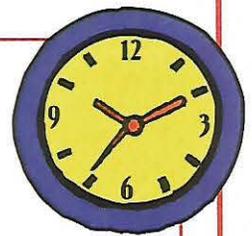
- Identify what Reuben and Gad promised so they could have the land they wanted
- Describe what they were to do with the Canaanite idols
- Tell what God did not want their new land polluted with sin

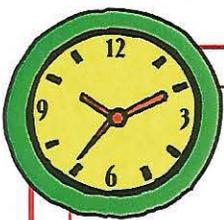
Numbers 32:1-15

The men of Reuben and Gad wanted the land of Jazer and the land of Gilead a) to grow wheat, b) for their animals, c) because their tribes were so big.

True or False?

Moses was angry about their request.





Numbers 32:16-27

Circle all correct answers.

Reuben and Gad promised to

- a) help their brothers fight in the war with Canaan,
- b) supply bread for the army,
- c) leave their families at home until the fighting was over.

will completely. Moses would not be going into Canaan, but he did everything he could to help his people be prepared to enter and inherit the land.

Reuben and Gad Settle East of the Jordan

God led Israel to enter Canaan from the east and to move west across the Jordan River. From the Wilderness, Israel went around Edom and then began defeating

other nations which lived south and east of Canaan. God's people defeated the Amorites and Bashan, and the Midianites. Men of two Israelite tribes—Reuben and Gad—saw that the lands east of the Jordan were good for grazing cattle and sheep. Leaders from these tribes asked Moses if they could have land east of Canaan for their inheritance.

At first, Moses was upset by this request. He thought the men of Reuben and Gad were wanting to stay east of the Jordan and not go into Canaan at all. If they did this, Israel would have fewer fighting men to take the land from the Canaanites. Moses thought people were about to repeat the mistakes and sins of the past. He thought the plan would discourage the other tribes.

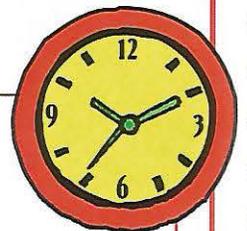
The men of Reuben and Gad explained that they wanted to live east of the Jordan, but only after they helped the other tribes take Canaan. Moses then understood what they meant and agreed to their plan. Two and a half tribes—Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh—would live in the land east of the Jordan. But before they did, the men from these tribes would fight along with the rest of Israel to take the land of Canaan.

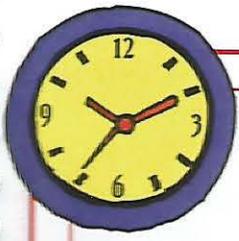
Planning to Take the Land Completely

The Canaanites were wicked people who worshiped and served other gods. God had given them time to repent and change, but they did not do so. They kept worshiping idols and acting wickedly. The time came when God would drive the Canaanites from their land and give the land to Israel. God told Israel to drive out the Canaanites from the land and to destroy everything they used to worship idols. This would protect the people of Israel from being tempted to worship the Canaanites' idols. God warned His people that if they did not drive out the Canaanites, they would cause trouble for Israel in days to come. God said, "And as I plan to do to them, so I will do to you."

Numbers 32:28-33

The men of Reuben and Gad promised to a) live on the West side of the Jordan River, b) cross the Jordan River with the army, c) make weapons for Israel's army.





Numbers 33:50-56

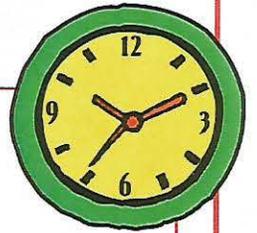
In Canaan, what were the people of Israel to do with idols and places of idol worship?

God's plan was for Israel to be a holy people and for their land to be a holy place. God provided everything for the people and the land to be holy. Israel had to be careful in following God's will. If they wanted to live in the land a long time and enjoy its many blessings, they had to be holy as God is holy.

Taking Time to be Holy

We have the greatest opportunity in all the world—the chance to be God's people and have all His blessings. To have and enjoy all this, we must listen carefully to God and do His will. We must trust God to take care of us. We must believe in Him and obey His Son, Jesus Christ. We must live as holy people of a holy God.

The land of Canaan as God's gift to Israel was a long time in coming. The people of Israel made many mistakes along the way. We must try hard not to repeat their mistakes. We must not grumble or be stubborn. We must not doubt God and think He can't take care of us. We should love God and do His will. We must always take time to be holy.



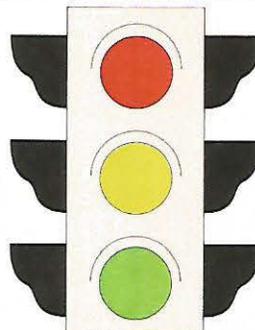
Numbers 35:29-34

What was to be done to a person who takes the life of another person?

True or False?

God did not want them to pollute the land with sin because it would make them sick.

I try not to make the same mistakes over and over again.

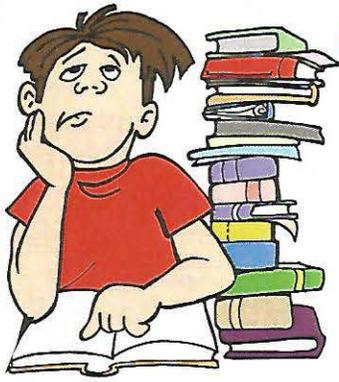
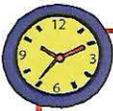


Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red—not often

Yellow—sometimes

Green—all the time



Think About It...

Thinking back over all the lessons, name three things God gave Israel to help people be holy as He is holy.

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Name two things that will help us be holy today.

- 1.
- 2.

Take Time for Bible Facts

Using numbers in the blanks, put the major stages of Bible history in the proper order:

- ___ Punished by captivity
- ___ Promise to Abraham
- ___ Salvation in Jesus Christ
- ___ Slavery in Egypt
- ___ Law at Mount Sinai
- ___ Wilderness wanderings



Which book of the Old Testament is about a Jewish Queen who saved her people?

On a map inside the back cover, mark with a Israel's enemies: Edom, Ammon, Moab, Philistia and Assyria/Babylon/Persia.

Bible Knowledge Expectations Through Level 4

6 to 23 Months

1. Follow instructions
2. Recite Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John from memory

2s & 3s

3. Recite the books of the New Testament from memory
4. Map Facts 1-7

Level 1 (4s & 5s or PreK)

5. Recite the books of the Old Testament from memory
6. Recite Genesis 1:1 from memory
7. Bible Facts 1-4
8. Map Facts 8-12

Level 2 (Grades K-2)

9. Recite John 3:16 from memory
10. Bible Facts 5-9
11. Map Fact 13
12. Name the apostles

Level 3 (Grades 2-4)

13. Recite John 20:30-31 from memory
14. Bible Facts 10-13
15. Map Facts 14-15
16. Be able to turn to books of the Bible without using the Table of Contents or Index Tabs
17. Name the sons of Jacob
18. Name the beatitudes

Level 4 (Grades 4-6)

19. Recite Galatians 5:22-23 from memory
20. Bible Facts 14-18
21. Map Facts 16-17
22. Know the major stages of Bible history:
 - Promise to Abraham
 - Slavery in Egypt
 - Law at Mount Sinai
 - Wilderness Wanderings
 - Living in the Promised Land
 - Punished by Captivity
 - Salvation in Jesus Christ

Bible Facts

1. **Who is the whole Bible about?**
Jesus: Jesus is Coming – Jesus is Here – Jesus is Coming Again
2. **Number of Books in the Old Testament:** 39
3. **Number of Books in the New Testament:** 27
4. **Number of Books in the Whole Bible:** 66
5. **What is Genesis about?**
Creation, Flood, Tower of Babel, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph

6. What is Exodus about?

Moses leading Israel out of Egypt; receiving the Law

7. What is Leviticus about?

Being holy; priests and sacrifices

8. What is Numbers about?

Spying out the Promised Land; wandering in the Wilderness

9. What is Deuteronomy about?

Moses teaching Israel about loving and obeying God

10. What is Joshua about?

Crossing the Jordan; taking and dividing Canaan

11. What is Judges about?

God raising up judges to deliver Israel

12. What is Ruth about?

Naomi and Ruth; Ruth marrying Boaz

13. What are 1 & 2 Samuel about?

Kings and prophets for Israel; Saul and David as Israel's kings

14. What are 1 & 2 Kings about?

King Solomon; the United and Divided Kingdoms; Israel losing the Promised Land

15. What are 1 & 2 Chronicles about?

Kings ruling Israel; focusing on the temple

16. What is Ezra about?

People returning to Jerusalem; rebuilding the temple

17. What is Nehemiah about?

Rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem

18. What is Esther about?

A Jewish queen rescuing her people

Map Facts

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| 1. Canaan | 14. Twelve Tribes — United Kingdom |
| 2. Jerusalem | 15. Divided Kingdom: Judah and Israel |
| 3. Jordan River | 16. Major areas of Canaan: Southern Region or Negev, Hill Country, Coastal Plain, Transjordan |
| 4. Dead Sea | 17. Israel and the Nations: Edom, Ammon, Moab, Philistia, Assyria/Babylon/Persia |
| 5. Sea of Galilee | |
| 6. Mediterranean Sea | |
| 7. Egypt | |
| 8. Red Sea | |
| 9. Mount Sinai | |
| 10. Wilderness | |
| 11. Mount Nebo | |
| 12. Jericho | |
| 13. The traditional route of the Exodus including Mount Sinai, Wilderness wanderings, Moab, and Mount Nebo | |