

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 17

1) What would you say are the worst sins?

In God's eyes the worst sin of all is **unbelief**. That means refusing to believe and trust in God and in what He says, ignoring His gracious invitation to come to Him and be saved. Unbelief is the cause of all other sins. See how this is illustrated in today's lesson.



2) What reasons had the Children of Israel for really trusting in the faithful God? Think back over what God had done for them so far:

- » How they escaped from Egypt
- » How God guided His people
- » How God provided their daily needs

Now they were near to the Land of Canaan, the Promised Land. **Read Numbers 13 v 1-2, 17-25.**

3) What was the purpose of the 12 spies' mission? (v 17-20)

4) They had to carry just one cluster of grapes on a pole between two people. What does that tell you about how good the land was for growing food?
..... God had promised that the land would be



'flowing with milk and honey'. 5) Was this true?

6) But what did 10 of the spies say about the command to go and take the land? (v 31)

7) What were the people like who already lived there? (v 32-33)

8) What did Joshua and Caleb think? (v 30. Also look at **Numbers 14 v 6-9**)

9) Who were they trusting in?

How about you? Do you trust what God says? Or are you like the 10 men who wanted to stone the 2 faithful spies (see v 10)?



Unbelief

So what are you like? Do you trust what you read in the Bible about God?

What evidence of His care for you can you see around you? Think of what you receive every day:

I have enough; I can see God's wonderful power in around me; I can read about God in my ;

I know God loved sinners like me so much that anyone who in Jesus may be



*But do you ignore all this and treat God as if He didn't exist, or even as your enemy? This is **very serious!***

Read Numbers 14 v 28-33. The result of ignoring God was that everyone who had rejected God was going to die and not get into the Promised Land. They would all have to wander around in the wilderness (desert) for years (v 33).

*For us, not believing in God's way of salvation means **eternal death!** Learn from this example and trust in the Lord now!*



Believe God

When all the other Israelites were grumbling, two men said, "Don't turn against the Lord! Don't be afraid of the people in that land!" Who were those men? To find out, colour only the boxes containing the letters of the words in that row. The first one is done for you. The names of two brave men will appear in the uncoloured boxes. Read from top to bottom.

DON'T

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TURN

T U J R A N

AGAINST

A G A I O N S T

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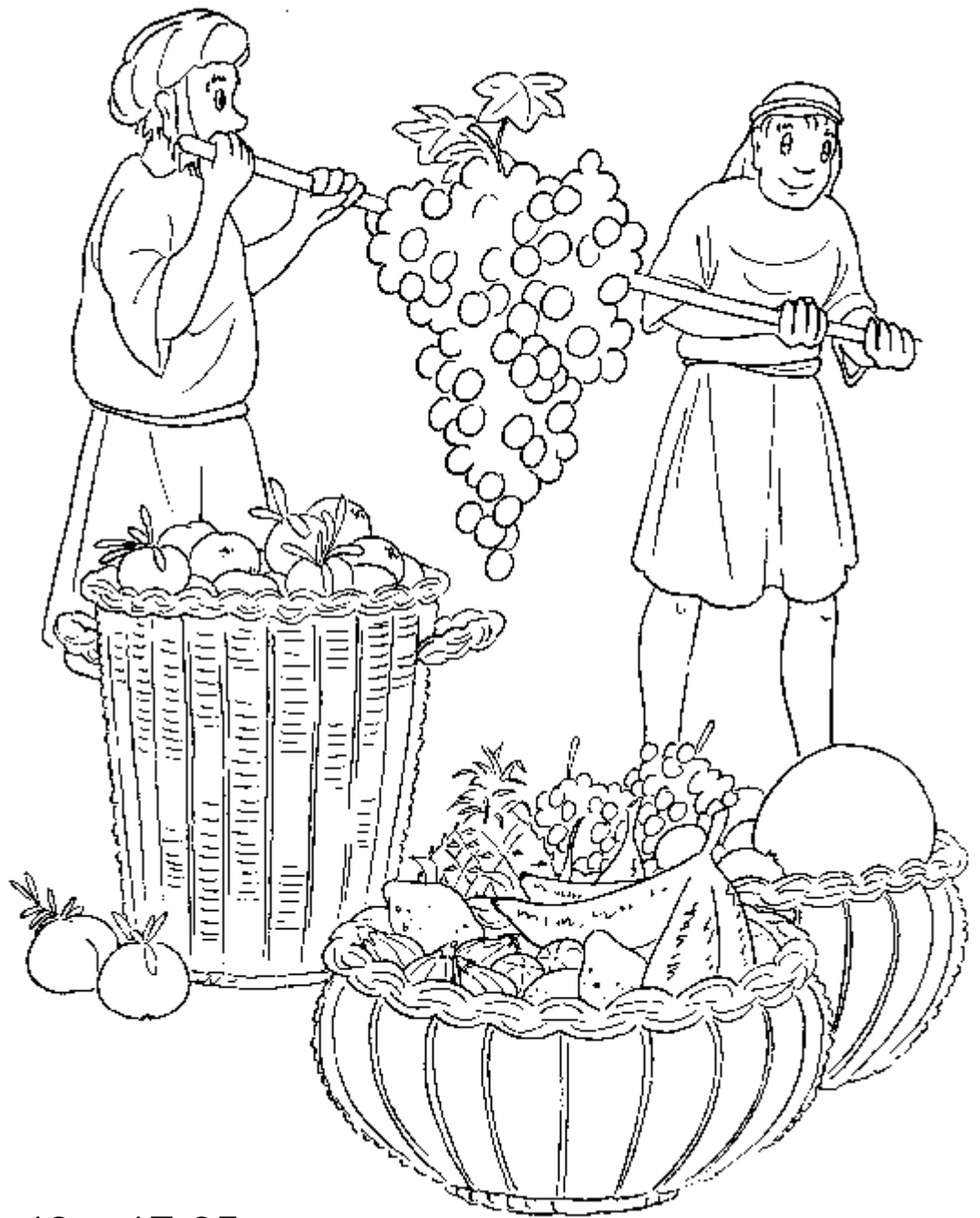


A verse to memorise:

“He who believes in the Son has everlasting life; and he who does not believe the Son shall not see life.”

John 3 v 36

For younger ones



Read Numbers 13 v 17-25

The Israelites were getting near the country God had given them to live in. Twelve men went to spy out the land to see what it was like. They found lovely fruit. They took back one great big bunch of grapes to show the others.

But ten of the spies were very frightened of the people living in the land. They were enormous, like giants. Two of the spies, Joshua and Caleb, said, "We trust in God. We can go and take the land. God will help us!" The other ten said, "No! The people are too strong."

All the other people believed the ten men who did not trust in God. God said that everyone who did not believe Him would die in the desert. They would never get to the Promised Land. Only Joshua and Caleb would live to see it.

If we do not trust in Jesus, Whom God has sent to take away our sins, we will not get to Heaven. That is serious! Do you trust in Jesus?