

ON THE TRAIL

Parent Flyer - Lesson 7

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Our Bible story today was the story of Moses sending the twelve spies to go scout out Canaan, the land God had promised to give the Israelites. The spies came back and gave their report. They all agreed that the land was great but ten of the spies said that the people who lived in the land are too big and war-like to defeat. Two of the spies said that they should go possess the land. The Israelites didn't listen to the two spies and instead started complaining and weeping. They chose not to believe God's promise about giving them the land. They even talked about killing Moses and choosing a new leader. The Israelites chose not to believe God's promise. God was very angry with the Israelites and punished them by making them wander for 40 years.

In today's skit Tex scouted ahead to the area where the cattle drive will end. He brought back a great report but it turns out to get to the end they will have to pass through the badlands. Tex didn't believe they could make it through so he planned out a new, longer route. Cookie encouraged Tex to believe the trail boss's promise about getting them to the end safely. Tex finally agreed. Just like Tex, we have a choice. We can either believe God's promises or not. That includes the promise of forgiveness and salvation through Jesus Christ.

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