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Moses sent 12 men to explore the land God promised to give the Israelite people. The men secretly looked at the cities and towns. They saw the good food that grew in the land. They saw the people who lived there.

The 12 men came back to Moses. They brought some of the fruit from the Promised Land—a bunch of grapes so big that two men had to carry it! But 10 of the men were scared. They told Moses that the people who lived in the land were too big and strong. They said the cities were too big. They did not think God could help them live in the land.

But two of the men, Joshua and Caleb, knew God would keep His promise to give them the land.

“Don’t be afraid,” they said. “The Lord is with us.” But the Israelites didn’t believe Joshua and Caleb.

God told Moses that because these people did not trust Him, they would not be able to go to the Promised Land for a long time. The people would have to live in the desert for many more years. But God promised Joshua and Caleb would get to live in the Promised Land because they trusted God.