

# Parent Connection

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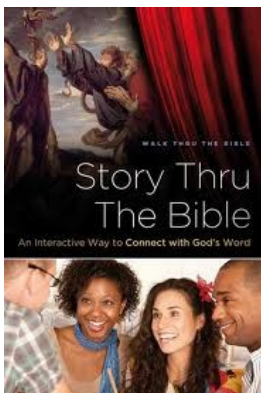
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## This week at church:

Puppet Team Practice	<u>Today</u> 3:30
Awana School Colors Day	4:00
SWAT	<u>Wed</u> @ 5:00
Missionz Kidz	@ 6:00
Awana Conference	<u>Sat</u> 8:30 - 4:00

## Recommended Read



Story Thru the Bible  
By Walk Thru the Bible

## Today's lesson...

Did you know that the Israelites were only supposed to wander in the desert for about a year? Today, we found out what happens when we doubt and disobey God.

Numbers 13 brings us to Moses and the Israelites finally seeing Canaan, (a.k.a. The Promised Land; a land flowing with milk and honey). Imagine the desert—dry, brown, HOT! When the multitude approaches the Promised Land, the difference between where they had been and what God promised them was breathtaking! There were water, trees, animals,

everything they needed to survive!

Moses did what a good leader would do. He sent 12 spies, one spy from each tribe, into the land to see what they were up against. He told them to see if the people who lived in the land were strong or weak, few or many, whether the land was good or bad, and whether the cities were camps (temporary) or strongholds (permanent). They were also supposed to bring some of the fruit back with them.

Well, before there was Doubting Thomas, there were Doubting Israelites. The people in the

Promised Land were HUGE! Two of the spies, Caleb and Joshua, thought, "No problem! God is going before us!" The other ten spies thought they had lost their minds! Of course, you can always count on the Israelites to doubt God's power, so they came back to Moses, holding an enormous bunch of grapes (free of GMOs 😊). The ten spies said—No way! We can't stand up to those people! Caleb and Joshua said—Yes way! The disagreement resulted in a revolt, and God sent them wandering for 39 more years!

## Do you like to read?

Currently, I'm reading about Amy Carmichael, an Irish-born missionary led to India.

While in India, Amy discovered some of the abusive treatment of children. Hinduism includes almost every religious belief within it, and one of those beliefs related to various and many gods. Hinduism teaches that you get what you deserve. In fact, Christianity is the only

faith that teaches the Truth—we deserve suffering in hell because of our sin, but through belief in Jesus Christ, we can receive what we don't deserve, forgiveness and eternal life.

Anyway, the Hindu community believes that you pay for your sins in your next life through reincarnation; however, in the 16th and 17th centuries, they believed that if you offered your children to the gods, they

might grant you favor in your next life. This resulted in heinous acts to very young children. In Amy's life, she and her co-workers saved approximately 1000 children from temple sacrifice!

Biographies on missionaries are great to read as a family. These are true stories of people who lived their lives trusting and serving God, fighting the Evil One from all sides. Obviously, you'll want to do your research to ensure you're choosing something age-appropriate.

# Family Activity

These activities can also  
be found at...

[www.fbc.net](http://www.fbc.net)

Each week, we have an activity for families to do together. Our main objective is to help equip you as you become confident in your role as spiritual leader to your child.

If you ever need support in training your child in the way he/she should go, don't hesitate to ask us or contact Tonya Lawson, Director of Children's Ministries, at [tonya@fbc.net](mailto:tonya@fbc.net).

## Your Spiritual Fitness Walk

Supplies: None

Take one or more walks together this week — around the block or to the park. It doesn't have to be long. While you walk, talk about...

- ⇒ At what age or during what time in your life did you begin praying or reading the Bible as a regular part of your life?
- ⇒ What part of the Bible do you like best? What's the hardest part for you? Why?
- ⇒ What's your usual way to put God's Word in your heart and mind? When seems to be the best time in the day for you to pray?
- ⇒ What's the best part about knowing and spending time with your Heavenly Father?
- ⇒ When you get to Heaven, what do you think God will say made Him happiest about you?

Discuss as many questions as you can. The important thing is for your whole family to grow and improve in the ability to stand firm in knowing and obeying God's Word!

If your child brings this back to Children's Church, they will get an extra ticket in the treasure box.

Our family did this activity together.

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Print Parent's Name (one name is fine)

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Parent Signature

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Child's Name