

# A Promise Is A Promise

Caleb is an excellent example of one who received great benefit because he "wholly followed the LORD." Caleb remembered the Lord's promise to him forty-five years earlier concerning the promised land of Canaan. God's promise to Caleb was, "he shall see it, and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed the LORD" (Deuteronomy 1:36). To discover what happened to Caleb when the time came, complete the sentences below using the listed words.

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Lord  
rest  
this  
Caleb  
Judah  
Moses  
Hebron  
wholly  
blessed  
inheritance

"Then the children of \_\_\_\_\_ came unto Joshua in Gilgal: and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite said unto him, Thou knowest the thing that the LORD said unto \_\_\_\_\_ the man of God concerning me and thee in Kadesh-barnea. . . . Now therefore \_\_\_\_\_ me this mountain, whereof the \_\_\_\_\_ spake in that day; . . . And Joshua \_\_\_\_\_ him, and gave unto Caleb . . . \_\_\_\_\_ for an inheritance. Hebron therefore became the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ the son of Jephunneh the Kenezite unto \_\_\_\_\_ day, because that he \_\_\_\_\_ followed the LORD God of Israel. . . . And the land had \_\_\_\_\_ from war." — Joshua 14:6,12-15

The city of Hebron still exists today, resting in a high valley about 25 miles southwest of Jerusalem. The nearby valleys are rich in fruits and vegetables of all kinds including figs, melons, grapes, pomegranates, and plums.



# WAYS OF A HERO

The hero in this quiz is Caleb. See how many of the following multiple-choice statements you can finish correctly before you look up the Scriptures.

1. Caleb was a hero because he . . . (Deuteronomy 1:36)
  - a. did what God wanted when it was convenient.
  - b. followed the Lord most of his life.
  - c. wholly followed the Lord.
  - d. did some great deeds in his short lifetime.
2. Caleb was one of a group of men selected to be . . . (Numbers 13:16)
  - a. spies for Israel.
  - b. trumpet blowers.
  - c. army captains.
  - d. ambassadors.
3. This group of men were chosen . . . (Numbers 13:2)
  - a. from among the Levities.
  - b. as a ruler from every tribe.
  - c. when they lapped water with their hand.
  - d. because of strong bodies and weak minds.
4. The fruit brought back to show the people was . . . (Numbers 13:23)
  - a. grapes, milk, and honey.
  - b. corn and wheat.
  - c. pomegranates, figs, and grapes.
  - d. grapes and olives.
5. Ten spies said it was impossible to take the land, but Caleb said . . . (Numbers 13:30)
  - a. single out those who are fearful, and with the rest we will be able to take the land.
  - b. give me liberty or give me death.
  - c. let us go up at once and possess it.
  - d. if God be for us, who can be against us.
6. They people wanted to . . . (Numbers 14:10)
  - a. make Caleb their leader.
  - b. give Moses a good retirement for his efforts.
  - c. do exactly what Caleb and Joshua suggested.
  - d. stone Caleb and Joshua.
7. The result was that . . . (Numbers 14:29)
  - a. fire came out of Heaven and killed everyone.
  - b. Caleb grabbed his sword to defend himself.
  - c. Israel was told they would wander in the wilderness for 40 years and die there.
  - d. Israel marched right in to possess the Promised Land.
8. When Caleb was 85 years old, he was as strong . . . (Joshua 14:11)
  - a. as the giants in the land.
  - b. as when Moses sent him.
  - c. as an ox.
  - d. as Joshua and Gideon.
9. After Caleb claimed his inheritance, the land rested from . . . (Joshua 14:15)
  - a. drought.
  - b. crop damage.
  - c. war.
  - d. pestilence.

## ACTIVITY

Using the HEART PATTERN,  
mark the heart with areas of our lives that should be given to God in  
consecration, such as:

TIME  
SPORTS  
GAMES  
MONEY  
FAMILY  
LOVED ONES  
FUTURE PLANS  
FRIENDS  
TALENTS

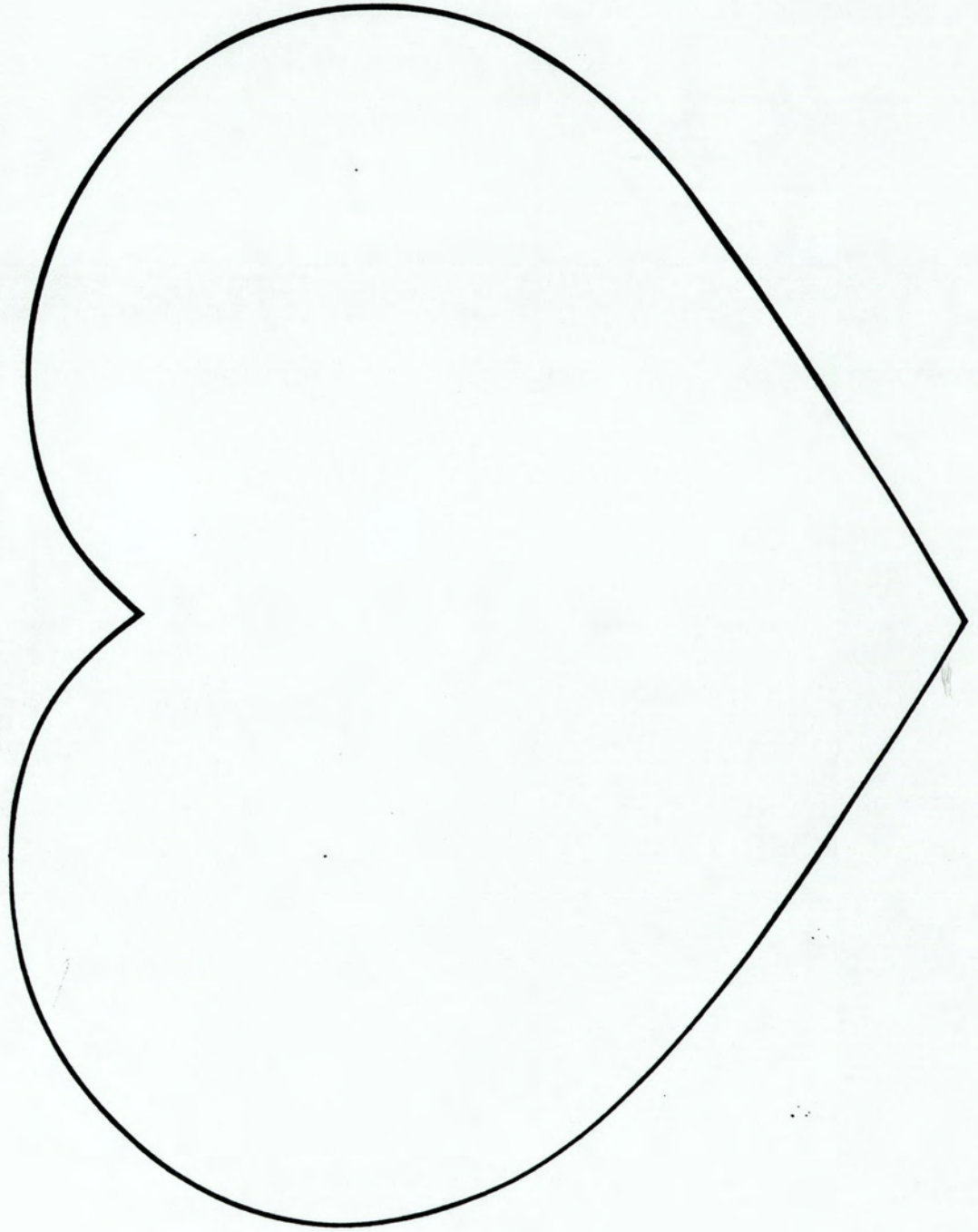
CUT APART the heart and reassemble it with your students, illustrating  
the concept of a “whole-hearted” commitment to God.

For added effect, paste each piece of the heart (with a Glue Stick) to  
page labeled:

“Following God . . . with all my heart.”

Hold back one piece, such as Sports or Money, and ask students how  
this affects your commitment to follow God with your whole heart.





**WITH ALL MY HEART**

**FOLLOW-ING GOD**

# Whole-Hearted Caleb

What did God promise to give to the Children of Israel?

**Numbers 13:1 – 2** \_\_\_\_\_

**Exodus 33:1 – 2** \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Numbers 13:27 – 28**

What did all the spies see? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Numbers 13:30** and **14:7 – 9**

What report did Caleb and Joshua give the people? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Numbers 13:31 – 33**

What report did the 10 other spies give? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Numbers 14:1**

Which report did the people believe? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Numbers 14:22 – 24**

Who was allowed to go into the Promised Land? \_\_\_\_\_

Read **Numbers 14:7 – 9**

What was different about Caleb's attitude when he saw the land of Canaan?

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Why do you think the 10 spies thought it was too hard to take over the land of Canaan?

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If you had been one of the spies, what kind of report would you have brought back?

\_\_\_\_\_

Read **Joshua 14:7 – 9**

What was the reason for Caleb's success? \_\_\_\_\_

Write one way you can *follow God whole-heartedly*

At home \_\_\_\_\_

At school \_\_\_\_\_



# CALEB

## IN IT FOR THE LONG RUN

An amazing thing about Caleb is that he not only believed the Lord concerning the Land of Canaan when he was 40 years old, but 45 years later he still believed God. At that time, he asked Joshua to give him the land the Lord had promised to him, even though there were giants still living there.

In the 45 years of walking in the wilderness, what do you think kept Caleb's faith in God so strong?

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Caleb was sure of God's promises. What do you think he may have done if he had started to wonder why God was taking so long?

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Today, the Lord has promised another "Canaan"--Heaven, and we are able, through His power, to make the goal. The Bible promises, "He that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matthew 10:22).

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Look up Romans 10:17. This is a sure way to keep strong in the Lord. Do you know anyone who has been a Christian for years and years and is still excited about the Gospel?

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What are some experiences God has available for us that will help us in our Christian walk through life?

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Go for the goal. God is waiting for you.

