

what kind of a land it was that God had promised to give to the children of Israel for their home.

Review—Recall last Lesson.

The Spies Sent Out—The children of Israel are nearing the end of their journey, nearing the Promised Land (show map). God tells Moses to choose a man out of every tribe as a spy to go and spy out the land of Canaan. Here are the spies. Name the tribes as you place a stroke for each spy. Here is Mt. Hebron (outline). Moses tells them to get away up into this mount where they can look over the land and see what the land and people are like, vs. 17-20. They go away to view the land, and after a while we see them coming home. See, the first two are carrying a great cluster of grapes (outline), so big one cannot carry it alone. It is carried on a staff between them, v. 23. They also brought pomegranates and figs, and reached home after forty days.

The Report of the Spies—Now we see Moses and Aaron and all the people gathered at Kadesh to meet the spies when they return. Like the children we were talking about, these people are eager to hear about the new home. What kind of land is it? What is the place like? Are there enemies

to be fought? etc. Here come the spies bearing the cluster of grapes. "It is a goodly land, plenty of milk and honey, and see what fine fruit grows there!" "But," some of the spies say, "the people are strong. They have big cities with walls around them, and there are giants in the land!" Look at the people's faces now. They are frightened. "We can never dare to go into that land," they think.

Caleb and Joshua—Here are two brave spies, Caleb and Joshua (ch. 14 : 6-10), but the rest are cowards, ch. 13 : 31-33.

Golden Text—Repeat Golden Text. They should have remembered how God overcame their enemies in the past. Even proud Pharaoh could do them no harm. Nothing can harm us if God is our friend. Be brave.

Our Promised Land—God has promised us another home—heaven. No one has ever come back to tell us what kind of place it is, but God tells us in His holy Word. We know we have a friend who has gone before to prepare a place for each of us. We need not fear to go forward to that heavenly home.

Something to Think About—I should not be afraid.

FROM THE PLATFORM

THE TWO + GOD
TEN -

How many spies went up from Israel's camp into Canaan? How many of them urged the people to go forward? How many, not to do so? Having got answers to these questions from the School, print THE TWO and the TEN. Now ask, "When a vote is taken, which commonly rules, the majority or the minority?" "The majority, of course," the School will answer. Ask the scholars to think whether Israel acted wisely or not in following the ten against the two. On which side was Moses, their great leader? Deut. 1 : 20, 21 makes it clear that he agreed with the two. And by whom was Moses guided? At once the answer will come, "He was guided by God." On whose side, then, was God—of the two or the ten? The School will answer this question without hesitation. Print + (plus) God and - (minus) God. Impress the lesson, that the side to choose is the one God is on, even if we have to stand alone with Him.