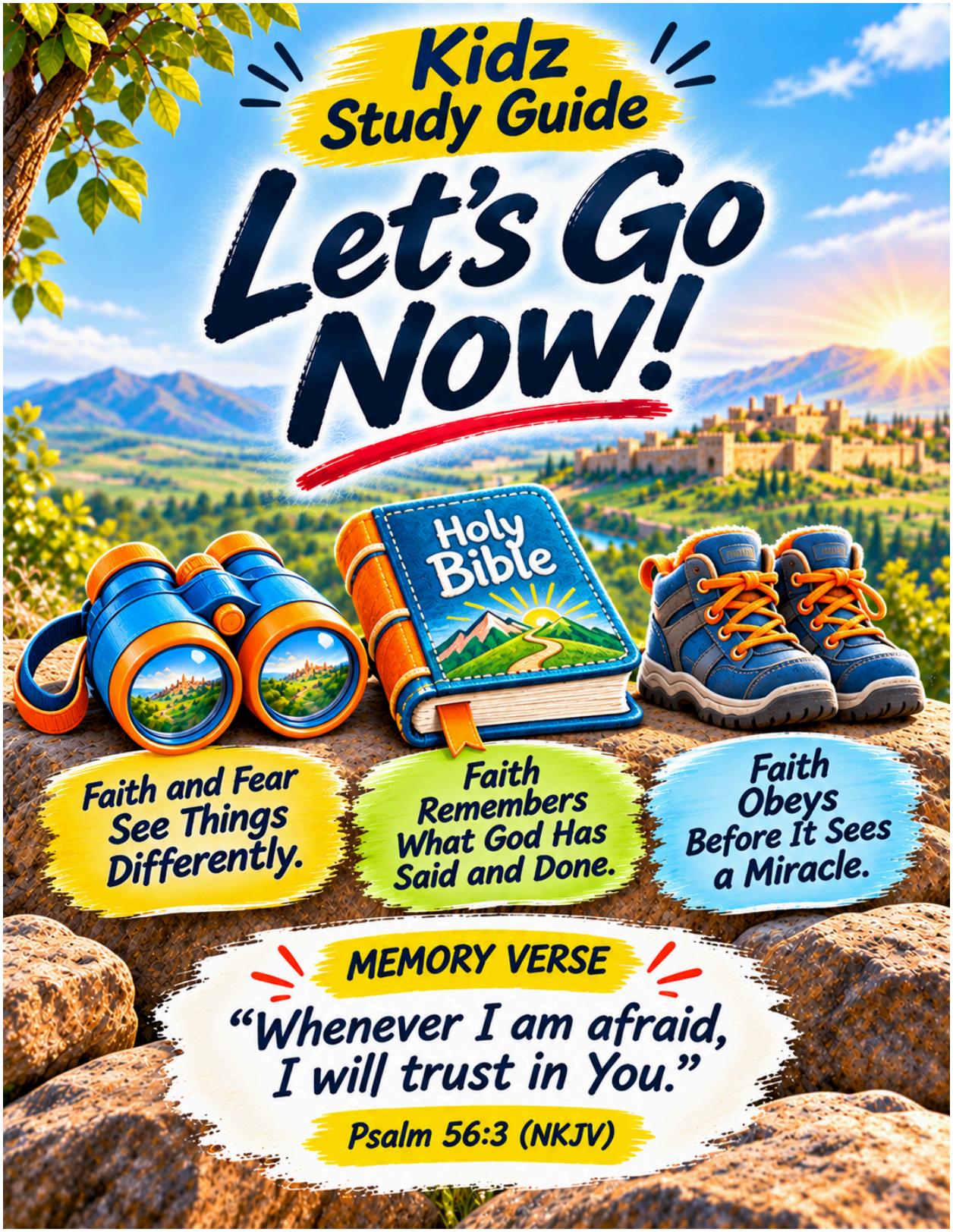


THE ROADS CHURCH

Let's Go Now!

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SERMON OVERVIEW

God promised the Israelites, His chosen people, a special land called the Promised Land. God had already rescued them from slavery in Egypt and taken care of them in the wilderness.

Twelve Israelite spies went to explore the Promised Land, and they all saw the same things. They saw amazing fruit, big cities, and giants! Ten spies were afraid, but Joshua and Caleb trusted God. They knew God was bigger than any problem they faced.

We can choose to trust God, too! Even when things seem scary or difficult, we can remember who God is, believe His Word, and obey Him.

In this study guide, we will learn three big truths about faith:

1. Faith and fear see things differently.
2. Faith remembers what God has said and done.
3. Faith obeys before it sees a miracle.

MEMORY VERSE

“Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You.” – Psalm 56:3 (NKJV)

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1. Faith and fear see things differently.

BIG IDEA

Joshua and Caleb saw the same giants as the other Israelite spies, but they remembered that God was with them. Having faith doesn't mean pretending our problems aren't real. It means trusting God even when we face something difficult. We never need to leave God out of the picture!

Key Scriptures: Numbers 13:25–33; Numbers 14:6–9

STUDY THE WORD

1. What did the spies bring back from the Promised Land? (Numbers 13:25–27)
2. What did the spies see that made them afraid? (Numbers 13:28–29)
3. What did Caleb tell the Israelites they should do? (Numbers 13:30)
4. What did the other spies say about themselves and the giants? (Numbers 13:31–33)
5. Why did Joshua and Caleb tell the Israelites not to be afraid? (Numbers 14:8–9)

REFLECT & RESPOND

1. What are some things that make me feel afraid?
2. When I talk about my problems, do I remember that God is with me?
3. What does God's Word tell me to do when I feel afraid? Find a Bible verse that helps me trust God, and think of a way I can put it into practice.

DIG DEEPER: Psalm 56:3–4; Isaiah 41:10; 2 Timothy 1:7

2. Faith remembers what God has said and done.

BIG IDEA

God had already done amazing miracles for the Israelites. He rescued them from slavery in Egypt, parted the Red Sea, and gave them food in the wilderness. But when they saw the giants, many of them forgot how powerful and faithful God had been. Remembering what God has said and done helps us trust Him today!

Key Scriptures: Numbers 14:11, 20–24; Deuteronomy 8:2–5, 10–18

STUDY THE WORD

1. Even after seeing God's miracles, did the Israelites believe Him? (Numbers 14:11)
2. What happened to the Israelites who refused to listen to God? (Numbers 14:22–23)
3. What made Caleb different from the other spies? (Numbers 14:24)
4. How did God take care of the Israelites in the wilderness? (Deuteronomy 8:2–5)
5. What did God warn the Israelites not to forget? (Deuteronomy 8:10–18)

REFLECT & RESPOND

1. What is something God has done for me or my family that I never want to forget?
2. What Bible story reminds me of how powerful and faithful God is?
3. What does the Bible teach me about remembering the things God has done? Find a Bible verse and choose something I can do this week to remember or share God's goodness.

DIG DEEPER: Psalm 77:11–14; Psalm 78:4–7; Psalm 103:1–5

3. Faith obeys before it sees a miracle.

BIG IDEA

Forty years later, the Israelites were ready to enter the Promised Land. When they came to the Jordan River, God told the priests to step into the water. The river didn't stop flowing until they stepped in! They trusted God enough to obey Him before they saw the miracle. Faith is more than saying we believe God. Faith is doing what He says!

Key Scriptures: Joshua 3:7–17; James 2:14–18

STUDY THE WORD

1. What did God tell the priests to do when they reached the Jordan River? (Joshua 3:7–8)
2. What did Joshua say would happen when the priests stepped into the water? (Joshua 3:13)
3. Was the river already dry when the priests stepped into it? (Joshua 3:15)
4. What happened after the priests stepped into the water? (Joshua 3:15–17)
5. What does James teach us about faith without actions? (James 2:14–18)

REFLECT & RESPOND

1. Is there something I know God wants me to do, but I have been afraid to do it?
2. How can my actions show others that I trust and believe God?
3. What does God's Word say about something I find difficult to obey? Find a Bible verse and choose one thing I can do today to obey what it says.

DIG DEEPER: James 1:22; Hebrews 11:7–8; Luke 5:4–6

PUT YOUR FAITH INTO ACTION

You don't have to wait until you grow up to be someone who lives by faith! You can trust God, remember His goodness, and obey His Word right now. When you face something scary or difficult, remember that God is with you. Search your Bible to discover what God says, believe His truth, and put it into action. You can ask a parent or trusted grown-up to help you find and understand God's Word.

Faith isn't just something we talk about. It's something we live!

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