

Numbers 13, 14:1-38, 16

*And without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him. Hebrews 11:6*

## Readings this week

S	Numbers 13:16-33
M	Numbers 14:1-25
T	Numbers 16:1-24
W	Numbers 16:25-50
T	Numbers 17
F	Judges 1:1-21
S	Psalm 84

## Spying the land

God told Moses to send twelve men to find out as much as they could from the land of Israel. You can find the names of the spies in Numbers 13:1-16. Do you recognise any of the names?

Make a note of one or two of the things Moses asked the spies to find out.



## Reporting back

What did the spies bring back as proof that the land was indeed a good land?

Compare what Joshua and Caleb said with what the others said.

### What did they agree about?

Look at Numbers 13:26-29.

### What did they disagree about

Compare Numbers 13:31-33 with 14:6-9.

Do you think there is a lesson for us? Think about it, and then maybe look at Psalm 23:4 or Philippians 4:11-13.

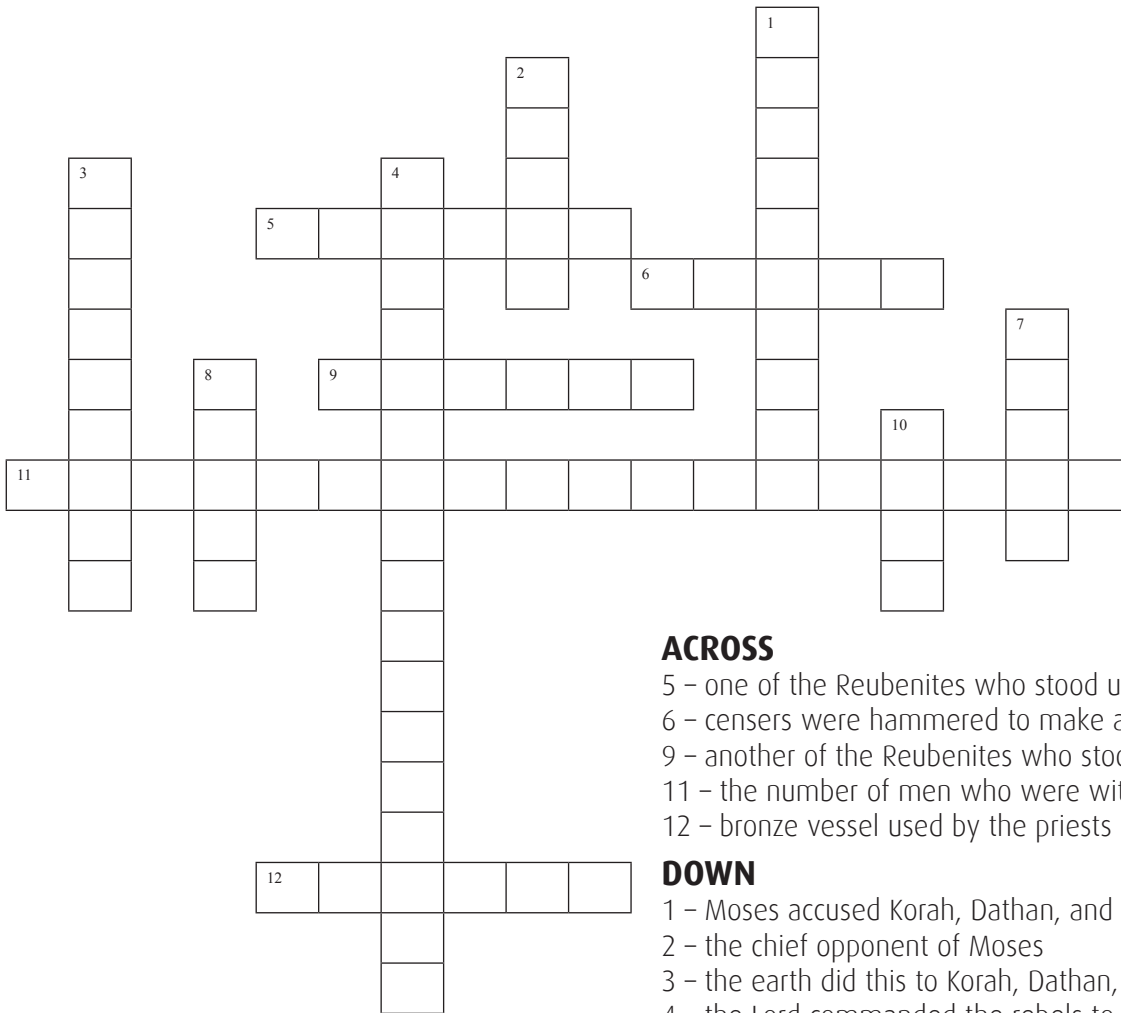


## Caleb was right

Of all the army who reached the border of Canaan when Moses sent the spies into the land, only Joshua and Caleb survived to live there. Read Numbers 13:22 and make a note of the cities which Joshua and Caleb visited as spies. Remember that giants lived there.

Now read Judges 1:20. Who inherited one of these cities and personally drove out the giants?

Caleb had faith that he could drive out the giants with God's help. God rewarded Caleb's faith by allowing him to do just that.



**ACROSS**

- 5 – one of the Reubenites who stood up against Moses
- 6 – censers were hammered to make a covering for this
- 9 – another of the Reubenites who stood up against Moses
- 11 – the number of men who were with Korah, Dathan & Abiram
- 12 – bronze vessel used by the priests

**DOWN**

- 1 – Moses accused Korah, Dathan, and Abiram of trying to gain this
- 2 – the chief opponent of Moses
- 3 – the earth did this to Korah, Dathan, and Abiram
- 4 – the Lord commanded the rebels to appear before him with censers containing these
- 7 – the people were told to get away from these
- 8 – Korah’s father
- 10 – this came out from the Lord and consumed the men

**Digging Deeper - The end of the journey.**

Read Deuteronomy 32:48-52 and find out what was to happen to Moses before the people entered the promised land.

Before he died Moses had some important things to say to the Israelites.

Deuteronomy 28 is a very interesting chapter to read in your own time. For the moment read the first few verses and a few from verse 15 onwards.

Deuteronomy 30:19-20 has an important lesson for us as well.

Deuteronomy 32 is a lovely chapter praising God. Read especially verses 10-11 where he is talking about how God has cared for his people.

Now read Deuteronomy 34.

