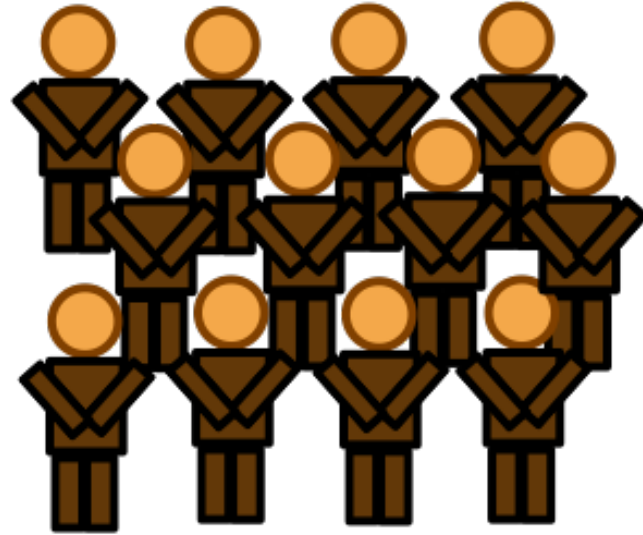


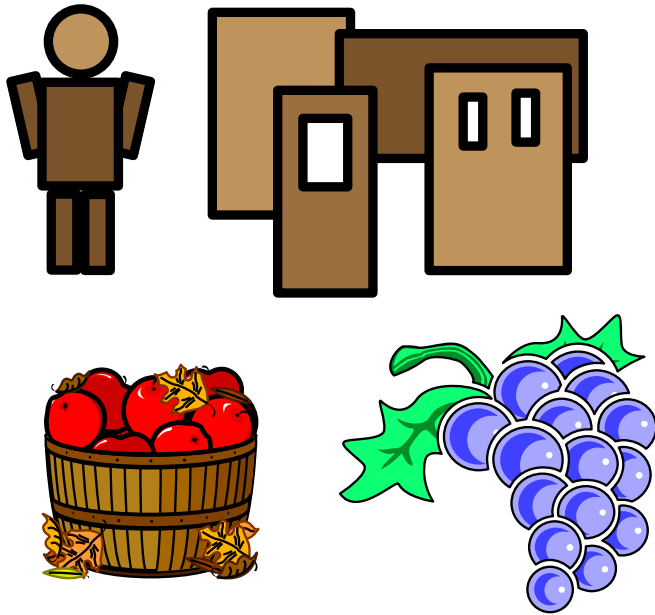
# The 12 Spies



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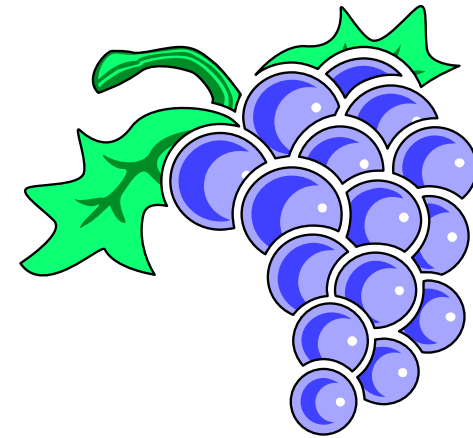


The Lord spoke to Moses. He said, "Send some men to check out the land of Canaan. I am giving it to the people of Israel. Send one leader from each of Israel's tribes."



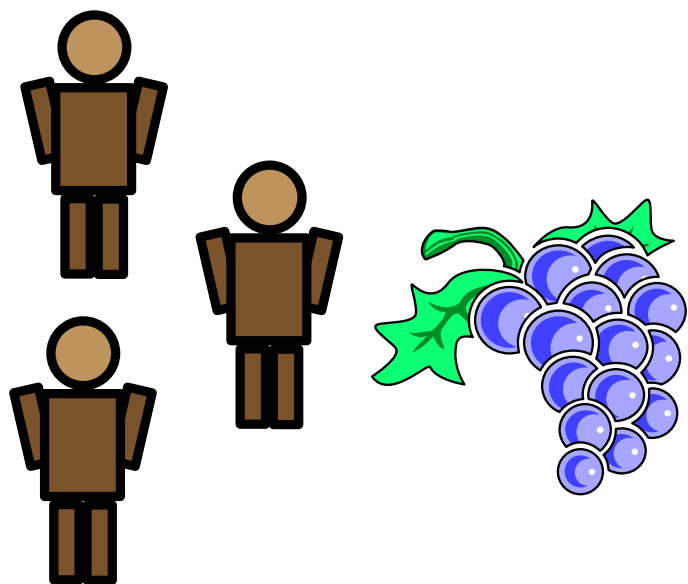
Moses sent them to check out Canaan. He said, "See what the land is like. See whether the people who live there are strong or weak. See whether they are few or many.

"What kind of land do they live in? Do the towns have high walls around them or not? Do your best to bring back some of the fruit of the land." It was the season for the first ripe grapes.



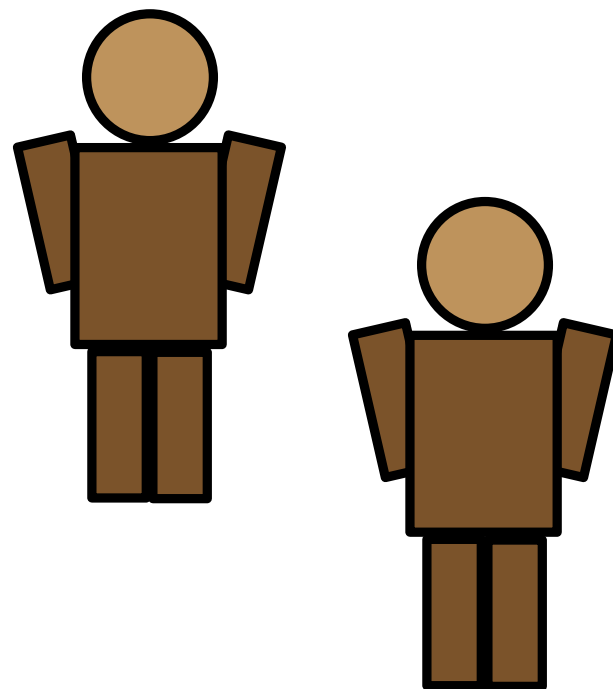
They cut off a branch that had a single bunch of grapes on it. Two of them carried it on a pole between them. They carried some pomegranates and figs along with it.

At the end of 40 days, the men returned from checking out the land.

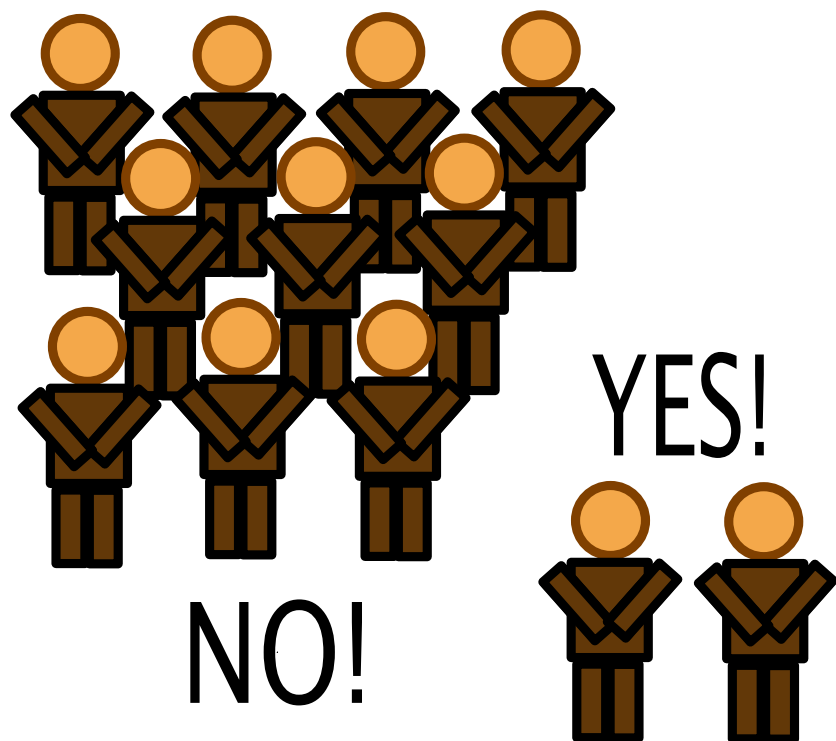


The men came back to Moses, Aaron and the whole community of Israel. There the men reported to Moses and Aaron and all of the people. They showed them the fruit of the land.

They gave Moses their report.



But the people who live there are powerful. Their cities have high walls around them and are very large.



Then Caleb interrupted the men who were speaking to Moses. He said, "We should go up and take the land. We can certainly do it."

But the men who had gone up with him spoke. They said, "We can't attack those people. They are stronger than we are." The men spread a bad report about the land among the people of Israel.