Preschool–Grade 5

Caleb Craft

Give me this mountain · Joshua 14:6–15 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



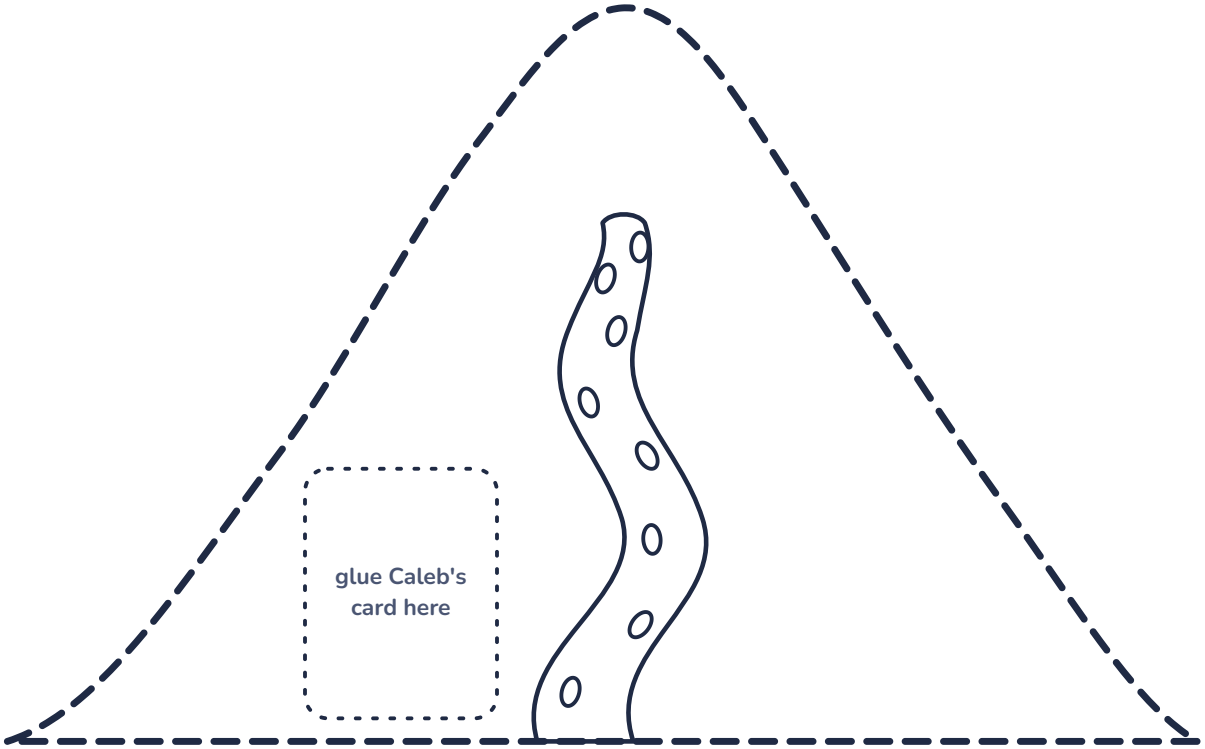
Harder

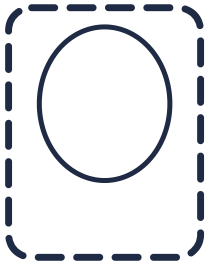
Both levels are a paper mountain colored green, with a tan path and brown footprints walking up it, because Moses promised Caleb, "the land whereon thy feet have trodden shall be thine inheritance" (Joshua 14:9). Caleb at 85, drawn on his yellow card, stands at the foot of the mountain. Medium (left): the mountain. Harder (right): the same mountain with the walled city of Hebron at the top of the path and a blue card with Caleb at forty across the path, "as strong this day" as then (14:11–13).

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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines





Caleb's card: draw Caleb in the oval, 85 years old and strong. Color the rest of the card yellow.

mountain: green
path: tan
footprints: brown

Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the heart of the people melt: but I wholly followed the LORD my God.

Joshua 14:8 (KJV)

verse strip: glue it on the back of the mountain

Color the pieces and draw Caleb the way the labels say. Cut out the mountain, Caleb's card and the verse strip. You also need a glue stick.

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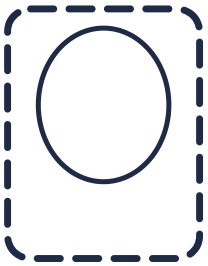
Name: _____ ✂ Harder level

Hebron and Caleb at forty (harder level)

Cut on the dashed lines.



city of Hebron: walls tan, gate and windows brown



Caleb at forty: draw him in the oval. Color the rest of the card blue.

How to add Hebron and Caleb at forty

1. Make the mountain from page 2 first, with Caleb's card and the verse strip glued on.
2. Color the city walls tan, and the gate and the three windows brown. Caleb said the cities there "were great and **fenced**," which means walled (Joshua 14:12).
3. In the oval on the second card, draw Caleb at forty, when Moses sent him to spy out the land (14:7). Color the rest of the card blue.
4. Cut out the city and the card on the dashed lines.
5. Glue the city at the very top of the mountain, so the path ends at its gate. Glue Caleb at forty at the foot of the mountain on the other side of the path, across from Caleb at 85.
6. Tell it: at forty, Caleb's feet walked this land, and he wholly followed the LORD (14:7–9). At 85 he said, "As yet I am as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me" (14:11), and he asked for this mountain. Joshua gave him Hebron (14:13).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/caleb-craft
Time: 15 to 30 minutes, depending on the level · **Ages:** 3 to 11, in three levels · **Cost:** under 50 cents a child for the easy and medium levels
You need: page 2 printed once per child (cardstock is sturdiest), green, tan (or light brown), brown and yellow crayons or markers, crayons for drawing Caleb, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a blue crayon.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the mountain, Caleb's card and the verse strip, and glue the verse strip on the back of the mountain.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's pieces and glue the verse strip on the back. Kids color the mountain, draw Caleb in the oval and glue his card on the dotted outline. Then they walk their fingers up the footprints while you tell the story.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, draw, cut out and glue the pieces themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the mountain like the medium level. Then add the walled city of Hebron at the top of the path and Caleb at forty across from Caleb at 85, from page 3 (Joshua 14:11–13). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color the mountain green, the path tan and the footprints brown.
2. **Draw:** in the oval on Caleb's card, draw Caleb as an old man of 85 in a long robe, standing tall and strong (Joshua 14:10–11). Color the rest of the card yellow.
3. **Cut:** cut out the mountain, Caleb's card and the verse strip on the dashed lines.
4. **Glue Caleb:** glue Caleb's card on its dotted outline at the foot of the mountain, beside the path.
5. **Verse:** turn the mountain over and glue the verse strip on the back. Read it together.
6. **Tell it:** walk two fingers up the footprints. When Caleb was forty, his feet walked on this land (Joshua 14:7, 14:9). Forty-five years later he said, "give me this mountain" (14:12), and Joshua gave him Hebron (14:13).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- How old was Caleb when Moses sent him to spy out the land? *(Forty, Joshua 14:7)*
- What did the other men do to the people? *(They "made the heart of the people melt," made them afraid, 14:8)*
- How did Caleb follow the LORD? *(Wholly, all the way, 14:8)*
- Walk up the footprints. What did Moses promise Caleb? *(The land his feet had walked on would be his, 14:9)*
- How old was Caleb when he asked for the mountain? *(Fourscore and five, 85, 14:10)*
- Was he still strong? *(Yes, "as strong this day as I was in the day that Moses sent me," 14:11)*
- What did Joshua give Caleb? *(Hebron, 14:13)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained: wholly** means all the way; **brethren** means brothers (here, the other men who went); **made the heart of the people melt** means made them afraid; **espy out** means spy out; **fourscore** is eighty (a score is twenty); **inheritance** is land kept in the family; **fenced** means walled; the **Anakims** were very big, tall people (Numbers 13:33).
- **What the Bible says:** the spies "came unto Hebron" (Numbers 13:22), so Caleb's feet really had walked there. The Bible doesn't describe the mountain or the city's walls beyond "great and fenced" (Joshua 14:12), so the craft keeps them simple.
- **People only in the ovals, and never God:** each child draws Caleb (a man in a long robe). The Anakims are not drawn.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Caleb lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/caleb.

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