Preschool–Grade 5

Joshua and Caleb Craft

One cluster of grapes upon a staff · Numbers 13:23 · print page 2 for each child (and page 3 for the harder level)

What it looks like finished



Easy and medium



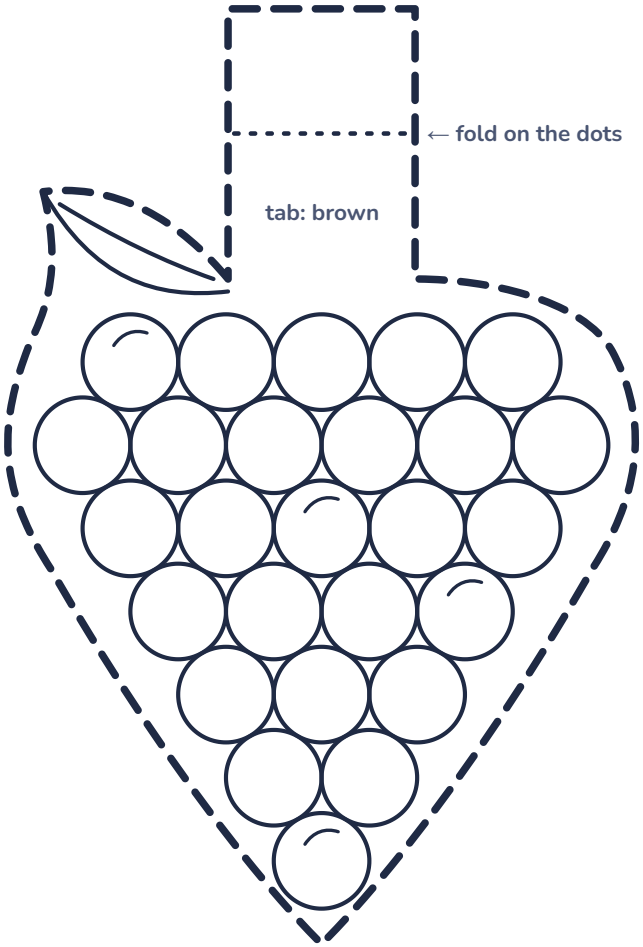
Harder

Both levels are one big cluster of purple grapes with a green leaf, hanging from a craft stick staff by a brown tab: "they bare it between two upon a staff" (Numbers 13:23). Medium (left): the cluster of grapes on the staff. Harder (right): a red pomegranate hangs at the left end of the staff and a green fig at the right end (Numbers 13:23).

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Name: _____

✂ Cut on the dashed lines



cluster of grapes: grapes purple, leaf green

verse card: glue it on the back

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.

Joshua 1:9 (KJV)

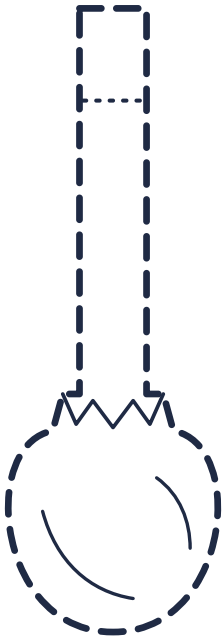
Color each piece the way its label says. Cut out the cluster of grapes and the verse card. You also need one jumbo craft stick for the staff.

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Name: _____ ✂ Harder level

Pomegranate and fig (harder level)

Cut on the dashed lines. Fold each strip on the dotted line.



pomegranate: red, strip brown

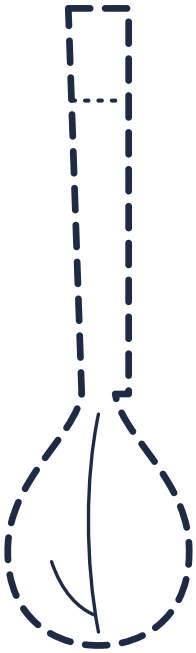


fig: green, strip brown

hang the pomegranate at the left end of the staff and the fig at the right end

How to add the pomegranate and the fig

1. Make the cluster of grapes on the staff from page 2 first.
2. Color the pomegranate red and the fig green. Color both long strips brown. Cut out both pieces on the dashed lines.
3. Turn the pomegranate over. Lay the left end of the craft stick across the back of its strip, just under the dotted line. Fold the top of the strip down over the stick on the dotted line and glue it on the back of the strip.
4. Hang the fig at the right end of the stick the same way. The pomegranate and the fig hang lower than the grapes, one on each side.
5. Say it together: "and they brought of the pomegranates, and of the figs" (Numbers 13:23).

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For the teacher

See it finished: a photo of the finished craft is at vbshq.com/crafts/twelve-spies-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), one jumbo craft stick (about 6 inches long) per child, purple, green and brown crayons or markers, scissors and glue sticks. For the harder level, also page 3 printed once per child and a red crayon.
Before class: for preschoolers, cut out the cluster of grapes and the verse card ahead of time.

Three ways to make it

- **Easy (preschool, ages 3–5), about 15 minutes, no scissors:** before class, cut out each child's cluster of grapes and verse card. Kids color the grapes purple, the leaf green and the tab brown. Then you fold the tab over the craft stick and glue it, and help them glue the verse card on the back.
- **Medium (grades K–2), about 20 minutes:** follow the steps below. Kids color, cut out the cluster and hang it on the craft stick staff themselves. This is the craft in the first photo.
- **Harder (grades 3–5), about 30 minutes:** make the cluster on the staff like the medium level. Then add the pomegranate and the fig from page 3, hanging at the two ends of the staff (Numbers 13:23). This is the craft in the second photo.

Steps (medium level)

1. **Color:** color all the grapes purple, the leaf green and the tab at the top brown.
2. **Cut:** cut out the cluster of grapes and the verse card on the dashed lines.
3. **Staff:** turn the cluster over. Lay the craft stick across the back of the brown tab, just above the grapes, with the cluster in the middle of the stick. The stick is the staff (Numbers 13:23).
4. **Fold:** fold the top of the tab down over the stick on the dotted line and glue it on the back. Now the cluster hangs from the staff.
5. **Verse:** glue the verse card on the back of the grapes, under the tab, and read it together.
6. **Carry it:** two children hold the two ends of the stick and carry the grapes together, "between two upon a staff" (13:23).

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Questions to ask while kids work

- How many men did Moses send to search the land? *(Twelve, a man from every tribe, Numbers 13:2, 4–15)*
- Point to the grapes. What did the men cut down at the brook of Eshcol? *(A branch with one cluster of grapes, 13:23)* How did they carry it? *(Between two upon a staff, 13:23)*
- What did they say the land flowed with? *(Milk and honey, 13:27)*
- What did ten of the men say they were like? *("We were in our own sight as grasshoppers," 13:33)*
- What did Caleb say? *("Let us go up at once, and possess it; for we are well able to overcome it," 13:30)* What did Joshua and Caleb say about the LORD? *("The LORD is with us: fear them not," 14:9)*
- Harder level: what other fruit did they bring? *(Pomegranates and figs, 13:23)*

Tips

- **Old Bible words explained:** a **cluster** is a bunch; **bare it** means carried it; a **staff** is a long pole; **floweth with milk and honey** means a good land with plenty of food; **thee** and **thou** mean you; **of a good courage** means brave; **dismayed** means scared and ready to give up; **whithersoever thou goest** means wherever you go.
- **What the Bible says:** the Bible does not name the two men who carried the grapes (Numbers 13:23), so the craft shows only the grapes and the staff. Don't say it was Joshua and Caleb. The Bible does not say how many grapes were on the cluster; the template simply draws a big bunch.
- **No one is drawn on the template:** the men are not drawn. Two kids carrying the staff together act out "between two."
- **Preschool:** pre-cut everything and use glue sticks, not liquid glue. Fold and glue the tab yourself so the grapes hang straight. Hold up a finished craft so they can see the goal.
- **Teach the story first:** this craft goes with the free Joshua and Caleb lesson and word search at vbshq.com/bible-stories/twelve-spies.

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