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Background information:

- The phrase "the descendents of Anak" suggests that the people of the land were of large stature (i.e. giants)
- The number 40 is almost always associated with a full or complete time of testing and trial within the Bible

Getting Into the Word:

1) God gives Moses some instructions concerning the type of people Moses is to pick to spy out the land. Once the men are chosen, Moses gives the spies instructions concerning what they're do while in Canaan. What's the difference between the instructions God gives Moses and the instructions that Moses gives the spies?

2) The spies show the people of Israel what they've found before they give a verbal report of what they found. Is there any advantage to showing people what God has provided before telling them what God has provided? If so, what is it?

Next Lesson: Giants Do Fall (Numbers 13:25-14:9)

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3) Two very different reports are given regarding the land of Canaan. Why do you think the two reports are so different?

4) Which advice is easiest to follow: the majority report of those who suggest that we shouldn't trust God to keep God's promises or the minority report of those who say trust God to come through? Why do you believe this?