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****Answer yes or no to these questions. The Bnai Yisrael wanted to send spies to Canaan because

1. they were afraid the people living there were very strong. YES
2. they were afraid that bugs might kill them if they lived there. NO
3. they didn't like Moshe or Hashem. NO
4. they wanted to know which city to capture first. YES
5. they wanted the spies to tell them where the Canaanim hid their things. YES
6. they were afraid there was no food in Canaan. NO
7. they were afraid that the weather was too cold for them. NO
8. they wanted the spies to see if there were any big buildings in Canaan. NO
9. they wanted the spies to see if people lived in cities with big walls. YES

10. Did Moshe want the Bnai Yisrael to send spies? NO
11. Did Hashem want the Bnai Yisrael to send spies? NO
12. Hashem told Moshe to pick very good Jewish men to be spies. Hashem was hoping that the men would look at Canaan and tell everyone that IT WAS A GOOD LAND WORTH CAPTURING
13. EXTRA CREDIT: Which tribe did not send a spy, and why? LAIVI, BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T GET ANY LAND AND DIDN'T NEED A SPY; AND ALSO BECAUSE THEY BELIEVED THAT HASHEM WOULD HELP THEM CAPTURE CANAAN WITHOUT SPIES
14. What kind of men did Moshe pick to be spies? IMPORTANT
15. The real reason the Bnai Yisrael wanted to send spies was because they did not want to FIGHT A WAR AGAINST THE CANAANIM TO CAPTURE CANAAN
16. Moshe told the spies to start in the south part of Canaan and then go to the north. Then he told them to look for strong and weak people. What Canaanim were weak? THOSE WHO LIVED IN WALLED CITIES (which could protect them from attack)
17. Where did strong Canaanim live? IN CITIES WITHOUT WALLS (who could rely on their strength to defend themselves)

****Answer yes or no. Moshe told the spies to see if

18. there were many or not so many people in the cities. YES
19. the Canaanim lived in big houses. NO
20. there was good drinking water. YES
21. there were many fruits. YES
22. the Canaanim had many cars. NO
23. the Canaanim had many animals. NO

24. Moshe told the spies to be sure and bring back something. What? FRUITS
25. Moshe thought the spies would look at Canaan and say GOOD THINGS ABOUT IT

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26. Why didn't the spies dress up in costumes so the Canaanim would not know who they were? BECAUSE HASHEM KILLED MANY CANAANIM SO THEY WOULD NOT BOTHER THE SPIES

27. Moshe had told the Jews many times that Israel was a "land flowing with MILK AND HONEY"

28. EXTRA CREDIT: Name the 2 spies who decided to tell the Bnai Yisrael good things about Canaan. YEHOSHUA AND KALAIV

29. What would Yehoshua do many years later? LEAD THE JEWS IN CAPTURING CANAAN

30. Why did Kalaiv go to the Cave of Machapila in Chevron? TO ASK HASHEM'S HELP IN NOT LISTENING TO THE OTHER SPIES

31. What did the spies look like when standing next to the Canaanim? GRASSHOPPERS (because the Canaanim were giants)

32. The spies cut down fruits to show the Jews. What was so strange about the fruits? THEY WERE SO BIG THAT MANY SPIES HAD TO CARRY THEM

33. Some scary things happened to the spies. One was when some giant Canaanim saw the spies doing something. Doing what? CUTTING DOWN THE FRUIT

34. Another scary thing was when the spies thought they were hiding in a cave. What were they really hiding in? A VERY BIG POMEGRANATE SHELL THAT THE GIANT CANAANIM THREW AWAY

35. How many spies told the Bnai Yisrael good things and how many said bad things about Canaan? 2 SAID GOOD THINGS, 10 SAID BAD THINGS

36. Why did the ten spies say bad things about Canaan? BECAUSE THEY WERE AFRAID THEY WOULD NOT BE LEADERS OF THE JEWS WHEN YEHOSHUA LED THE JEWS

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38. The ten spies gave two reasons why the Jews should not capture Canaan. Tell the reasons. (A) BECAUSE ONLY GIANTS COULD LIVE THERE (as evidenced by the very big fruit); AND (B) THE CANAANIM WERE TOO STRONG FOR THE JEWS TO BEAT IN A WAR

39. Because so many Canaanim died when the spies were there, they told the Jews that Canaan was a land that EATS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING THERE

40. EXTRA CREDIT: There is a sad Jewish day which comes in the summer. It is called Tisha B'av. Many bad things happened to the Jews on this day. Name 3 of them. (A) THE FIRST BAIT HAMIKDASH WAS DESTROYED; (B) THE SECOND BAIT HAMIKDASH WAS DESTROYED; (C) THE SPIES TOLD THE JEWS BAD THINGS ABOUT CANAAN

41. Did the spies believe Yehoshua and Kalaiv, who said good things about Canaan, or the other 10 spies who said bad things? THE 10 SPIES

42. Hashem got angry at the Jews for not believing that He would help them capture Canaan. Hashem wanted to kill the Jews and make Moshe THE LEADER OF A NEW COUNTRY

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43. Did Moshe say he did or did not want to be the leader of a new country? NO
44. One punishment Hashem gave was that all men would die when they reached the age of SIXTY YEARS OLD
45. Who would get to capture and live in Canaan? THEIR CHILDREN
46. What punishment did Hashem give to the 10 spies? THEY DIED RIGHT AWAY
47. Would Hashem let Yehoshua and Kalaiv go into Israel or not? YES
48. Some Jews were very sorry for believing the 10 spies. What did they try to do without Hashem's permission? CAPTURE CANAAN
49. What happened to those Jews? THEY WERE KILLED BY THE CANAANIM
50. To make the Jews feel better, Moshe taught them 2 mitzvot that they would do when they began living in Canaan. Explain about the mitzva of challah. JEWS WHO BAKED BREAD HAD TO GIVE SOME OF THE DOUGH TO A KOHAIN BEFORE BAKING
(NOTE: Part of this mitzva applies today. See your rabbi for details.)
51. There was a man who was taking small tree branches into his tent on Shabat. When the "Shabat guard" told him not to, what did he say? HE DIDN'T CARE AND HE DID IT ANYWAY
52. What was his punishment? DEATH (by stoning)
53. Another mitzva Moshe taught the Jews was about tzitzit. Who wears them? MEN AND BOYS
54. How many corners must a garment have so it needs tzitzit? FOUR
55. If a garment has more or less than 4 corners, does it need tzitzit? NO
56. Jewish boys and men are supposed to look at their tzitzit and REMEMBER TO DO THE MITZVOT
57. What's a mitzva? THINGS HASHEM HAS TOLD JEWS TO DO AND NOT TO DO IN THE TORAH
58. How many mitzvot are in the Torah? 613
59. Why can't we make some of the strings on the tzitzit blue by dipping them in the blood of the *chilazon*? BECAUSE WE DON'T HAVE THE CHILAZON
60. When should a boy start wearing tzitzit? WHEN HE IS OLD ENOUGH TO UNDERSTAND WHY HE IS WEARING THEM