[narrator] In today's story, several people are sent on a mission by God. As we will see, only one of them manages to carry it through. His name is Caleb. Our story about Caleb is from the time right after God's children left Egypt. God's people were headed for the land that God had told Moses that God would give to them. Before they arrive they needed to learn all about this new land. Learning about the land was Caleb's mission, his mission from God.

In our story are Caleb and his fellow spies, Moses, and the rest of God's people, that's us. Let's listen and see how Caleb follows through on God's mission for him.

[scene] Spies and Moses are gathered together.

[Moses] I've selected you from all of the tribes because God has an important mission for you. I need you to go into the land that God wants to give us and learn everything about it. Will it grow good food? Is there food and water for our flocks? How can we best attack the people who are there?

[all of the spies] Yes sir, Mr. Moses.

[Narrator] So off they went. Now, it's forty days or a long time later and the spies have learned all that they can about the new land. They are on the way back to Moses and their people.

[scene] Spies are carrying stuff, maybe back packs, grocery bags anyway they have their hands full.

[Caleb] Isn't it going to be great when God gives us our new home? Look at all of the good things that we've gotten. There is that huge bunch of grapes, and all of the other fruit. I'm ready to go back there right after we tell Moses.

[Spy #1] Caleb, let's slow down just a little. Yes, it's a great land but did you take a look at how strong their towns were?

[Spy #2] And did you see how big some of those men were. I'm not sure that they even saw us we were so small in comparison to them.

[Spy #3] And their towns and cities all have walls and I'll bet they have armies that have trained together for a long time.

[Caleb] I know that but remember what God did for us in getting us out of Egypt. I'm sure that Moses will lead us into that land and it will be great.

[Narrator] Finally they got back to camp and met with Moses.

[Moses] So how did it look in our new home.

[Caleb] Did you see the fruit we brought back, let's get ourselves together and get going.

[Spy #1] Hold on their Caleb. Yes Mr. Moses the land looked great, but there are giants there and there are well fortified cities. I'm not sure that we're ready to take them on.

[Moses] Any other opinions?

[Spy #2] I have to agree, I don't think that we can do it.

[Moses] What do the rest of you think?

[[Spies] [all make sounds of agreement]

[Caleb] But Mr. Moses!!!

[Narrator]Because almost all of the people agreed with the spies who were afraid, God's people went back into the wilderness for many years. Caleb didn't give up on his mission though. As the children of God that were born in the wilderness grew up he told them all about their new land. They worked very hard and got themselves ready and eventually they came into and took the land. Caleb's mission from God was a success at last.