

Lesson 6: Disobedience

Today's Bible Story

When the Lord brought the people out of slavery in Egypt, he did many wonderful and miraculous things for them. God took care of the people as they followed Moses through the desert.

As they were traveling along the Red Sea, the people grew impatient along the way. They forgot the good things that God had done, and they began to grumble and complain against God and Moses.

“Why have you brought us out of Egypt to die here in the wilderness?” they complained. “We are starving! There is nothing to eat here, and nothing to drink. And we hate this terrible bread!”

The Lord became angry about all the people's complaints. So he sent poisonous snakes into the camp and among the people. Many of the Israelites were bitten and died.

Then the people came to Moses and cried out, “We are sorry! We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Pray that the Lord will take away these snakes!”

So Moses prayed for the people, and asked God to forgive. The Lord told Moses, “Make a serpent of bronze, just like the ones that bit the people, and attach it to the top of a pole. Tell those who are bitten that if they look at the snake they will be healed.”

So Moses made a snake out of bronze metal and attached it to the top of a pole. Whenever those who were bitten by the poisonous snakes looked at the bronze snake on Moses' pole, they recovered and lived. This is how God used the symbol of the people's sin as the means of their salvation.



From Numbers 21:4-9

Bible Rhyme

God had set the people free.
He gave them all that they would need.
But the people still complained,
grumbling all along the way.
“We hate our life; we hate our food.
Why won't God do us some good?”
God was angry at that sin.
and sent some snakes to do them in.
When they realized their mistake,
God had Moses make a snake.
He put the snake upon a pole,
and all who saw it were made whole.

WORD FIND

Find and circle the words from the story of Moses & the Bronze Serpent

Moses	Sin
Lord	Died
God	Sent
Egypt	Bitten
Done	Snakes
Good	Complain
Hate	Impatient
Camp	Wilderness
Pray	Poisonous
Food	Red Sea
Make	Bronze
Top	Sorry
Pole	Look

G D T Z Y R R O S
 Q O L O O K X B S
 P N O T P Y G E E
 I E R D E L O P N
 M X D I E D D O R
 P M A C O Q Z I E
 A B R O N Z E S D
 T I F P R A Y O L
 I T T E K A M N I
 E T N Z N X O O W
 N E E I Q B S U E
 T N S N A K E S T
 X Q Z R E D S E A
 N I A L P M O C H

Centuries after the time of Moses and the Exodus, Jesus said:

“As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life” (John 3:14).

- To whom do we “look” to forgive our sins? _____
- When was he “lifted up” for us? _____
- Whose sin was responsible for this sad event? _____

