

Story Time: Read the story to the children:
Lesson 52: THE BRONZE SERPENT
NUMBERS 21:4-9

The Israelites had to go around the territory of Edom, so when they left Mount Hor, they headed south toward the Red Sea. But along the way, the people became so impatient that they complained against God and said to Moses, "Did you bring us out of Egypt just to let us die in the desert? There's no water out here, and we can't stand this awful food! This light bread (the manna) is disgusting!" Then the LORD sent fiery poisonous snakes among the people, and they bit the people, and many of the people of Israel died. Then some of the people went to Moses and admitted, "We have sinned, because we have spoken against you and against the LORD. Now please ask the LORD to make these snakes go away." So Moses prayed, and the LORD answered, "Moses, make a fiery snake out of bronze and place it on top of a pole. Anyone who gets bitten can look at the snake and won't die." Moses obeyed the LORD and made the bronze snake and put it on top of a pole. And if anyone that got bitten by one of the poisonous snakes looked up at the bronze snake lived, even though they had been bitten by the poisonous snakes.

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"And the LORD sent fiery snakes among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died."

NUMBERS 21:6

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MEMORY VERSE:

"And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up." JOHN 3:14

TRUE OR FALSE

1. The people traveled around the land of Edom, and they became very impatient and complained to Moses. TRUE or FALSE
2. The Israelites complained that they hated the food, and they hated the light bread (the manna). TRUE or FALSE
3. The Israelites told Moses to go to the store and buy them some more food. TRUE or FALSE
4. The Israelites all trusted in the LORD to take care of them. TRUE or FALSE
5. The LORD sent a pillar of fire to kill many of the Israelites. TRUE or FALSE

ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

1. Why were the people complaining this time?
2. What did the LORD do to punish the people?
3. Did some of the Israelites come to Moses and admit that they had sinned because they spoke against Moses? Who else did they speak against? Was it the LORD?
4. Did Moses get mad at the people and refuse to pray for them? What did Moses do?
5. What did the LORD tell Moses to do to help the Israelites? Did Moses obey the LORD?
6. What happened if the people looked at the bronze snake on the pole? What if they were already bitten by the poisonous snakes?

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B D E K O O L H C R K Q L V J
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BREAD
 BRONZE
 DISCOURAGED
 LOATHES

LOOKED
 LORD
 MOSES
 POLE

PRAYED
 SERPENTS
 SINNED



LESSON 52 CRAFT

Make a Bronze Serpent

Materials:

Popsicle stick

Picture of a serpent (below)

Glue

Scissors

1. Color the serpent bronze (a reddish-orange color)
2. Cut out the snake and glue it to the top of the popsicle stick
3. Hold the serpent up high so the people can see it!

PRAYER

Lead the children in a prayer of thanksgiving for the great salvation that the Lord has provided for us. If there are any children who have not yet responded to the gospel, give them opportunity to do so.

