

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Lesson Video: Moses and the Exodus, Unpacked, <https://youtu.be/uBdWaMBYZJM>

Talk About It:

1. What is the miserable food the Israelites are tired of?
2. Why send serpents into the camp to bite people?
3. What is the solution for the serpents?

Challenge: Think of the difference in the old testament God and the new testament God. What is the main difference and do you think they are the same?



John 3:14-21

Jesus said, “Just 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.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

Lesson Video: Dial In with Jonny Ardavanis - John 3:14-21, https://youtu.be/Ftf_H8oMjMc

Talk About It:

1. Why would Jesus refer to himself as the serpent lifted up in the wilderness?
2. Why is God's only son the sent to save us?
3. What is the penalty for sin?
4. Are humans capable of being sinless?

Challenge: Think about a time you sinned against God or your neighbor. Was it easy to justify your wrong doing and if so what changed your mind?

