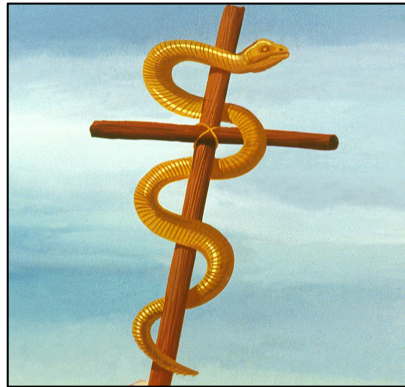
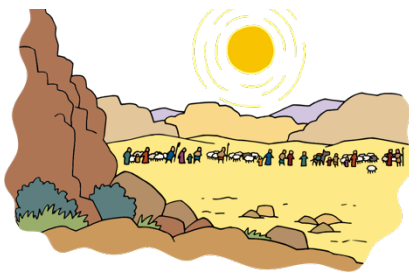


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Water From a Rock? by Gracelink (6:39)

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Snakebite! by Gracelink (5:05)



Lesson #13: MOSES HITS THE ROCK FOR WATER & THE BRONZE SNAKE (Numbers 20:1-29, 21:4-9)



The Bible says that the Israelites were getting closer to the time when they could enter the Promised Land. But they were tired of wandering in the wilderness for 40 years. The Lord always took care of them. They came to a place called Kadesh.

They complained about the food and water. They even said that God gave them miserable food. They wished they were back in Egypt!



The Lord was upset with His people because **they were not content**. He always gave them what they needed. He protected them from the wild animals in the desert. **But they complained and wanted more.** Moses asked God, "What should I do?"

God said, "Speak to the rock and it will pour out water." But Moses was angry with the people. He yelled at them! "Listen, you rebels, must we bring water from this rock?" Then he hit the rock twice! That is *not* what God told Moses to do. He disobeyed.

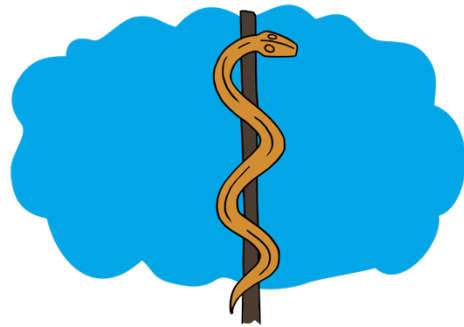


God did give the people water, but He punished Moses. He said that Moses would not go into the Promised Land.



The Lord decided to teach the Israelites that they should stop complaining. So, God sent poisonous snakes into the camp. The snakes bit the people and many of them got sick and died. Now the people knew that they needed the Lord to protect them. They knew that they had been wrong to complain. They told Moses they were sorry.

Moses prayed. He told God how sorry the people were. God did not take the poisonous snakes away, but He did something that would help the Israelites remember that they should always look to God for help. He told Moses to make a snake out of a shiny metal called “bronze”. Moses was to put the bronze snake on a pole so all the people could see it. If anyone was bitten, they could look at the bronze snake and be healed. This would help them remember that God would take care of them.



The Israelites who had been bitten by the snakes looked at the bronze snake on the pole. God made them well! This reminded the Israelites that God takes care of His people. Only God could help them! Only God could make them well! **The Israelites should stop complaining!**

Many years later, Jesus came to help us. He was lifted up on a cross... like the bronze snake was lifted up on a pole. Jesus took our sins away and made us “well.”



PRIMARY GRADES ACTIVITY



UPPER GRADES ACTIVITY



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BREAD
BRONZE
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LIVE

LOATHES
LOOKED
LORD
MOSES

POLE
PRAYED
SERPENTS
SINNED



Think About This:
Read Philippians 2:14 in your Bible.
What were the Israelites doing wrong?

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Uh Oh! Is this something you ever do? How do you think it makes God feel?
