



Unit 7, Session 2

The Bronze Snake

Numbers 20–21

Story Point: God told His people to look at the bronze snake to be healed.

The Israelites did not trust God to lead them into the promised land, so God punished them and made them wander in the wilderness for 40 years. Along the way, the Israelites grumbled and complained that they did not have water to drink.

God told Moses and Aaron to stand in front of all the people and speak to a rock. God said water would come out of the rock. Instead of talking to the rock, Moses hit the rock two times with his staff. The water came out and the people and animals drank. But God was angry that Moses and Aaron did not obey His instructions or believe His power. So God said Moses and Aaron would not lead the Israelites into the promised land.

The Israelites continued through the wilderness. The people continued to grumble and complain. God disciplined His people

by sending venomous snakes that bit the Israelites, and many of the people died. Some of the people realized they had sinned by complaining to God, so they told Moses, “Please ask God to take the snakes away.”

God told Moses, “Make a snake image and put it on a pole. When anyone who is bitten looks at it, he will recover.” Moses made a bronze snake and mounted it on a pole. Whenever someone was bitten, that person looked at the bronze snake, and recovered.

Christ Connection: The Israelites faced a huge problem because of their sin. God sent snakes to punish Israel, but anyone who was bitten could look at the bronze snake on the pole and live. Because of our sin, we face a huge problem: we are separated from God. We deserve to die, but anyone who looks to Jesus on the cross and trusts in Him will live forever with God.



EXPERIENCE the Story

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

- Use the letters from the phrase **BRONZE SNAKE** to spell the words that match these definitions.
 - _____ : separated into parts or pieces by being hit or damaged
 - _____ : shoe with a rubber sole designed to wear while playing sports
 - _____ : an African animal that looks like a horse with black and white stripes
 - _____ : to remove something written on a surface
 - _____ : a building where people keep their money
 - _____ : a large strip of cloth with a design, picture, or writing on it
- What does this story teach us about God?
- What did God provide for His people to be healed?

CHRIST CONNECTION

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APPLY the Story

- Why did God send snakes to bite the Israelites?
- How does the bronze snake remind us of Jesus?
- How are we like the Israelites who were bitten by snakes?

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APPLY the Story

- Find Proverbs 3:5-6 in your Bible and write the words below.

- Write a prayer to God, asking Him to be with you this week. Thank Him for sending His Son to be our Healer and Savior..

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Proverbs 3:11-12 | <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 11:10 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> John 3:14 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 8:28 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Isaiah 45:22 | <input type="checkbox"/> John 12:34 |