

## Unit 7 • Session 2 The Bronze Snake

**BIBLE PASSAGE:** Numbers 20–21

**STORY POINT:** God told His people to look at the bronze snake to be healed.

**KEY PASSAGE:** Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.

**BIG PICTURE QUESTION:** What does it mean to sin? To sin is to think, speak, or behave in any way that goes against God and His commands.

### Bible Story Video Discussion Questions:

1. What were the Israelites complaining about? (*the food that God had provided them, Num. 21:5*)
2. What did God do to punish His people for their sin? (*sent snakes to bite them, Num. 21:6*)
3. What did God tell Moses to do when the people repented of their sin? (*Make a bronze snake and put it on a pole, Num. 21:8-9*)
4. Why was it sin to complain against God? *Guide the kids to discuss the fact that God had proven Himself faithful time and time again. God had promised good things to His people and met all their physical needs. Complaining against God was the same as accusing Him of being unfaithful or uncaring.*
5. When do we grumble or complain against God? *Guide kids to see that there are many ways we express ungratefulness toward God or distrust of God. Whenever we grumble or complain, it's like saying "God isn't doing the right things in my life" or "I know what is best for me better than God does."*
6. How is the bronze snake a picture of God's mercy? *Guide the kids to see that people bit by the venomous snakes did not have to do anything to be saved; when they looked at the bronze snake, it showed they trusted God to save them. In a way that points us to Jesus, who was hung on a cross to take the punishment we deserved. When we trust in Him, God saves us.*

**God told His people to look at the bronze snake to be healed.** Everyone who trusted God by looking at the bronze snake was healed. In a way, that's like Jesus. We cannot earn salvation, it is a gift of God. We can trust that Jesus died to save us.

**Questions from kids video (3 minutes)** Prompt kids to think about why God may not heal every sickness right away. Guide them to discuss when God will get rid of all sickness, and how we can be a part of that.