

MOUNT ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL BULLETIN NO 18

Read Numbers 21 v 4-9. Do you often complain and moan? You might have been grumbling about not being able to go out or not being able to see your friends during the lockdown. The Children of Israel quite often complained! They never seemed to learn to trust God, whatever He did for them.



1) What were they moaning about? (v 5)

They had been wandering about for years, and were well on their way to Canaan. But they got discouraged, and then they complained. 2) What did the Lord do? (v 6)

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The people came to Moses and confessed their sin.

3) What did they ask Moses to do? (v 7)

4) What did the Lord tell Moses to do?

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6) What did the people have to do if they had been bitten? (v 9)

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7) What happened if they were obedient?

Was that so hard? But the only way to be healed was to be obedient!

8) What would happen if someone who had been bitten said, "No! No one is going to tell me what to do"?

9) Do you think it was the bronze serpent itself that had power to heal? ...

10) Who did the people have to trust in to be healed?



This simple remedy is a vivid picture for us to learn from. The Lord Jesus Himself explained it was a picture of a much greater rescue. **Read John 3 v 14-15.** Can you see what Jesus was talking about? Yes - the way people with a sin problem can be healed from their sin. Let's think about that a bit more...

How Jesus saves

Read those words in John 3 v 14-15 again. Fill in the gaps in the 'Sin' column.

Snake bites

The snake bites were deadly.

Anyone who was bitten would die.

To be healed, a bitten person had to admit they needed help.

The bitten person had to trust in the remedy that God had given.

If they looked, they lived.

Sin

Sin is

Anyone who sins will

A sin-sick person has to admit they need

A sin-sick person needs to trust in the remedy has given for sin.

If they look and trust in Jesus they

*This is why Jesus came! He had to give His life by being lifted up on the cross in order to take away the poison of sin. In John 3 v 15 Jesus tells us that looking means to believe in Him. We must believe He is the Son of God, the Saviour. We must believe He is not a distant, far away God but ready to be our Friend and Saviour. Have you looked at Jesus like this? Go on to read **John 3 v 16-18.** God sent His Son so you don't have to die eternally. Make sure you look and believe!*



The Bronze Snake

Cross out the wrong words in these sentences.

The Children of Israel were walking through the *town / wilderness / countryside*.

They kept *running / singing / complaining about* God.

They did not like the *food / clothes / shoes* that God had given them.

God was *angry / pleased / worried*

So He sent *crocodiles / ants / snakes* to bite them.

Many / few / one or two people died.

They asked Moses to *comfort / carry / pray for* them.

God answered and told Moses to make a snake out of *clay / bronze / gold* and put it on a pole.

Everyone / no one / some people who looked at this snake on a pole would live.

This was a lesson for us to look to Jesus.

What 'pole' was He to be put upon for our sin when He was here on Earth?

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A verse to memorise:

**“Look to Me, and be saved,
all you ends of the earth!”**

Isaiah 45 v 22

For younger ones



Read Numbers 21 v 4-9

The Israelites were walking through the desert. God had given them food and water every day. He showed them where to go. But they kept on grumbling! Do you grumble sometimes? God had been so good to them, but all they could do was complain. It made God angry. He sent very poisonous snakes into their camp. The snakes bit the people, and those who were bitten died. The people quickly realised that they had been ungrateful and wrong to complain about God. They asked Moses to pray for them.

Moses talked to God and asked Him to help them. God said, “Make a snake out of bronze and put it on a pole. Then if anyone who has been bitten will look at it, they will live and not die.” So Moses did what God had said. He told the people to look at the snake. Those who were obedient looked, and were healed from their snake bites. They did not die. How wonderful!

God has been very good to us. He has given us life and all we need. He has also given us a Saviour. We are all bad in our hearts and do wrong things. God knows we need to be healed. He gave us Jesus, Who was put on a cross to die to take away the sins of all who will look to Him. That means to believe and trust in Jesus. Do you love Jesus?