

AARON'S STAFF

SESSION 6



TEXT TRUTH: God chooses people to serve Him.

BIBLE VERSE: You did not choose me, but I chose you. John 15:16

BIBLE VERSE PARAPHRASE: I know whom I have chosen. John 15:16

FOR KIDS
& PARENTS

NUMBERS 16:1-11; 17:1-11

As Moses and the Israelites traveled to the Promised Land, some of the people became jealous of Moses and his brother Aaron. Aaron was the priest who was in charge of the tent and the offerings given to God at the tent.

Some of the other Israelite men thought they should be the priest. The jealous men grumbled to Moses about Aaron.

God was angry at the people. God talked to Moses and told him how to handle the problem. God said, “Tell all twelve Israelite tribes to choose one man they want to be the priest. Then the men who are chosen should write their names on their wooden staffs. Include Aaron’s staff with his name on it.”

“Put all twelve staffs in the tent meeting place and leave them. One of the staffs will sprout buds, leaves, and flowers during the night. The man owning that staff is the one I choose to be the priest over all the Israelites,” said God.

Moses told the people God’s instructions, and the people brought the staffs to Moses.

Everyone waited until the next morning. Then Moses went to the tent. He looked inside and saw that one staff had leaves, buds, and flowers growing from it. The staff even had almonds growing from it! All the other staffs were just plain sticks! It was Aaron’s staff that had budded.

Moses took the twelve staffs outside the tent to show to the people. Now everyone could see who God chose to be the priest. It was Aaron!

The Special Staff

Twelve staffs were in the tent meeting place all night. One of the staffs sprouted leaves, buds, flowers, and even almonds. Can you circle that staff?



Whose name was on the staff?

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