

God Healed the People

BIBLE STORY SUMMARY:

- The people complained as they wandered in the wilderness.
- God sent snakes that bit the Israelites.
- The people said they were sorry and asked Moses to talk to God for them.
- God told Moses to make a bronze snake and put it on a pole.
- When the people looked at the bronze snake, they got better.

CHRIST CONNECTION:

God sent snakes to punish the people, but anyone who was bitten could look at the snake on the pole and live. We sin, too. We can look to Jesus and trust in Him to be saved from our sin.

KEY PASSAGE: Exodus 15:11

BIG PICTURE QUESTION:

What is God like? God is holy, good, and loving.

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Family Discussion Starters:

- •What is one thing you remember from this week's Bible story?
- •Why did God send snakes? How did God heal His people?
- The people complained and showed they did not trust God to give them what they needed. What are things we complain about?
- Anyone who looked at the bronze snake on the pole was healed. Who do we look to for forgiveness of sin?

Family Activities:

- Teach your children about snake safety, such as wearing closed toed shoes, stomping as you walk, and leaving snakes alone. Tell a child if she sees a snake she should stop and walk back slowly away. Consider role playing. Talk about how God sent a way for the people to be healed from their snake bites.
 Ask a local food pantry what specific needs they have. Go shopping as a
- family for those items and deliver them to the food pantry. Talk about how God provided for food and water for His people.