

What Saves Us?

Meet with your small group. Take turns reading Numbers 21:4–10. Then discuss the following questions.

1. How do the people rely on God?

2. How do the people reject God?

3. How does God react to this rejection?

4. How do the people show repentance?

5. How does God rescue His people from the fiery serpents?

6. Read John 3:14–15. To what event does Jesus compare the snake on the pole?

7. How is the outcome of that event similar to the outcome of the snake on the pole?



Friendship Poem

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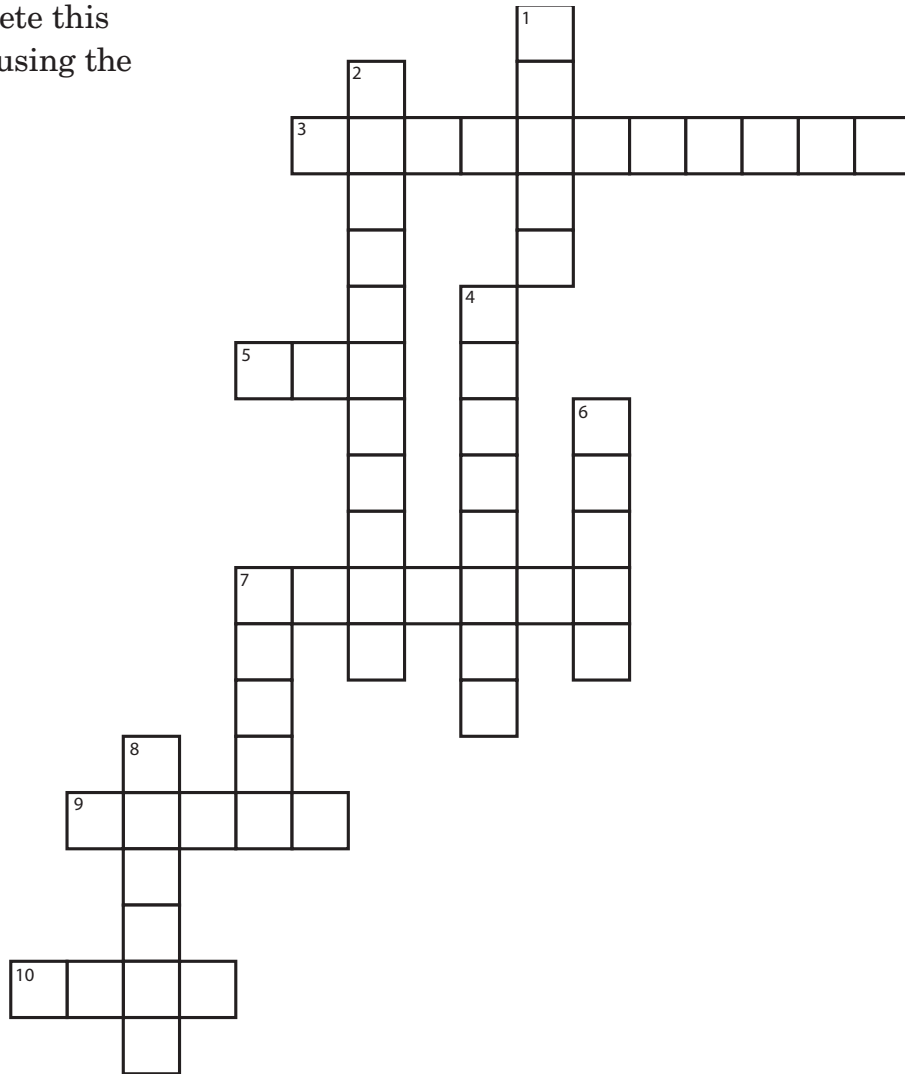
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David and Bathsheba

Directions: Complete this crossword puzzle using the clues below.



Across

3. Repenting of our sins brings _____.
5. _____ would bring unhappiness to David and Bathsheba.
7. David was not _____ with the life God had given him.
9. "You shall not commit adultery" is the _____ Commandment.
10. David and Bathsheba's first son _____.

Down

1. David could not marry Bathsheba because she was married to _____.
2. The Fifth _____ says, "You shall not kill."
4. David and Bathsheba committed _____.
6. "You shall not covet your neighbor's wife" is the _____ Commandment.
7. To want what someone else has.
8. Bathsheba's husband was placed at the front in battle where he would most likely be _____.

Sowing the Seed

Narrator: Out of the house to be free,
Jesus sat beside the sea
On a boat, so crowds could see.
This parable was shared with me.

Farmer: These seeds I plan to go and
sow
Across my land both high and low.

All: The farmer went out the seeds to sow.
Will the seeds fail or will the seeds
grow?

Seed #1: On the path and underfoot
We landed without taking root.
The hungry birds landed near.
As they ate and ate, we disappeared.

Narrator: The first seeds were gone
when the birds flew.
Now what will happen to seed number
2?

All: The farmer went out the seeds to sow.
Will the seeds fail or will the seeds
grow?

Seed #2: The land was rocky without
much soil.
The plants sprang up but began to
boil.
The sun was bright and hot that day.
The plants became scorched and died
away.

Narrator: Although they had roots, they
withered away.
C'mon seed 3, we hope you stay.

All: The farmer went out the seeds to sow.
Will the seeds fail or will the seeds
grow?

Seed #3: Success seems certain as these
seeds grow
But one could predict the upcoming
woe.

Thorns: We grew amongst seed number
3.

As they grew up, so did we.
What happened next was truly no
joke:
The sprouting plants began to choke.
We did not want to share the land.
As thorns, we had the upper hand.

Narrator: At first the third seeds
flourished and grew,
But the thorns among them gave them
their due.

Our final seeds we hope will grow
On good soil the farmer will sow.

All: The farmer went out the seeds to sow.
Will the seeds fail or will the seeds
grow?

Seed #4: As fourth seeds, we landed on
the richest of soil.
The negative elements we managed to
foil.

The sun, soil, and plenty of rain
Helped us to produce an abundance of
grain.
Thirty, sixty, a hundredfold
Were produced by us, or so we've been
told.

Farmer: Patience and persistence are
valuable traits.
I sowed the seed but then had to wait.
Some crops died while others lived.
It's a sacrifice I had to give.
I learned my lesson here today.
I'll share what I've learned along the
way.

Jesus: Tell others about Me and My life.
Some will listen, even as they face
strife.
But share your faith and be bold.
God may produce thirty, sixty, or a
hundredfold.