

NOT THE BRONZE SNAKE

WEEK 1
Numbers 21:4-9



Prepare:

Needs two people to demonstrate.

Designate two places in your home. One will be the "START" and the other is the "END".

For the first round, the kids will try to move from START to END. Two adults catch them and stop them from doing so. (Adults, make sure the kids DO NOT reach the END.)

For the second round, things will be done differently. One adult will still catch them but the other adult will now be the savior and protector. Adult #2 will now help the kids reach the END and will try to distract Adult #1 from accomplishing his goal.

After the game, ask the kids: Which of the two rounds did you prefer? Definitely the second! Because you had someone to save and help you accomplish the task.

In our story, let's look at a time when the Israelites needed a huge help, that if no help came to help them, things would end tragically.



Let's read from Numbers 21:4-9:

4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." 6 Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

What do you do if you have a snakebite? Of course, you will look for an antidote for the venom, right? But during this time, their antidote was the pole with a bronze serpent. Now, how do you think a person can get well just by looking at a pole with a snake? Did Moses have power to do that? Or was it the snake on the pole? Definitely, not! It was God who made them well. God used that pole as His tool to display His power to save the Israelite from certain death. So it wasn't the tool that saved them, it was God!



Parent to Kid/s:

2-6 years old

- Who is your favorite superhero? Why? Do you think God is the ultimate superhero? Why?

7-12 years old

- Give a situation wherein you weren't able to accomplish something alone. Who did you ask help from? Why?

Kid/s to Parent:

- Knowing that God is our savior, how can we apply it in our lives?

- If you have experienced a time when there was absolutely nothing you can do about your situation but God came through for you, share it with your kids.

Death was all around the Israelite camp and there seemed to be no way out. But God made a way for them. It came in a very strange way but it worked! God can save us from any situation and His ways can come in any form, even in ways we never would have thought possible.



Dear Lord,

Thank You because You are our savior. We trust in Your power and we know that we can always run to You because You are our strong tower and You are mighty to save. Thank You for your love that always guides us and protects us. Remind us always to keep our focus and faith on You. In Jesus' Name we pray,

Amen!



Did you know that snakes were mentioned in the Bible over 80 times? The most popular story in the Bible associated with a serpent which we all know about is the Fall of Man which happened in the Garden of Eden.

Snakes are always pictured as traitors, killers, deceivers. Ever since Satan spoke to Eve through the serpent, it has become the symbol of Satan.

Aren't you glad that the stories associated with the snakes didn't just end in evil? In fact, God promised that someone would crush the serpent's head. And that person is no other than Jesus. He is our Savior and He had come to save us from the serpent's bite.

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