

This Week in Confirmation



Unit 7.2 The Promise of God's Provision

Parents - please encourage your student to read through page 2 & 3, and I ask that you do so as well. It is our mission to continue proclaiming the good news of Christ no matter what is happening in the world. In this season, I encourage you to ask your student the questions that are listed below. Christ is with us and will always continue to be.

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Numbers 21:4-9

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John 3:14-15

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.

Main Idea

In Jesus, God has provided a way for us to be saved from our sin. He alone must be the object of saving faith because He alone is worthy of such faith. Trusting in anything else only leads to emptiness. The bronze serpent points to both God's punishment of sin and His salvation through Jesus.

Discussion



- What things do people in our world today put their faith in hoping that everything turns out well for them in the end?
- What is the significance of God's command for the people to look at the snake? What do you think the people were to think about?
- What lesson can we learn from the Israelites' response when they recognized their sin?
- Why is it so important to trust God for guidance instead of jumping in and doing things on our own?

PROMISE OF GOD'S PROVISION



Things are a little different this week! But we are still talking about Jesus! In a world that is changing on the daily we are reminded that nothing can separate us from our Savior. Students feel free to contact me, I am a call or text away! (contact information is on the next page)

As you all know, we have all been trying to adapt to the constant changes this virus has brought. The reality is that we are working to protect others from getting sick from diseases, protect from natural disasters and whatever else life throws at us. This is a life changing experience... speaking of life changing, check out this story about the Israelites as they try to put their trust in their own hands and not God.



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* If you guessed stockpiling toilet paper you're not wrong



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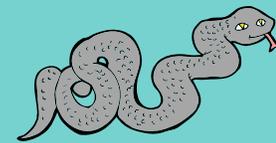
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Main Point

- The Israelites continued to sin against God during their journey to the wilderness.
 - They complained, but God continued to be faithful and provide. In response to the rebellion, God acted quickly. The punishment caused fear in the Israelites.
 - Suddenly, poisonous snakes showed up in the camp! Biting, Infecting and killing! How would you feel? (Pretty Scared, anxious or confused)
 - The people went to Moses to repent their sins, we can learn two things from the Israelites.
1. What not to do.
 2. What we should do when we sin (ask for forgiveness).



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Through Jesus, God has made a way that people can be saved through sin! Jesus paid the punishment. Just as the Israelites looked upon the bronze serpent lifted high on the poll and were healed, so also we look with faith to Jesus Christ lifted high on the cross and are saved from punishment of our sin. Trusting in anything else only leads to emptiness. The bronze serpent points to both God's punishment of sin and His salvation through Jesus.

While times may seem crazy bringing feelings of confusion, fear, and anxiety, take a deep breath and remind yourself that God will always take care of His people. Through Christ we can have hope in a season of unknown. This season is not forever, Christ is with us and always will be.



We are here for you!

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