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Have Faith in God



God's people had been wandering in the desert for 40 years. The Israelites had once been on the edge of the Promised Land.

But because they chose to disobey God and not believe Him, they wandered through the wilderness. But He didn't abandon them. Every day of those 40 years they had manna to eat. They had water to drink.

Now, once again, the Israelites were near the Promised Land. So near that they could see the cool valleys and green fields. And they thought it unfair that they had spent 40 years in the desert. They grumbled to one another. Then they began to grumble to Moses.

"Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness?" they complained. "There's no water! There's no bread! And we're tired of eating manna!"

They didn't appreciate what God had done to keep them safe. They weren't happy about spending all that time in the hot, dusty desert learning more about God and knowing His ways are always good. Once again, they accused God of causing their hardships.

Poor Moses. He had heard it all before. He tried to point out God's leading. He tried to show them the many ways God had cared for them. But they wouldn't listen. It seemed that all they could do was complain. Finally God decided to take away His protection and let them see what would happen.

The poisonous snakes that lived in the desert soon overran the camp. And many of the Israelites were bitten. In almost every tent



someone was dead or dying. No one was safe from the fiery snake venom. Once bitten, they soon died.

It didn't take the people long to see how wrong they had been. "We sinned when we grumbled about you and God," they told Moses. "Please," they begged, "pray that God will take away the snakes."

Moses prayed, and the Lord heard him. God told him to make a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. If those who had been bitten would look at the bronze snake, they would live. Moses made the snake just as he was told. And the people who looked at it were healed by God.

But some people didn't have faith in God. They chose not to follow His directions, and they did not look at the pole. Because they did not obey, God could not heal them, so they died.

The snake in the desert was a symbol of Jesus dying for our sins. The metal snake itself had no power to heal. It was faith in God that led Him to heal them.

Years later Jesus referred to His death. The Bible tells us what He said. "Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man [Jesus] must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him" ([John 3:14, 15](#)). Our faith in Jesus lifted up on the cross helps us know that Jesus died so we can live with Him forever. So, have faith in God. And believe what the Bible says.



Have Faith in God Questions

Why were the Israelites beginning to worry?

Did God let the Israelites starve to death? Explain

How did the Israelites prepare for the Sabbath?

What are some ways you can prepare for the Sabbath?



Have Faith in God Coloring Page



Have Faith in God Craft

HOW TO MAKE A MUSTARD SEED FAITH BOTTLE:

You will need these items shown in the picture below.



Get the small jar from a neighboring store. Print the label to fit into your mini jar. Use a pencil to gently wrap the paper around so it softly curves and can be slipped into the bottle easily. Next, add one mustard seed and close the jar. You may want to seal the bottle with a clear adhesive like Gorilla Glue to seal. Finish your bottle off with a cute ribbon. This is a Perfect gift for someone going through cancer treatments, a difficult time, or it can just be used as a reminder to always trust in God!

Verse Card

Bible Verse: Mark 11:22

And Jesus answered them,
"Have faith in God.



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Have Faith in God Puzzle

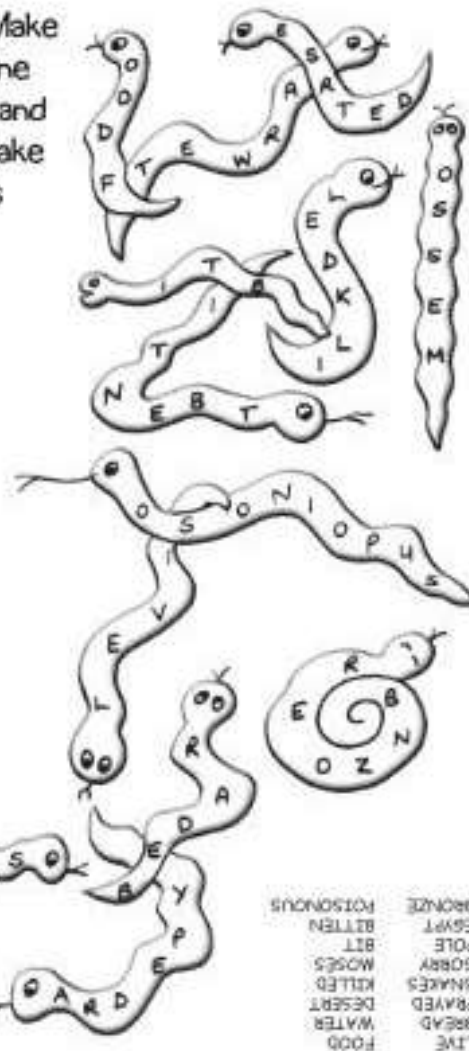
The Bronze Serpent

Unjumble the letters in the snakes to find the missing words from the passage, then find the words in the Wordsearch.

The Israelites travelled through the _____, but they got impatient and said to _____ "Why did you bring us out of _____ where there was good _____? There's no _____ to drink and we hate this _____!" God sent _____, which _____ and _____ a lot of people. So the Israelites went to Moses and said "We're _____." Please ask God to take the snakes away.

Moses _____ and God said to him, "Make a snake and put it on a _____. If anyone is bitten by a snake they can look at it and _____." So Moses made a _____ snake just as God had said, and if anyone was _____ they looked at it and lived.

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