

Station 2: The Bronze Serpent

Our Purpose

Help each visitor feel the Spirit and learn that God loves them. Help them understand how to grow closer to God.

Your Role

Share this story in your own words in 2–3 minutes. Let the Spirit guide you. Have fun and show excitement!

Main Message

Welcome to the Bronze Serpent!

This story is found in the Bible in Numbers chapter 21.

Long ago, the children of Israel were traveling through the wilderness. They became tired and upset. They started complaining about God and Moses.

Because of their complaining, the Lord sent poisonous snakes among the people. The snakes bit many people, and some died.

The people realized they had done something wrong. They asked Moses to pray to God and ask Him to take the snakes away.

Instead of taking the snakes away, God gave Moses a special plan.

God told Moses to make a snake out of bronze (a type of metal) and put it on a tall pole.

Moses told the people that if they were bitten by a snake, they could look up at the bronze serpent and be healed.

Those who had faith and looked at the bronze serpent were healed!

But some people thought the answer was too simple. They did not believe that just looking at the bronze serpent would help them. So they refused to look, and they were not healed.

Ask the Visitors

What do you think God wanted the children of Israel to learn from this experience?

Possible Answer

God wanted them to learn to:

- Be humble and listen to Him.
- Have faith and trust Him.
- Follow His directions, even when they seem too easy.
- Remember that God is the one who has the power to heal us.

The bronze serpent did not heal the people. God healed them when they showed faith and followed His directions.

Important Lesson

Just like the children of Israel had to look at the bronze serpent to be healed, we can look to Jesus Christ for help.

When we have faith in Jesus, trust Him, and follow His teachings, He can help us, forgive us, and bring us closer to Heavenly Father.

How does the serpent (snake) on the pole remind us of Jesus Christ?

Possible Answer:

In John 3:14–15, Jesus explains that just as Moses lifted up the snake on a pole, Jesus would also be lifted up on the cross.

The people of Israel had to look at the snake and trust God to be healed. In the same way, we must look to Jesus, believe in Him, and trust Him to save us.

Something to Think About

Are we so busy thinking about the problems around us that we forget to LOOK UP to God?

Do we remember that God loves us, hears our prayers, and has the power to help us?

Short Lesson Outline

1. The Israelites were traveling through the wilderness. They had been walking for a long time.
2. The people became upset and complained. They spoke against God and Moses.
3. Poisonous snakes came among the people. The snakes bit many people, and some died.
4. The people knew they had sinned. They asked Moses to pray to God for help.
5. God gave Moses a plan. He told Moses to make a bronze snake and put it high on a pole.
6. God made a way for the people to be healed. Anyone bitten by a snake only had to look up at the bronze snake to live.
7. The people had to trust and obey God. Those who looked at the snake were healed. Those who did not obey were not healed and died.

Important Lesson

Just as the Israelites had to look up at the bronze snake to be saved, we must look to Jesus and trust Him to save us.

When life gets hard, we should remember to LOOK UP, TRUST GOD, and HAVE FAITH!

Bible Verses: Numbers 21:4–9 and John 3:14–15