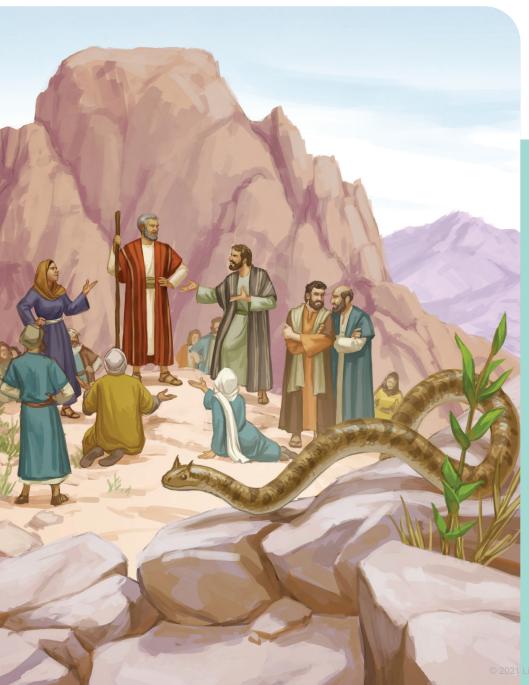
## GOD'S PEOPLE COMPLAINED



Text Truth: God's people learned to obey God.

Bible Verse: Seek the Lord and his strength. Seek his face always.

Psalm 105:4

Bible Verse Paraphrase: Always look to God for strength. Psalm 105:4

## **NUMBERS 21:4-9**

The Israelites had been traveling for a long time to get to the land God promised them. Many things had happened along the way, and the people were tired and hungry and thirsty.

The Israelites grumbled and complained and were upset that God took them out of Egypt. In Egypt the people had plenty of food and water. God's people were tired of walking day in and day out. They became impatient and spoke bad things against God and Moses.

The people cried to Moses, "Why have you led us away from Egypt? We will just die in the wilderness. We have no bread or water, and we hate the food you give us!"

God heard the people and He was angry with them. God decided to fill the land with snakes. Many people were bitten by the snakes.

This got the people's attention! They hurried to Moses to talk to him. "We know we have done wrong by speaking against God and you. Please talk to God and ask Him to take the snakes away from us," the people begged Moses.

So Moses talked to God. God told Moses what to do—make a bronze snake and put it on a pole. If a person was bitten by a snake, he should look up at the bronze snake, and God would make the person well.

Moses made the snake just as God said.

## Learn to Obey God

Do you ever grumble or complain? God's people did! But God helped the people learn they should always obey Him. Then God would help them.

Draw a picture of a grumpy face.

Draw a picture of a happy face.

The Bible says:

Always look to God for strength.

Psalm 105:4

Find this verse in your Bible.

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