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STUDENT DEVOTIONAL UNIT 6

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UNIT 6: GOD GUIDES HIS PEOPLE

Session 1: The People Grumbled Numbers 11-12



Sunday, February 2

Why should we
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His plans are good.

Memory Verse: Romans 8:28

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who love God, who are called according to His purpose."

Monday,
February 3

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ Do you remember Abraham? Through Abraham, God promised to give His people a special land. God's people still do not have that land. Moses led them out of Egypt and through the Red Sea, but they are still in the wilderness and not in the Promised Land.
- ▶ God had already shown how He provided for His people by giving them manna and quail. He even showed them how much He wanted to be with them by instructing them to build the tabernacle and providing them with instructions for animal sacrifices to symbolize the removal of their sin. But, God's people STILL grumbled and complained. Their desire for worldly comfort grew with each step they took through the wilderness.



Read Numbers 11:4-6

- ▶ What did the people complain about in this passage?

- ▶ What were the specific foods the people wanted?

- ▶ What is manna? (If you don't remember from a few months ago, look ahead to verses 7-9 for a description.)



Before you read...

- ▶ God’s people are still in the wilderness. Even though God has provided everything they need, the people still wanted more. Yesterday, we read that the people wanted meat to eat, even though they always had manna and never went hungry.
- ▶ We also grumble when we wish God would give us more of the things we want. The grumbling and complaining shows we want things “ME first, MY way,” rather than trusting God’s way. Jesus came to give us new hearts that desire God’s way and trust that He will meet our every need. When we trust in Jesus, He forgives our sinful hearts and creates in us new desires that want to follow God.



Read Numbers 11:10-15

- ▶ Verse 10 says the Lord became exceedingly angry. Why was the Lord angry?

- ▶ Moses was troubled. And then HE started complaining. What did Moses complain to God about?

- ▶ What do YOU complain about?

Wednesday,
February 5

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ God's people are still in the wilderness. Even though God has provided everything they need, the people still wanted more. Yesterday, we read that even Moses grumbled to God about the people who were grumbling. So much grumbling!!! The Lord was angry because His people were grumbling about the good gifts He had given them.
- ▶ Today, we are going to read how God answers all of the grumbling. Even though He is angry, God still provides for His people.



Read Numbers 11:16-17, 21-23, and 31-32
(Or challenge yourself and read all of Numbers 11:16-32)

- ▶ What did God do to help Moses in verses 16 and 17?

- ▶ Did Moses believe that the Lord could provide enough meat for the people in verses 21-23?

- ▶ Describe how much quail God provided for the people.



Before you read...

- ▶ God's people are still in the wilderness. Even though God has provided everything they need, the people still wanted more. Yesterday, we read God provided Moses with 70 of Israel's elders who could help him carry the burden of the people. God also provided the people with enough quail to cover three feet up from the ground, as far as a day's walk in any direction. That is a TON of quail!
- ▶ Today, we are going to read about even more people who were grumbling.



Read Numbers 12:1-9

- ▶ What did Miriam and Aaron complain about?

- ▶ How does the author describe Moses in verse 3?

- ▶ The Lord describes the difference between how He speaks to a prophet and how He speaks to Moses. What is the difference?

Friday,
February 7

SESSION 1



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God speaks to Moses separately from all the other prophets because Moses' faithfulness has given him a special relationship with the Lord. Today, as we read about what happens to Moses, Miriam, and Aaron, let's think about our own hearts. Sometimes our grumbling and complaining is directed toward other people who do something unkind toward us. Yet, we can forgive like Moses and ask God to help us in the situation. We can trust that God is working for our good and pray that whoever wronged us will turn to God and repent of his or her sin. Jesus gives believers hearts that want to forgive and be thankful.



Read Numbers 12:10-15

- ▶ What happened to Miriam when the Lord went away from them?

- ▶ Even though Miriam had spoken against Moses, what did Moses ask God to do for Miriam?

- ▶ Moses could have said, "Ha! You got what you deserved!" But instead, he asked God to heal her. Why do you think Moses made that choice?

48. THE LORD SENDS QUAIL (NUMBERS 11:4-14, 31-34)

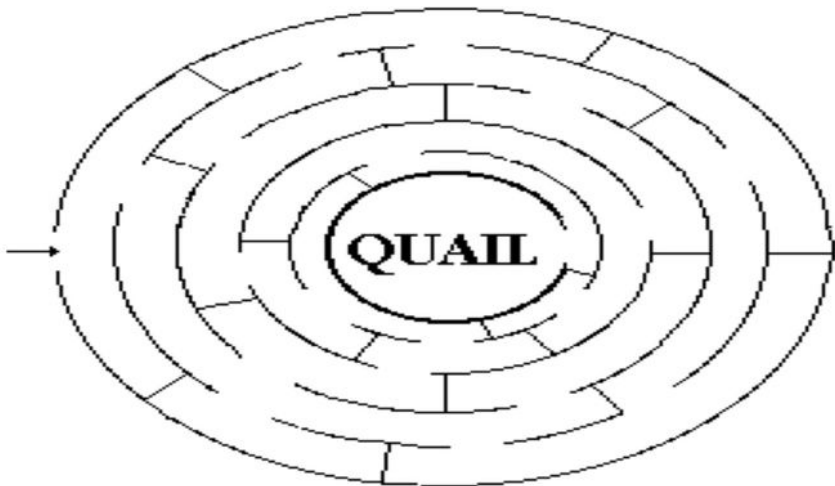
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Session 2: The People Doubted Numbers 13-14



Sunday, February 9

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Memory Verse: Romans 8:28

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Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we read that God's people grumbled and wanted more than what God had provided them in the wilderness. This week, we will read that God's people have arrived at the edge of the Promised Land. But God's people still struggled with unbelief. They doubted God and disobeyed Him.
- ▶ When they arrived at the Promised Land, God told Moses to send some men to explore the land and see what the people, towns, and land was like. Today, we will read the report the 12 men gave to the rest of the Israelites.



Read Numbers 13:26-33

- ▶ How did these 12 men describe the land they explored?

- ▶ How did these 12 men describe the people who lived in the land?

- ▶ How do you think the people will feel about going into this land? Will they trust God to give them the land?

Tuesday,
February 11

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ God's people have arrived at the edge of the Promised Land. But they still struggled with unbelief. They doubted God and disobeyed Him.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that rather than focus on the good land God was giving them, the men who went to explore the land gave a negative report based on the people living there. They focused their mind on the strength of the people rather than the promises of God.



Read Numbers 14:1-9

- ▶ Here we go again. The people are grumbling. What did they think would be better than the Promised Land?

- ▶ What did Moses, Aaron, Joshua, and Caleb tell the people?

- ▶ Is there anything that can stand against the Lord? Why is He greater than the people of this land... or anything else?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God's people thought they would be better off to go back to Egypt.
- ▶ Sometimes we may struggle with obeying God because it's hard to say no to what we want to do or because we are afraid. Yet, we can trust that God is with us helping us as we obey Him. God always does what is best for us and what brings Him glory. God is above all things and is more powerful than everything else.



Read Numbers 14:10-12 and 17-19

- ▶ What did the people want to do to Moses, Aaron, Joshua, and Caleb, who told the people to trust and obey the Lord in yesterday's passage?

- ▶ What does God want to do to the grumbling, doubting people?

- ▶ In verses 17-19, how does Moses describe the Lord?

Thursday,
February 13

SESSION 2



Before you read...

- ▶ God's people have arrived at the edge of the Promised Land. But they still struggled with unbelief. They doubted God and disobeyed Him. Yesterday, we read that God was very angry with His people and wanted to destroy them with a plague. But Moses asked God to continue to be slow to anger and to forgive the sins of the people.
- ▶ Today, we will read that even though God decides not to destroy the people, He does punish them for their disobedience.



Read Numbers 14:26-35

- ▶ What is the punishment for the disobedience of the people?
(Verse 30)

- ▶ For how many years will the people suffer?

- ▶ Who will get to enter the Promised Land?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God would not allow the people who grumbled against Him to enter the Promised Land. They would suffer in the desert for 40 more years and die. Only Joshua, Caleb and the children of those people would enter the Promised Land.
- ▶ Just like Joshua and Caleb believed the words that God had spoken, they were eventually allowed to enter the Promised Land. If we believe the words God has spoken about Jesus and place our faith in Him, we will be saved from our sin and will enter the new heaven and new earth.



Read Numbers 14:36-45

- ▶ What happened to the men who gave the bad report about the land?

- ▶ How did the people disobey God again?

- ▶ Why was the Lord not with the people in the battle?

FIND THE SPIES



Find the 12 spies hiding around the city:



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Session 3: The People Complained Numbers 16, 20-21



Sunday, February 16

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Monday,
February 17

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ We have been reading about the Israelites' journey through the wilderness for several weeks now. Most of the time, God's people were complaining about something. Even though God provided for their needs, they always grumbled for more.
- ▶ Last week we read that because of all their grumbling, the Israelites would not get to enter the Promised Land, except for Joshua and Caleb. This week, we will see that the Israelites continue to sin and complain against God and Moses.



Read Numbers 20:1-5

- ▶ What were the Israelites complaining about this time?

- ▶ Has God ALWAYS provided for His people?

- ▶ Why do you think the people continued to complain?



Before you read...

- ▶ We have been reading about the Israelites' journey through the wilderness for several weeks now. Most of the time, God's people were complaining about something. Even though God provided for their needs, they always grumbled for more.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God's people complained about having no grain, figs, grapevines, pomegranates, or water. Even though God always provides for His people, the people continue to sin by complaining against God and Moses.



Read Numbers 20:6-12

- ▶ What did God tell Moses to do to provide water for the people?

- ▶ What did Moses actually do to provide water for the people?

- ▶ What was the Lord's punishment for Moses for not trusting Him?

Wednesday,
February 19

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God told Moses to speak to the rock and it would pour out its water. But Moses struck the rock twice with his staff to bring out the water. God punished Moses by telling him he would not enter the Promised Land with the people. God's people continued to travel through the wilderness and they continued to complain.



Read Numbers 21:4-5

- ▶ What did the people complain about this time? Does this sound familiar? Have they complained about this before?

- ▶ Verse 5 says the people hated the food. What food did they have to eat?

- ▶ When something doesn't go your way are you more likely to complain or be thankful for what you do have?



Before you read...

- ▶ We have been reading about the Israelites' journey through the wilderness for several weeks now. Most of the time, God's people were complaining about something. Even though God provided for their needs, they always grumbled for more.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God's people complained AGAIN about not having good food to eat. Their complaints were a sin against God. Like the Israelites, we sin when we complain and do not trust God.



Read Numbers 21:6-7

- ▶ What punishment did the Lord send?

- ▶ What did the people say about their complaining in verse 7?

- ▶ What punishment does all sin deserve?

Friday,
February 21

SESSION 3



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that God sent venomous snakes that bit the people and many of them died. The people recognized their sin and asked Moses to pray for them.
- ▶ Today, we will read that the Israelites couldn't save themselves from the snake bites. They could only be saved when they looked at the bronze snake lifted up on a pole. Our sin is like poisonous snake venom that has infected our hearts. We cannot save ourselves from the death sin brings. When we look to Jesus and ask Him to save us, He forgives our sin and rescues us from death.



Read Numbers 21:8-9

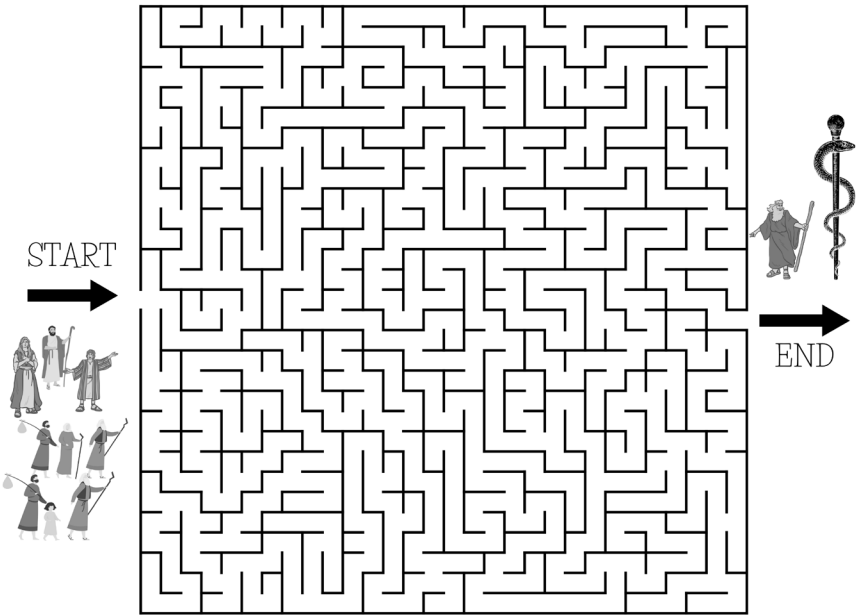
- ▶ What did the people have to do to be saved from the poisonous snake bite?

- ▶ How did God show mercy to the Israelites?

- ▶ How is Jesus like the bronze snake on a pole?

Look Up for Healing

Help the Israelites get to the bronze serpent and be saved.



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Session 4: Moses' Farewell Deuteronomy 31-34



Sunday, February 23

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Memory Verse: Romans 8:28

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Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we learned that Moses would not be able to lead God's people into the Promised Land because he did not follow God's command to speak to the rock. It is now almost time for the people to enter the land and God has told Moses that he will die.
- ▶ Let's review all the ways that God used Moses for His good purposes. God saved Moses as a baby, called to him from a burning bush, and commanded him to rescue the Israelites from slavery in Egypt. After Moses led God's people through the Red Sea, God spoke to Moses and gave him the laws for the people. Even when the Israelites complained, doubted, and grumbled, God provided for Moses and helped him lead.



Read Deuteronomy 31:1-6

- ▶ How old was Moses?

- ▶ Who would go before the Israelites into the land?

- ▶ Why should the people not be afraid?

Tuesday,
February 25

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Moses encouraged the people to be strong and courageous because the Lord would go before them into the land and would never leave them or forsake them.



Read Deuteronomy 31:23-29

- ▶ Who will bring the people into the Promised Land instead of Moses?

- ▶ Where did they put the Book of the Law?

- ▶ What did Moses say the people would do after he died?



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Joshua would lead the people into the Promised Land. But Moses told the people that he knew they would disobey God and do evil in His sight. Then Moses recited the words of a song to the Israelites about their disobedience. You can read the song in chapter 32. We are going to start reading after the song.



Read Deuteronomy 32:44-52

- ▶ What did Moses say would happen to the people in the Promised Land if they were careful to obey God's commands?

- ▶ What did Moses see from the top of the mountain?

- ▶ Would it have been hard for you to see the Promised Land, but not be able to go in? Why or why not?

Thursday,
February 27

SESSION 4



Before you read...

- ▶ Yesterday, we read that Moses told the people to be careful to obey God's commands so that they would live long in the Promised Land. Moses also got to go up on Mount Nebo to see the Promised Land from a distance.
- ▶ Moses then gave a blessing to all 12 tribes of Israel. We will read the end of the blessing.



Read Deuteronomy 33:26-29

- ▶ What words does Moses use to describe God?

- ▶ What will happen to the enemies?

- ▶ How has God been your shield and helper?



Before you read...

- ▶ Last week, we learned that Moses would not be able to lead God's people into the Promised Land because he did not follow God's command to speak to the rock. It is now almost time for the people to enter the land and God has told Moses that he will die.
- ▶ Yesterday, we read the end of Moses' blessing over the 12 tribes of Israel. God is our refuge, shield, helper, and glorious sword, as well!



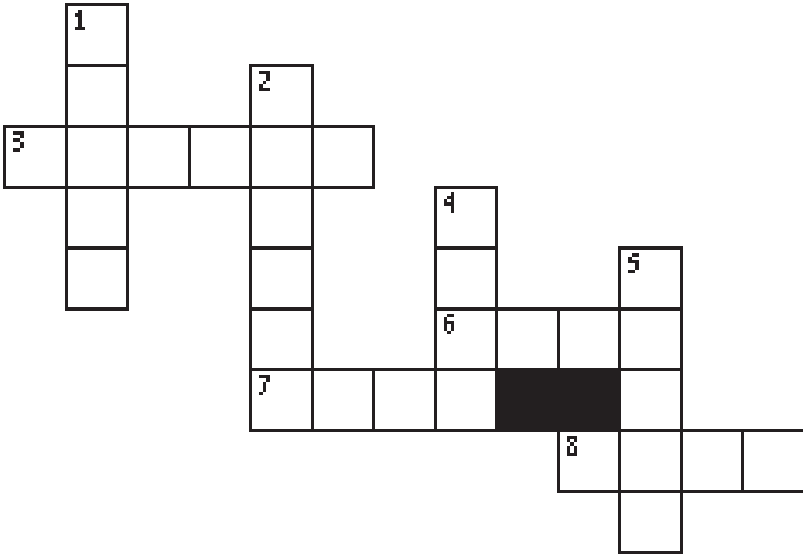
Read Deuteronomy 34:4-12

- ▶ Moses was 120 years old when he died, but what does verse 7 say about his eyes and his strength?

- ▶ How does verse 10 say Moses knew the Lord?

- ▶ Verse 12 says that no one has ever shown the mighty power or performed the awesome deeds that Moses did. That is true... until Jesus came. Why is Jesus the perfect, faithful leader and greater than Moses?

Moses Dies (Deuteronomy 34)



- 6 ACROSS "Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount _____, to the top of Pisgah, which is across from Jericho." **DEUTERONOMY 34:1**
- 4 DOWN "Then the LORD said to him, "This is the _____ of which I swore to give Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants." ' " **DEUTERONOMY 34:4**
- 1 DOWN The LORD said, "I have caused you to see it with your eyes, but you shall not _____ over there." **DEUTERONOMY 34:4**
- 7 ACROSS "So Moses the servant of the LORD _____ there in the land of Moab, according to the word of the LORD." **DEUTERONOMY 34:5**
- 2 DOWN "And He _____ him in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth Peor; but no one knows his grave to this day." **DEUTERONOMY 34:6**
- 8 ACROSS "And the children of Israel _____ for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days." **DEUTERONOMY 34:8**
- 3 ACROSS "Now _____ the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, for Moses had laid his hands on him." **DEUTERONOMY 34:9**
- 5 DOWN "There has not arisen in Israel a prophet like _____ whom the LORD knew face to face." **DEUTERONOMY 34:10**



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