



4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. 5 And the people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food." 6 Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent and set it on a pole, and everyone who is bitten, when he sees it, shall live." 9 So Moses made a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. And if a serpent bit anyone, he would look at the bronze serpent and live.

Numbers 21:4-7

11 Truly, truly, I say to you, we speak of what we know, and bear witness to what we have seen, but you do not receive our testimony. 12 If I have told you earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you heavenly things? 13 No one has ascended into heaven except he who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, 15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 16 "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:11-16

SUNDAY WORSHIP

OPEN THE EYES OF MY HEART
THE WONDERFUL CROSS
HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US
AT THE CROSS (LOVE RAN RED)
JESUS MESSIAH

There's a place
Where sin and shame
Are powerless
Where my heart
Has peace with God
And forgiveness
Where all the love
I've ever found
Comes like a flood
Comes flowing down

PASSAGES FROM SUNDAY

NUMBERS 21:4-7

JOHN 3:11-16

2 CORINTHIANS 5:7

HEBREWS 2:1,9

HEBREWS 12:1-2

EPHESIANS 1:16-18

But we see him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely Jesus, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Hebrews 2:9



ICE BREAKER

Spring Break falls at different times for different schools and families. Some are still on it. Some just finished it. Some of us are past the season of life where Spring Break means any change in their schedule. Share some Spring Break highlights/memories, whether that's from this year, or Spring Breaks past. (Grade School, College, other?)

WORSHIP

...involves sharing our love and awe for God and for everything that makes Him awesome, including His supreme love, worth, character, qualities and perfections.

<Have someone prepare in advance to lead the group in a time of worship. Some ideas: You could lead a song or just listen to one. You can reflect on a verse or a quote/reading about God. Your group could also have a specific time of prayer...>

WORD

You can start by asking for any highlights/ thoughts/questions people had from Sunday.

1) [Numbers 21:4-7](#) is a quick summary of an event that would have had profound consequences and a complexity of emotions and experiences for the people in the story. Try to put yourself and your family in the story to think more deeply about what was happening. Share whatever comes to mind about the reality described in these verses. (You can think about such things as: Having been wandering for forty years. Having seen how God acted for Israel those 40 years. Having experienced the cycle of grumbling, and God's response. And "now" being in the middle of this terrifying, traumatic and hopeless situation. And then seeing God's salvation.)

2) Read [John 3:11-16](#). How do you see Jesus using this story (vs 14-15) to help answer Nicodemus's questions? How does [John 3:14-15](#) help us to understand [John 3:16](#)?

2b- Discuss all the ways that you see [the gospel- the good news of what Jesus did for us](#)- in the story of the bronze serpent.

3) Moses raised up a bronze serpent to look at and be saved. Jesus is raised up for us to "look to" to be saved. Read [Hebrews 2:1,9](#) and [Hebrews 12:1-2](#) and with each passage, discuss how you understand the language of "looking," and of Jesus on the cross. What does "looking" involve when we can't physically see Jesus? Why are we called to "look" and "see"?

4) Set a timer for five minutes. Use that time to silently, individually "look" at the cross: to contemplate Christ's sacrifice for you. If it helps, there is a page available to you with verses, quotes and song lyrics that talk about what we see when we look at the cross. Ask the Father of glory to give you the Spirit of wisdom to open the eyes of your heart. (Ephesians 1:16-18)

WHAT DO YOU SEE WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE CROSS?

- *How does the cross shape, or speak to, what's most on your heart and mind?
- *What does it offer you with what you're facing in life right now?

Share together about what out of your time of reflection. Pray together for these things, and that God would continue to deepen your awe and gratitude for all that Christ's sacrifice on the cross means for you.