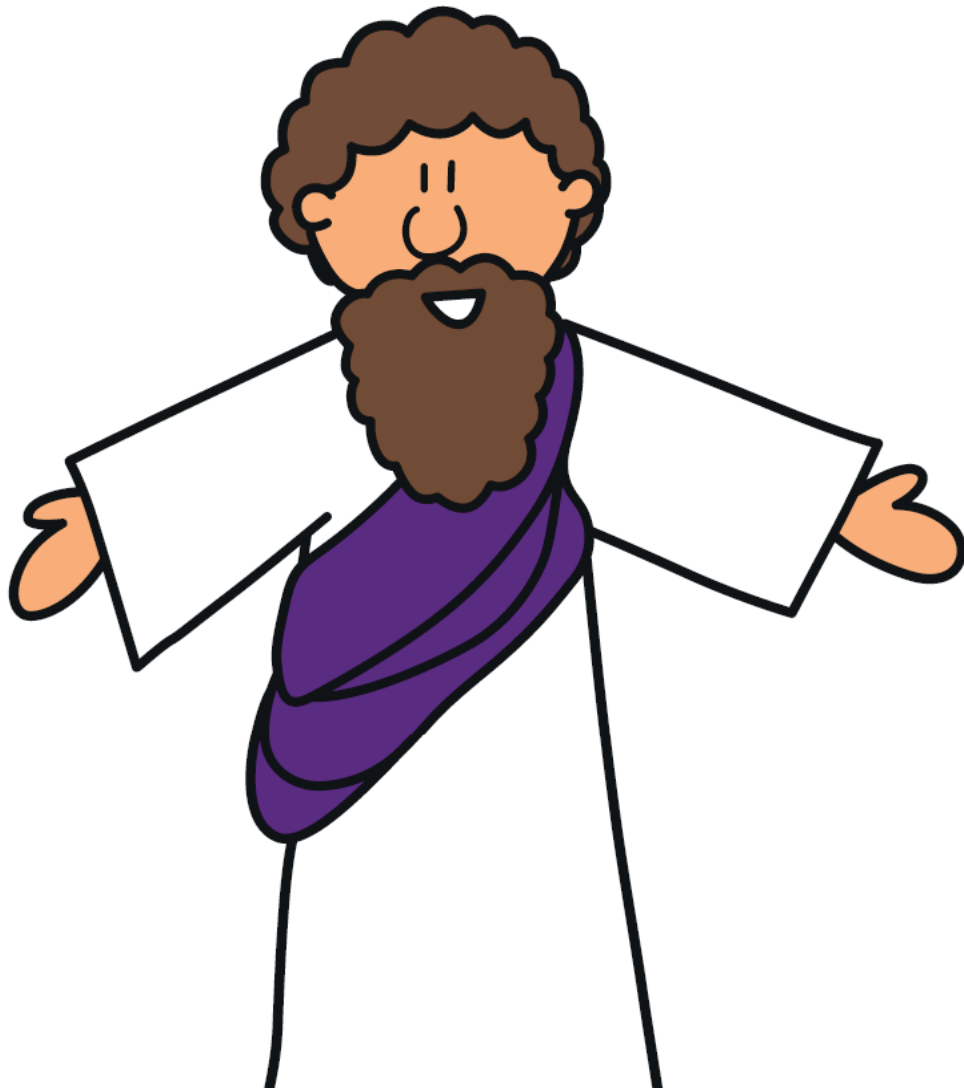


God's Promise and the Bronze Snake



Moses guided the Israelites through the desert toward the good land God had promised them.



But the Israelites grew impatient and began to grumble.

Complaining against God and against Moses, they said, "Why did you lead us out of Egypt to die in the desert?"



Because of their grumbling the LORD sent poisonous snakes among them. Many Israelites were bitten by the snakes and died.



The people came to Moses and said,
"We sinned when we spoke against the
LORD and against you. Pray that the
LORD will take the snakes away from us."

So Moses prayed for the people.



The LORD told Moses, "Make a model of a snake and put it on a pole. When anyone who has been bitten looks at it, they will live."

Moses obeyed. He moulded a bronze snake and set it upon a pole; whenever anyone was bitten, they looked at the snake and lived.

Numbers 21: 4-9

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