

Through The Bible In One Year

The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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Theme: A Bronze Serpent and A Baby

Week 11 Small Group Bible Study & Sunday School Lesson

Open (Sharing our Own Stories & Getting To Know One Another)

1. What things do people like to complain about on the job? 2. How do these complaints affect the atmosphere at work? 3. What would be some positive ways to deal with these work problems?

Going Deeper Into God's Word Together

Read aloud Numbers 21: 4-9; Psalm 55: 1-8; Luke 2: 6-20

Numbers: 1. What are the Israelites complaining to Moses about? What complaints do we take to our spiritual leaders? 2. God views the Israelites' complaints as a sin against himself. What could make our complaints sinful? 3. God hears the Israelites' cries of repentance and saves them with a bronze snake on a pole. Anyone that has been bitten by a snake can look at the pole snake and live. How does this hint at what Jesus will do for us?

Psalm: 1. What troubles/complaints is David taking to God? 2. How does David wish he could handle his problems? Do we ever feel that way? 3. What does David want God to do for him in his troubles?

Luke: 1. Why would God first tell shepherds the great news of Jesus' birth? 2. Are there things we can learn from the shepherds' response to the good news? 3. Are there ways we can be like Mary?

Reflecting On What God Is Telling Us:

1. Who needs to hear the good news of Jesus saving grace? _____ family members _____ co-workers _____ friends _____ no one
2. What prevents us sharing the good news? How can we overcome this?

Applying/Putting Into Practice What God's Told Us

Whom can you tell about Jesus' love this week?