

The Bronze Snake



Parents, below are a few activities you can try together at home to help reinforce and continue teaching on this week's Bible story.

Overview:

Big Idea: God is merciful and has lifted His Son up on a cross so that we might be saved from death.

Bible Basis: Numbers 21:1-9

Key Verse: John 3:14-15

Activity: *Bible Bombardment*

Set up: Place a long tape line on the floor.

Directions: Read the verse several times with your family. Today's Bible verse says:

"Moses lifted up the snake in the desert. In the same way, the Son of Man must also be lifted up. Then everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." John 3:14-15 (NIV)

Directions: Choose one person to be the "cupbearer." Have the cupbearer kneel approximately four feet (1.2 meters) from the tape line and hold a plastic cup on top of his/her head. Give everyone else three cotton balls and have them stand behind the tape line, facing the "cupbearer." On the count of three, have everyone throw their cotton balls at the cupbearer, attempting to land them in the cup. They may not cross the tape line. (Hint: It is easier to score if the cupbearer leans forward a bit.) Have everyone keep track of how many cotton balls they landed in the cup. Play multiple rounds and allow different kids to be the "cupbearer." In the end, the person who landed the most cotton balls in the cup gets to choose someone to say the memory verse that many times. Then, the next person with the highest number of cotton balls in the cup gets to choose someone else to say the verse that many times. Continue that process until everyone has recited the memory verse.

Question: What do you think eternal life in heaven with Jesus will be like?

Question: Many times, when we commit a sin, it causes damage. For example, people might stop trusting you or you might hurt someone's feelings. How can you fix the damage that your sin has caused? *(For example: tell someone sorry, fix something they broke, return something they stole, etc.)*