



God in the Wilderness (Numbers 21:4-9) - Call of the Wild
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Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? **Psalms 139:7**

God Has a Purpose for the Wilderness

Then they journeyed from Mount Hor by the Way of the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; and the soul of the people became very discouraged on the way. **Numbers 21:4**

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 our soul loathes this worthless bread."

Numbers 21:5

So the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many of the people of Israel died. **Numbers 21:6**

God Has Others in the Wilderness With You

Therefore 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. **Numbers 21:7**

And you shall remember that the LORD your God led you all the way these forty years in the wilderness, to humble you and test you, to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep His commandments or not. **Deuteronomy 8:2**

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Make a fiery [serpent], and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." **Numbers 21:8**

So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived. **Numbers 21:9**

God Understands the Wilderness

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. **Matthew 4:1**

Hebrews 4:15

God Reveals Himself in the Wilderness

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, **John 3:14**

that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. **John 3:15**

This Week's [New Testament + Reading Plan:](#)

1. *Luke 8*
2. *Luke 9*
3. *Luke 10*
4. *Luke 11*
5. *Luke 12*
6. *Proverbs 8*
7. *Prayer & Reflection*

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NURSERY

GOD HELPS US

BATTLE OF JERICO



In this series we'll be learning that God is always ready to help us. We will build and knock down "giant" walls, march and blow our horns, and explore how God helped Joshua defeat Jericho.

Memory Verse: God will help us. Genesis 21:22b (adapted for toddlers)

Heart of the Lesson: God Helps Us When We Trust Him.

Parent Connect: On the 7th day, Joshua and his army marched around Jericho 7 times and then blew their horns and screamed. Build a wall with blocks or boxes in your house. March around it 7 times with your toddler. After the 7th time, blow your horn from class today, scream and watch the wall fall over like in our story.

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IN THE BEGINNING

EARLY STORIES OF THE BIBLE



In this series, kids will learn each day of creation, the beginning when Adam and Eve were in the Garden of Eden, and some of the bad choices and bad consequences. The most important things kids will learn is that God still loves us and God keeps all of his promises!

Memory Verse: "In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth." Genesis 1:1

Heart of the Lesson: God made the world, and God Made Me.

Parent Connect: Today we learned about each day of creation and how God made Adam and Eve! As a group, sit down with your kid and have everyone take a turn and say a few things they are grateful that God made special about them!

ELEMENTARY

WHEREVER I GO

LEARNING TO FOLLOW GOD'S LEADING



In this series, we will learn how God leads us in many ways. We will also learn how God equips us to handle temptation and when we are afraid. God's love leads us to His heart so that we can build a relationship with Him!

Memory Verse: "I can never escape from your Spirit! I can never get away from your presence!" - Psalm 139:7

Heart of the Lesson: God Leads Us Through Temptation in the Wilderness.

Parent Connect: Today's lesson we learned that God always gives us a way out of tempting situations. Jesus provides us ways to be thankful, reminds us of true happiness and joy, and reminding us of His act of true love – giving His life for others at the cross. Talk together about tempting situations and how God would help lead them through it.

CALL OF THE WILD



In our journey through life, we all find ourselves in different places in different seasons. Sometimes, God might feel close to us, and it's easy to seek him! Other times, God might feel distant, and it might be hard to choose to follow him. This series, we're looking at different times in our life and how they are like nature. By studying these times, we can find encouragement to follow God and share Him with others in that season!

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Heart of the Lesson: In the Wilderness

SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS

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Walking with Jesus in all of life's seasons



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Memory Verse: "How can I get away from your Spirit? Where can I go to escape from you?" Psalm 139:7

Heart of the Lesson: God is with me when things seem uncertain (Numbers 21:4-8, Matthew 4:1-11)

Parent Connect:

- What did the Israelites do when they were in the wilderness?
- What did Jesus do when He was in the wilderness?
- What is one thing you can do when you feel lost in the wilderness and afraid?
- What is something from this lesson you can share with someone you know who feels lost and afraid?