

***Scripture for Lesson 3***

*March 15, 2020*

# **The Israelites in the Wilderness**

**Focal Passage: Numbers 21:4-9**

**Background Text: Numbers 21:4-9; John 3:9-15**

**Purpose: To confess our often self-centered approach to our relationship with God**

## **Numbers 21:4-9**

*The bronze snake's healing power*

<sup>4</sup>They marched from Mount Hor on the Reed Sea road around the land of Edom. The people became impatient on the road. <sup>5</sup>The people spoke against God and Moses: "Why did you bring us up from Egypt to kill us in the desert, where there is no food or water. And we detest this miserable bread!" <sup>6</sup>So the LORD sent poisonous snakes among the people and they bit the people. Many of the Israelites died. <sup>7</sup>The people went to Moses and said, "We've sinned, for we spoke against the LORD and you. Pray to the LORD so that he will send the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people. <sup>8</sup>The LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous snake and place it on a pole. Whoever is bitten can look at it and live." <sup>9</sup>Moses made a bronze snake and placed it on a pole. If a snake bit someone, that person could look at the bronze snake and live.