

8. The Bronze Snake

At one time the people of Israel started to moan and grumble against God. They said, "We don't like the food that we have! We don't like the place where we live! Why can't we live more comfortably. Why doesn't God do something about this?"

So God decided to teach them a lesson. God sent poisonous snakes to bite them and many people died. The people came to their leader, Moses, and said, "We are sorry that we spoke against God. Please pray that God will take the snakes away from us." So Moses prayed for the people.

God said to Moses, "Make a snake and put it up on a pole; anyone who is bitten can look up at it and live." So Moses made a bronze snake and put it up on a pole. Then when anyone was bitten by a snake and looked at the bronze snake, he lived.

Vocabulary

moan and grumble	บ่น	The workers moan and grumble over their wages.
comfortably	อย่างสะดวกสบาย	He sits comfortably in his chair, watching TV.
poisonous	ที่มีพิษ	These mushrooms are poisonous.
pray	อธิษฐาน	When we pray we talk with God.
pole	เสา, ไม้ยาวๆ	On the queen's birthday we see many flagpoles along the road.
to be bitten	ถูกกัด	She was bitten by a dog.
bronze	ทองสัมฤทธิ์	The athlete came third and won a bronze medal.

Comprehension

1. What did the people do when the snakes bit them?
2. Who helped the people, God or the bronze snake?
3. What did God want to teach the people?

The Bible says

Just like Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in Him. - John 3:14

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Quiz

Can you remember from which story we learned the following ten things about God?

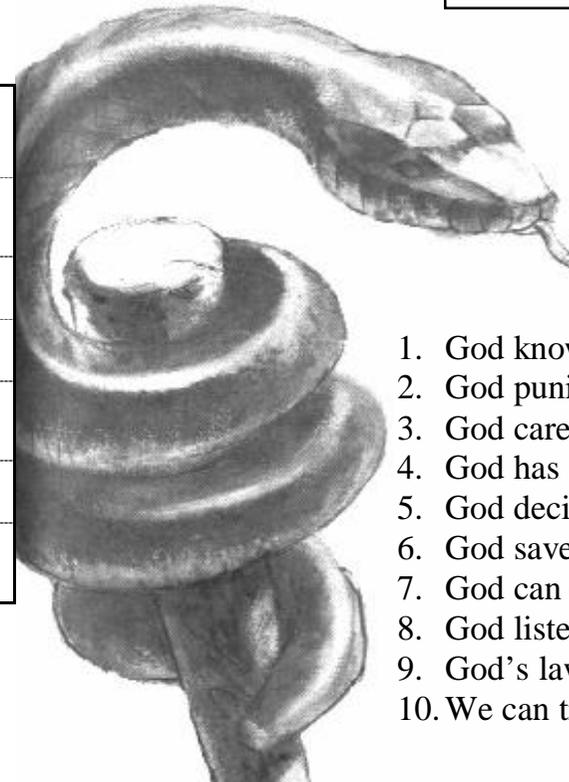
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1. God knows everything we do
2. God punishes sin
3. God cares about us
4. God has a plan for our lives.....
5. God decides what is right and wrong
6. God saves.....
7. God can do anything
8. God listens to prayer
9. God's law is love.....
10. We can trust God.....