Opening

Gathering: Tell of a time when God's way proved to be better than your way.

Today's Focus: God wants us to follow His perfect way and leads us by His Word, His Spirit and His church.

Key Verses: Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the desert, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes in Him may have eternal life. John 3:14-15
Blessed are they whose ways are blameless, who walk according to the [way] of the Lord. Psalm 119:1

Opening Prayer

Lesson

At Mount Sinai (Numbers 1-10)

- What was God's basic message for the Israelites on Mount Sinai?
  Exodus 19:3-6

- What three types of Law did God give Israel at Mount Sinai?
  Exodus 20
  Exodus 21-23
  Exodus 24-40, Lev., Numbers 1-9, Deut.

- How long had Israel traveled when they reached Mount Sinai?
  Exodus 19:1

- How long did Israel stay at Sinai?
  Numbers 10:11

- How did Israel know it was time to go and where to stop?
  Numbers 10:12-13

- Had God's miraculous signs so far made Israel TRUST IN THE LORD?
  Numbers 11:1-3

Miriam & Aaron (Numbers 12)

- Who were Miriam and Aaron?
  Numbers 26:59
  Exodus 15:20
  Leviticus 8:1-3, 12

- What prompted Miriam & Aaron to oppose Moses and what did they claim?
  Numbers 12:1-2

- Was this a result of Moses being arrogant because of his position?
  Numbers 12:3

- How did God respond to Miriam and Aaron's opposition?
  Numbers 12:4-9

- How did God punish this rejection of His selection?
  Numbers 12:10-12

- How did Moses and God respond to Aaron's request?
  Numbers 12:13-15
Spies Sent to Canaan  

(Numbers 13-14)

What did God command when Israel reached Kadesh (southern edge of Canaan)?  
Numbers 13:1-3

How far did the spies travel and how long were they gone?  
Numbers 13:21, 25 (21-25)

What kind of report did the spies give upon their return?  
Numbers 13:26-28

Were the spies ready for God to lead them into the Promised Land?  
Numbers 13:31-33

How did the Israelites respond to this report?  
Numbers 14:1-4

Strike 2  

(Numbers 14:5-38)

Did any of the spies disagree with the others and trust God to lead them?  
Numbers 14:5-9

Did Joshua and Caleb’s speech turn the Israelites back to God?  
Numbers 14:10

What was God’s punishment for this lack of faith?  
Numbers 14:26-30, 33-34

What was God’s punishment for the spies who had said not to go?  
Numbers 14:37-38

Strike 3  

(Numbers 14:39-45)

Did Israel recognize their sin? How did they plan to correct their evil?  
Numbers 14:39-40

Did Moses agree with their plan?  
Numbers 14:41-42

Did Israel carry out their plan?  
Numbers 14:44-45

The Korah Rebellion  

(Numbers 16)

What did the 250 men with Korah say about Moses’ leadership?  
Numbers 16:2-3

How did Moses respond to this rebellion?  
Numbers 16:4-5, 28-30

How did God show His support for Moses and Aaron?  
Numbers 16:31-33, 35

Did the Israelites then trust God and accept Moses & Aaron?  
Numbers 16:41

How did God respond?  
Numbers 16:43-45

How did Moses and Aaron turn God’s wrath from the people?  
Numbers 16:46-49

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Aaron's Staff *(Numbers 17)*

What was God's plan to clarify His choice of leaders?
Numbers 17:1-5

Which staff sprouted?
Numbers 17:8-9

Water From the Rock - The Sequel *(Numbers 20:1-6)*

What happened at the beginning of the Israelite's 40\textsuperscript{th} year in the wilderness?
Numbers 20:1

After 40 years, had the people finally stopped grumbling and put their trust in God, Moses & Aaron?
Numbers 20:2 (2-5)

What had happened in a similar situation at the beginning of their wanderings?
Exodus 17:3, 5-6

Speak Softly Without a Big Stick *(Numbers 20:7-13, 22-29)*

How did God solve the water crisis differently this time?
Numbers 20:7-8

Did Moses follow God's instructions?
Numbers 20:10-11

How did God punish Moses for disobeying Him?
Numbers 20:12

What happened in the middle of their 40\textsuperscript{th} year?
Numbers 20:23-26

The Bronze Snake *(Numbers 21)*

Did the people finally stop grumbling and Trust God?
Numbers 21:4-5

How did God punish Israel for their lack of faith?
Numbers 21:6-7

How did God solve this crisis when the people confessed?
Numbers 21:8-9

How does God solve our crisis of death when we confess?
John 3:14-15

What are some similarities between the bronze snake and Christ's death?
- Died from poisonous snake bite
- Bronze snake lifted on a pole
- Bronze snake looked like real snake
- Israel looked to snake in faith
- Snake saved Israelites from death
Passing Through Edom  *(Numbers 20:14-21)*

How did Israel decide it was time to head north?
Deuteronomy 2:1-3

Why did God protect the Edomites from conquest by the Israelites?
Deuteronomy 2:4-5

How did Edom respond to Israel's request to pass thru on the King's Highway?
Numbers 20:14, 17-18, 21  (14-21)

God Protects Moab and Ammon  *(Numbers 21)*

Why did God protect the Moabites from conquest by the Israelites?
Deuteronomy 2:9

Why did God protect the Ammonites from conquest by the Israelites?
Deuteronomy 2:19

How long had passed when Israel reached Moab (Zered Brook)?
Deuteronomy 2:14-15

Moses Dies  *(Deuteronomy 34)*

What did God need to take care of before Moses died?
Deuteronomy 31:14

Where did God bring Moses to die and why?
Deuteronomy 34:1-5

Did the Israelites accept Joshua as their new leader?
Deuteronomy 34:9

How exceptional was Moses?
Deuteronomy 34:10-12

Closing Prayer

**Response**

1. When have I felt jealous of someone who seemed to be more important than me?
   *(Numbers 12; Psalm 106:16-18; Acts 7:9; Romans 12:3-8; 1 Corinthians 3:1-9; 12:12-30)*

2. When have I trusted God that human wisdom directed me otherwise?
   *(Numbers 13:26-14:9; Isaiah 29:14; Jeremiah 8:8-9; Mark 10:27; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; 3:18-20)*

3. In what ways do I respect and support those God has chosen to lead me?
   *(Numbers 12:6-8; 16:1-17:13; 2 Cor. 11; 1 Thess. 5:12-13; 1 Timothy 5:17-18; Hebrews 13:17)*

4. Which of the things I did yesterday went my way and which were God's way?
   *(Numbers 20:1-12; Proverbs 16:1-9; Isaiah 55:8-9; Hosea 14:9; Micah 4:12)*

5. Who have I recently pointed to the cross that saves those dying from poisonous sin?
   *(Numbers 21:4-9; John 1:29-46; 3:14-16; 12:32; Galatians 6:14-15)*