

Bible Stories for Young Children

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THE BRONZE SNAKE

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NUMBERS 20:14–21; 21:4–9

John 3:14,15

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**God was leading His people
through the wilderness
and they came
to the edge of Edom.**

**‘Please can we go through
your land?’
Moses asked the king.**



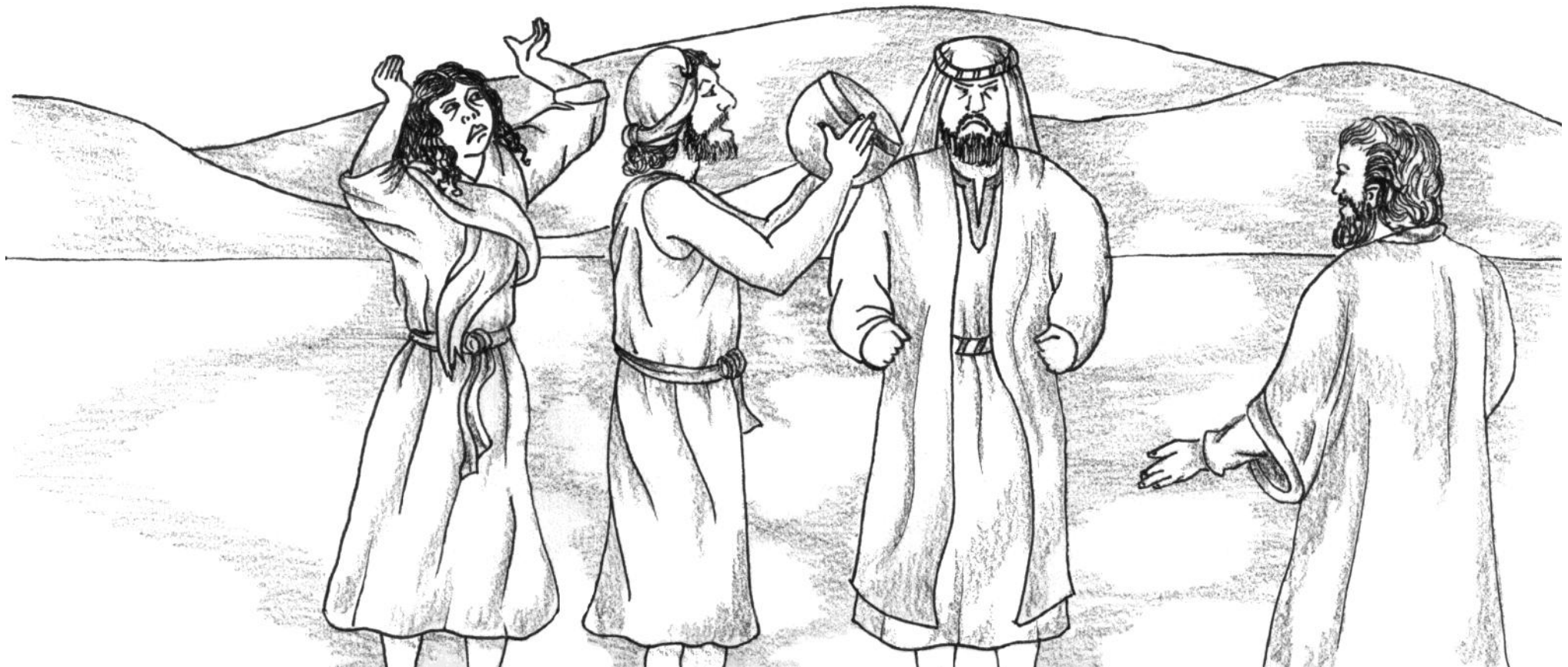
**'No,' said the king.
'If you come through our land
we will fight you.'**

He sent out his army to stop them.

**So God's people started walking
the long way around.**



**Several days later,
God's people started grumbling
against God and Moses, saying,
'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?
We are going to die here.
There is no food.
There is no water
and we don't like the manna any more.'**



**The Lord sent poisonous snakes
into the camp.
They bit the people and
some of them died.**

**At once, the people knew
that God was punishing them
for grumbling against Moses.**

**They said to Moses,
'We have sinned.
We have spoken against the Lord
and against you.
Please pray to the Lord.
Ask Him to take away
these snakes.'**

Moses prayed for the people.

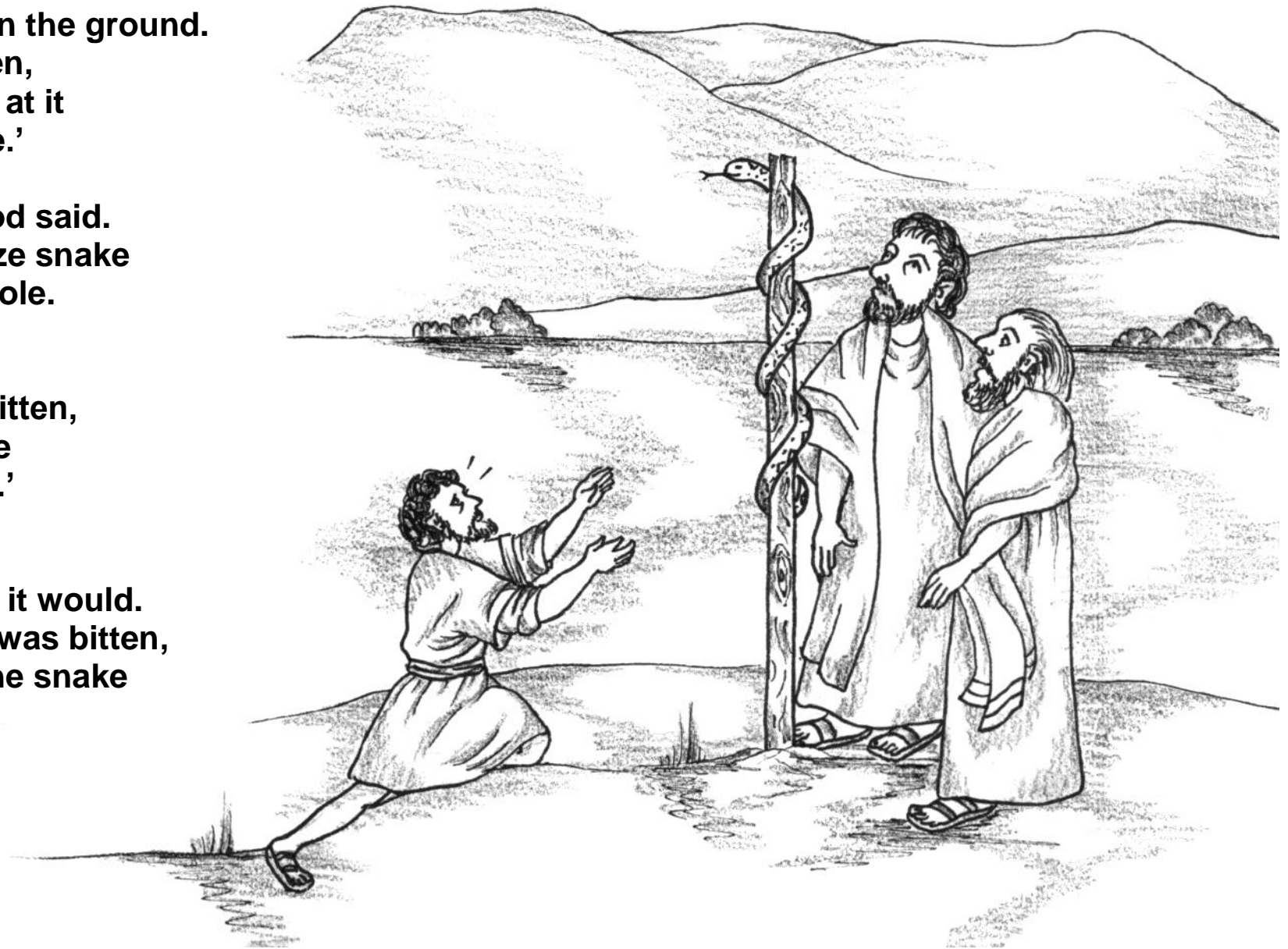


**God said to Moses,
'Make a snake out of bronze.
Put it on a pole
and stand it up in the ground.
If anyone is bitten,
tell them to look at it
and they will live.'**

**Moses did as God said.
He made a bronze snake
and put it on a pole.**

**'Look!' he said.
'When you are bitten,
look at the snake
and you will live.'**

**It happened
just as God said it would.
When someone was bitten,
they looked at the snake
and they lived.**



***One night, a long time later,
Nicodemus came to Jesus
because he could see that
God was with Him.***

***Jesus said,
'Just like Moses stood
a snake up in the wilderness
for people to look at and live,
I must also be lifted up like that.
Anyone who looks to Me
and believes in Me
will be forgiven
and live in My kingdom forever.'***

