

Come Follow Me - Old Testament
Week 20 : May 9 - May 15 ~ Numbers 11-14; 20-24

Monday - Read the introduction for this week's CFM. Introduce word of the week and discuss.

FHE - See attached page.

Tuesday - Read and discuss the section "Revelation is available to all, but God guides His church through His prophet" in the CFM manual.

Wednesday - Read "Twelve Spies" on pg 124 in The Beginner's Bible. What impresses you about the faith of Caleb and Joshua? Journal how you might apply their example of faith into situations you face.

Thursday - Watch "The Bronze Serpent Bible Story" by Kids on the Move (this video is very corny/cheesy but it does a great job of entertaining kids while still being very informative.) Link can be found on the blog.

Friday - Read and discuss the section "If I look to Jesus Christ in faith, He can heal me spiritually" in the CFM manual.

Sunday - Read/study about Miriam in Women of the Old Testament. Review the word of the week and discuss lessons from church that day.

FHE

Set a pan of brownies (or a bag of candy or some cookies) on the table in front of you as you do your lesson. Explain that you do not want them to eat them until after our lesson and if they wait there is more to the dessert than just what they see in front of them. With that being said, you can't force them to wait so if they want to eat now they can partake of it now but they won't get the other part of the dessert. If they ask to move the dessert to remove the temptation allow them to do so. They may also choose to go into a different room for the lesson as to remove themselves from the temptation, that is also ok.

Refer to CFM section "I can follow God's will, even if others try to persuade me not to" when preparing this lesson. Summarize, or read, Numbers 22: 1-18. Read the following verses: Numbers 22;18; 23:26; 24:13. How do those verses show Balaam's determination to follow God? How will Balaam be blessed for his obedience and willingness to wait on riches of this world? Journal one phrase from the verses just read that can remind you of the importance of putting God's will above all else. You can encourage older children to memorize a verse that sticks out to them. When might you be in a situation where you will need to choose between God's commandments and what friends/family/coworkers/the world are saying to do? What can we do to remain faithful under pressure from others? (unlike Balaam unfortunately. You can read the last chapter of the CFM section mentioned earlier to discuss this turn of events)

Now that we are done with our lesson it's time for dessert. Bring out ice cream and other toppings to go with your original dessert set out. Are you glad you waited? How can we relate this to being patient and waiting for God's will to happen? What He has in store for us is so much greater than we can imagine. The "what is to come" is so much greater than the "here and now". It's worth the wait!