



Grades 4–5 • Lesson 62

God Judges Rebellion

Numbers 16:1–3, 16:12–14, 21:5–9; John 3:14–15

Trace the path, over and under, from each sin to find the judgment God gave.

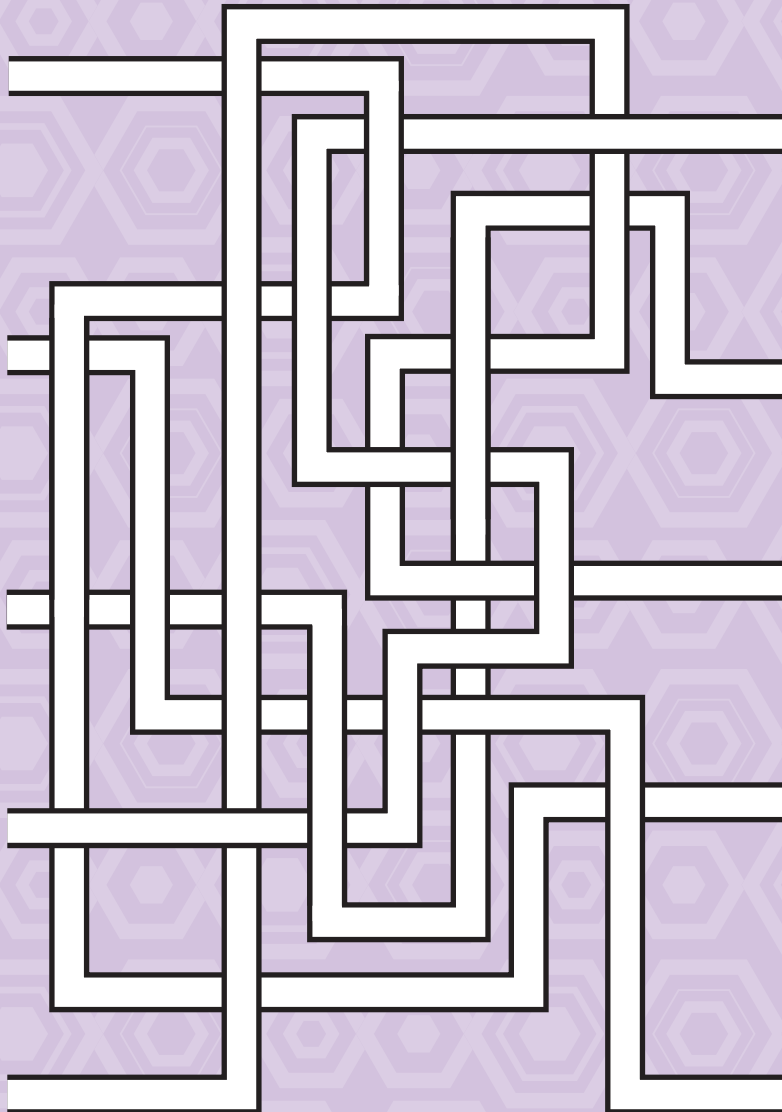
**Moses and Aaron
disobeyed God's
instructions
to bring water
from the rock.**

**The Israelites
complained
that Moses and
Aaron killed
the rebellious
people.**

**The Israelites
complained about
food and water.**

**250 leaders
offered incense
although they
were not priests.**

**Korah, Dathan,
and Abiram
rebelled against
Moses and Aaron.**



**Fire consumed
them.**



**Fiery serpents
bit some.**

**Earth
swallowed
them up.**



**Never enter
the promised
land.**



**Plague killed
some.**

Name _____



Learn the Word

Match the number under the blanks to the letter in the code.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
H	I	J	K	L	M	N
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
O	P	Q	R	S	T	U
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
V	W	X	Y	Z		
26	1	2	3	4		

Kn₁₉w there₁₀ore that the Lo₂₂d
yo₂₅r God is God, the f₅ithful
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Deuteronomy 7:9

What You Heard *In the Word*

- God judged the rebellion of men who spoke against Moses and Aaron by having the earth open up and swallow them, their families, and their belongings.
- The Israelites complained about food and water, and God judged them with poisonous snakes. God showed mercy by having Moses create a bronze serpent that the people could look to and be saved from death.

OutWord *For Family Discussion*

Suppose your friend is having a hard time obeying her parents and she says to you, “I don’t see why I have to listen to them, anyway. Why do I have to obey?” **What could you say to her?**

I know that it’s hard to obey. It takes work and goes against what we want to do. You see, all of us naturally want to rebel and do our own thing. That’s because we’re sinners. But God gave authority to parents over their children. Their job is to protect us, teach us, and correct us. They have a big responsibility! God commands us to honor and obey our parents because he knows that’s best for us. Kids aren’t the only ones who have to obey authorities, though. Parents have to obey government authorities and police. All of us have God as our authority. When we obey God and the authorities he has placed over us, God can bless us and protect us from harm.

HomeWord *For Parents*

During the wilderness wanderings, Korah, a Levite, along with Dathan and Abiram instigated a rebellion against God’s authority. They assembled against Moses and Aaron with 250 leaders who wanted to be priests. This rebellious gathering incurred the wrath of the Lord, who was ready to destroy them all if Moses and Aaron had not interceded. Instead, God in his mercy told Moses to warn the Israelites to move away from the three rebels and their dwellings before he miraculously caused an earthquake to swallow them up. The Israelites panicked and fled. Then fire from the Lord consumed the 250 leaders who wanted to be priests (Numbers 16:23–35).

In spite of these judgments, the Israelites continued to complain about food and water, even saying they hated the manna God provided (Numbers 21:5). This time, God judged them with fiery serpents, causing many to die. The people recognized their sin and came to Moses and asked him to pray on their behalf. God answered with an amazing picture of the coming Savior. He had Moses make a bronze serpent and set it on a pole. Anyone who was bitten by the snakes could look to the serpent and be healed (Numbers 21:6–9). Just as the bronze serpent saved the people from physical death, Christ was raised on a cross so that all who look to him for salvation may be saved from eternal death. The people had to believe God would save them when they looked to the serpent, and we must repent and believe in Christ’s sacrificial death and subsequent resurrection to receive eternal life (John 3:14–15).

