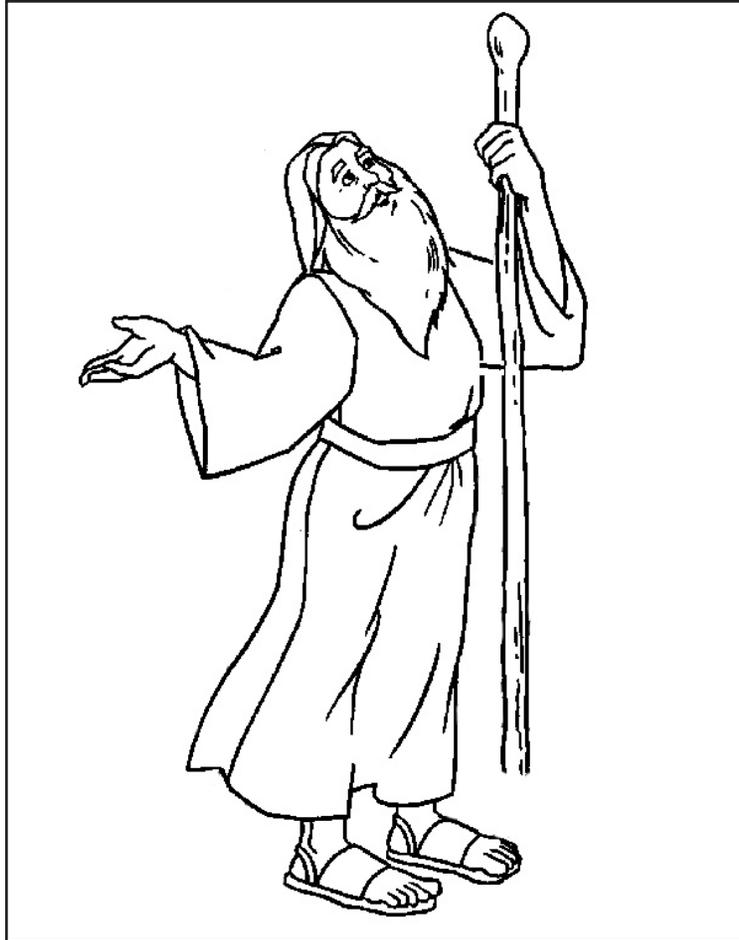
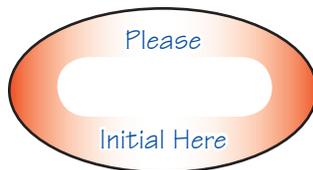


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Moses prayed to God for the sake of the people.

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The Travels of the Chosen Children of Israel

- Lesson Eight -

God's Authority

I. Overview.

While the children of Israel were in the wilderness a rebellion occurred among them. A man named Korah, along with other leading men, gathered themselves against Moses and Aaron. Even though they were renowned leaders, they wanted to be even more in the lead.



It was important for Israel to know that Moses and Aaron represented God's authority.

The Lord was angered at the people and considered destroying the whole congregation. But Moses prayed for them and the Lord only destroyed the rebellious ones. The Lord then gave Israel a sign – He caused Aaron's rod to bud and produce fruit. This indicated that God's authority was with Moses and Aaron. As they journeyed further the people grumbled against Moses and Aaron and against God. God sent fiery serpents among them to bite them and kill them. But He had mercy on them and told Moses to lift up a bronze serpent on a pole. Whoever would look at the bronze serpent would be healed.

II. Memory Verse.

“Let every person be subject to the authorities over him, for there is no authority except from God...”

(Rom. 13:1)

III. Lesson.

The Rebellion of Korah

Among the children of Israel, God's authority had always been with Moses and Aaron. One day while Israel journeyed in the wilderness a man named Korah, along with Dathan, Abiram, and two hundred fifty leading men rebelled against God. Even though they were already leading men, they were jealous and wanted to be over even Moses and Aaron.



God's authority is actually
God's loving care for us.

Their rebellion angered God. He told Moses that He would destroy the whole congregation. Moses prayed to God to spare the people. God told Moses to separate the people from the tents of the rebellious men. When the people were out of the way, the earth opened beneath the tents of Korah, Dathan and Abiram and they were swallowed up with all their households and possessions.

Aaron's Rod that Budded

After the rebellion of Korah, the people murmured against Moses and Aaron saying "You have caused the people of Jehovah to die." But God decided to show the people whom He had given His authority to. He told Moses to have the people from each tribe place a rod in the Tent of Meeting. The rods were to have the names of leaders of each tribe inscribed on them. Aaron's name would be on the rod from the tribe of Levi. God said that He would cause one of the rods to bud. This would indicate whom He had chosen to have His authority. The next morning Aaron's rod had budded and had blossomed and produced ripe almonds. This indicated that God's authority was with Moses and Aaron.

The Brass Serpent

Later, the people again became impatient and spoke against Moses and Aaron. Because of this the Lord sent fiery serpents among them to bite them. Many of them died. The people realized that they had sinned and came to Moses asked him to pray to Jehovah. Moses did pray and God told him to lift up a serpent made of brass. When the people looked upon the serpent made of brass they were healed.

The three stories in this lesson show us how important it is to respect the authority that God has set over us. All of the things suffered by God's people in these stories were because of rebellion.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. Who had the authority among God's people?

2. What happened to Aaron's rod which was placed with the eleven others in the Tent of Meeting?

3. How were the people healed from the brass serpent?"

4. What do the three stories show us?

