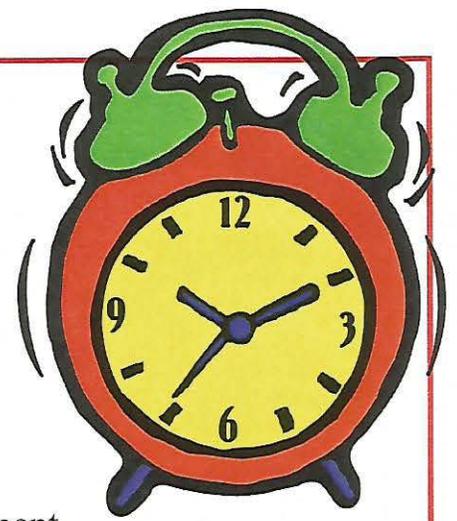


# Take Time to Be Holy



Lesson 10

## Obeying and Disobeying God

**Theme:** Obedience—Knowing God promises reward and punishment

### Memory Verse

“But the Lord said to Moses and Aaron, ‘Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them.’”

Numbers 20:12

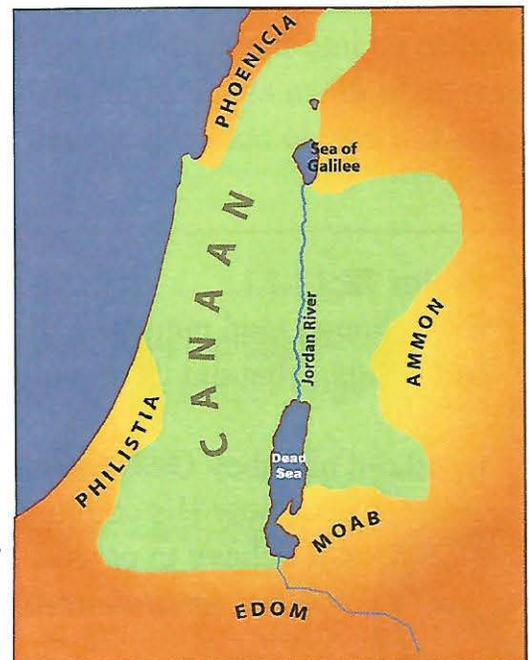
### Daily Bible Readings

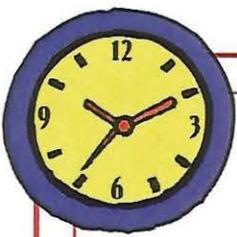
- 1 Numbers 21:1-9
- 2 Numbers 21:21-26, 31-35
- 3 Psalm 78:13-22
- 4 Psalm 78:41-48, 51-56
- 5 John 3:14-21

### After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Identify how God taught the people to trust Him when they complained
- Identify why the people won victories over the Canaanites

**L**ook at the map at the right and find the lands called Edom, Moab, and Ammon. The people of these nations were distantly related to the people of Israel. You can see from the map that they would be neighbors to Israel once the nation moved into the Promised Land. After many years in the Wilderness, Israel began moving toward the land God was giving them. The people of Israel asked permission to pass through Edom, but the king of Edom wouldn't let them. Israel didn't fight Edom, but treated them kindly and went around their land. The people of Israel were moving toward the Promised Land! Would they obey or disobey God? Let's see what happened.





### Numbers 21:1-9

When the Lord helped Israel defeat the Canaanites, the Israelites, a) held a feast, b) marched around the walls, c) utterly destroyed them, d) destroyed some but allowed others to live.

When the people complained about everything, what did God send to teach them to trust and obey Him?

### Israel's Victories

God was giving the land of Canaan to His people. Other people, such as the Canaanites and Amorites, lived in the land. God was patient with these nations and gave them time to change and follow Him, but they did not do so. Finally, God put the wicked people out of the land and gave it to Israel. God warned the people of Israel that if they became

wicked, He would also drive them out of the land. God told His people to "utterly destroy" the Canaanite cities. This means they were to kill everyone and everything so they could not tempt Israel to serve the Canaanites' gods.

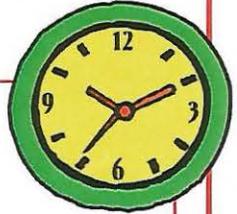
Israel fought one battle in the southern area of Canaan at Hormah. This had special meaning because of what happened at Hormah many years before. After the spies had gone into the land and people did not trust God to help them take the land, God said they would die in the Wilderness. After this, some soldiers tried to go into the land. The people living in the land "came down, and struck them and beat them down as far as Hormah." Now, years later, Israel won the battle at Hormah. This time, the people obeyed God and won the battle.

### Numbers 21:21-26, 31-35

*Circle all correct answers.*

Who's land did Moses ask permission to pass through? a) the Egyptians, b) the Ammorites, c) the Philistines, d) the Moabites

Moses didn't fear Og, King of Bashan (Moab) because, a) he had self confidence, b) he felt lucky, c) God said He would be with him.

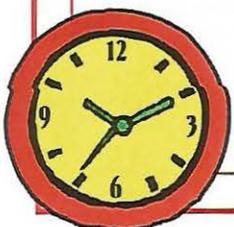


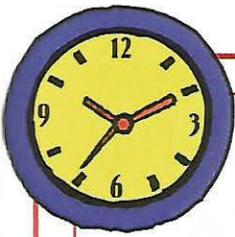
### Psalms 78:13-22

Even though God punished His people with bad things, what did they continue to do?

Israel did not obey God because, a) they did not know His commands, b) they did not believe in or trust Him, c) they did not like the taste of manna.

As God told them to, the people of Israel traveled through lands that lay east of the Dead Sea and the Jordan River. Israel had to fight battles for these lands. When the nation trusted and obeyed God, God helped them win their battles. Sometimes, however, Israel complained and disobeyed God.





### Psalm 78:41-48, 51-56

Israel hurt God when they did not remember what?

*Circle all correct answers.*

In these verses Canaan is called  
a) the promised land, b) God's holy land, c) the land of the Amorites, d) an inheritance, e) a rest

### Israel's Defeats

As the people of Israel traveled, sometimes they did not have water. What do you think they did? God had provided water for them many times. Surely they would trust Him to do this again. But no, the people did not trust God to take care of them. They complained again.

Instead of sending water, God sent fiery serpents among the people. The serpents were called "fiery" probably because their bite caused

people's skin to turn red and swell. The serpents bit many people causing them to die. People told Moses they had sinned and asked him to talk to God for them.

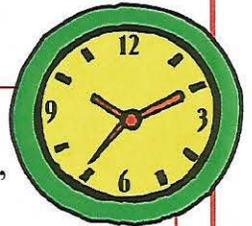
Moses asked God to forgive the people, and God provided a "fiery" serpent made of reddish metal called bronze. The bronze serpent was put up on a pole so people could see it. Anyone who was bitten by a snake could look at the bronze serpent and would not die. Again, God was teaching the people to trust Him. He would provide for them. The bronze serpent lifted on a pole would be a reminder to trust God.

### Learning to Obey

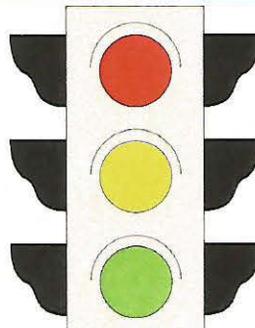
God is a good and great God. He is patient even when people rebel against Him. Think of what He will do when people trust and obey! Jesus used the example of the fiery serpents to teach people to trust and obey. In John 3:14-15, Jesus explained that as Moses lifted up a serpent, He would also be lifted up. Jesus was lifted up on the cross to save the world from sin. We must believe in Him and obey Him.

### John 3:14-21

How was Jesus "lifted up" like the bronze serpent?



I catch myself complaining too much.

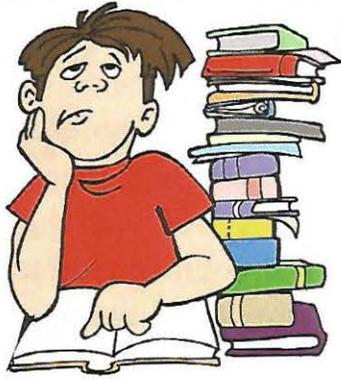


Put an X in the light that best describes you.

**Red—often**

**Yellow—sometimes**

**Green—never**



## Think About It...

What is something in which you have trouble obeying your parents?

What did you learn from this lesson that will help you obey better?

## Take Time for Bible Facts

Write down the names of the sons of Jacob. If you can't remember them, read Genesis 35:22-26:



What Old Testament books are about a Israel's kings with special attention given to the temple?

On a map inside the back cover, find the land which belonged to Judah. After the kingdom divided, was Judah the southern or northern kingdom?