

# DO WE STILL WORSHIP SNAKES?

<sup>14</sup>“And as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, <sup>15</sup>so that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.”  
John 3:14-15 (NLT)

The story for today can be found in Numbers 21:4-9.

What do you think the snake  
on the pole looked like?  
Draw a picture.

<sup>4</sup>He removed the pagan shrines, smashed the sacred pillars, and cut down the Asherah poles. He broke up the bronze serpent that Moses had made, because the people of Israel had been offering sacrifices to it. The bronze serpent was called Nehushtan.  
II Kings 18:4 (NLT)

<sup>19</sup>Joshua said:

“The Lord is fearsome; he is the one true God, and I don’t think you are able to worship and obey him in the ways he demands. You would have to be completely faithful, and if you sin or rebel, he won’t let you get away with it. <sup>20</sup>If you turn your backs on the Lord and worship the gods of other nations, the Lord will turn against you. He will make terrible things happen to you and wipe you out, even though he had been good to you before.”

<sup>21</sup>But the people shouted, “We won’t worship any other gods. We will worship and obey only the Lord!”

<sup>22</sup>Joshua said, “You have heard yourselves say that you will worship and obey the Lord. Isn’t that true?”

“Yes, it’s true,” they answered.

<sup>23</sup>Joshua said, “But you still have some idols, like those the other nations worship. Get rid of your idols! You must decide once and for all that you really want to obey the Lord God of Israel.”

<sup>24</sup>The people said, “The Lord is our God, and we will worship and obey only him.”  
Joshua 24:19-24 (CEV)

<sup>30</sup>“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.”

Mark 12:30 (CSB)

The one thing I know for sure about Jesus is:

