

# THE TRAVELS OF THE CHOSEN CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

## Lesson 8

### *GOD'S AUTHORITY*

Scripture Reading: Numbers 16 and 17

MEMORY VERSE: Romans 13:1 *"Let every person be subject to the authorities over them. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are appointed by God."*

#### **I. Korah's rebellion - Num. 16**

- A. Korah and other leaders assembled against Moses and Aaron
  - 1. Moses and Aaron were God's delegated authority
  - 2. The 250 men were renowned leaders but they coveted Aaron's position - Num. 16:9-10
    - a. Moses spoke to the Lord, then to the people
    - b. Incense was to be offered at the door of tabernacle - Num. 16:18-20
- B. The Lord desired to consume the whole congregation - Num. 16:20
  - 1. Moses pleaded for them
  - 2. The people were separated from the dwellings of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram - Num. 16:25-27 [Be careful of your company! You could be consumed by sin]
  - 3. The earth opened and swallowed the three men and their households - Num. 16:32-33
  - 4. The men offering incense were consumed by fire - Num. 16:35
- C. The people grumbled against Moses, Aaron and God - Num. 16:41-42
  - 1. The Lord sent a plague, 14,700 people die - Num. 16:49
  - 2. Aaron made atonement for the people

#### **II. Aaron's rod (Represents proper authority; God's life determines who leads) - Num. 17**

- A. The Lord desired a rod from each household, or tribe (12 in all)
  - 1. Aaron's name is for the household of Levi
  - 2. the Lord wanted to lessen the grumbling - Num. 17:5
- B. The rods were brought before the Lord - Num. 17:4, 7, 10
  - 1. Aaron's rod sprouted, budded, blossomed and bore almonds
  - 2. Aaron's rod was kept as a sign against the rebels

#### **III. The Brass Serpent**

- A. The people became impatient because of the journey - Num. 21:4
  - 1. They spoke against God and Moses - Num. 21:5
  - 2. The Lord sent fiery serpents - Num. 21:6
- B. Moses made a bronze serpent (brass serpent) - Num. 21:8, 9
  - 1. He set it on a standard
  - 2. Those bitten could *look* to the brass serpent and *live*

# AARON'S BUDDING ROD

## MATERIALS:

1. Light blue construction paper
2. Brown and green tempera paints or markers
3. Roasted almonds (cut in half long-wise in advance. Unsalted easier to work with.)
4. White glue

## DIRECTIONS:

With brown paint or markers, draw a tree branch on the blue paper. Write Aaron's name on the branch. Add green leaves. Then add almonds for fruit where the leaves are.

