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Sunday, April 2, 2017

**“GOD’S UNCHANGING PLAN”**

(Numbers 21:4-9)

Today we continue *The Road to Easter* with an unusual story from the Old Testament. It is one of many stories that point toward our sin and toward our Savior, Jesus. He is God’s unchanging plan.

*“His unchanging plan has always been to adopt us into his own family by sending Jesus Christ to die for us. And he did this because he wanted to!”* (Ephesians 1:5, TLB).

**1. The serpent on the pole \_\_\_\_\_.**

**2. The serpent on the pole was \_\_\_\_\_.**

**3. The serpent on the pole was a \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life”* (John 3:14-15, ESV).

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*“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23, ESV).*

*“I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel” (Genesis 3:15, ESV).*

*“Then the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died” (Numbers 21:6, ESV).*

*“We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you. Pray to the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us” (Numbers 21:7, ESV).*

*“Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I keep your word” (Psalm 119:67, ESV).*

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**2. The serpent on the pole was God’s provision.**

**3. The serpent on the pole was a simple solution.**

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**1. Jesus on the cross represented sin.**

*“For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God” (2 Corinthians 5:21, ESV).*

**2. Jesus on the cross is God’s provision.**

*“God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8, ESV).*

*“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16, ESV).*

*“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast” (Ephesians 2:8-9, ESV).*

**3. Jesus on the cross is a simple solution.**