

# **Sunday School Live Lesson**

**September 15, 2024**

**God's Forgiveness**

**Numbers 14:10-20**

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# Sunday School Lesson

## Question for Us Today

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How strong is your faith to go ahead and possess what God has for you?

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## Objectives

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To better understand why and how it took so long for the Israelites to possess the Promised Land.

To better understand God's forgiveness.

# **Sunday School Lesson Segments – 1**

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**1. Bibliography**

**2. Points of Information: Moses**

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**3. Lesson Context**

**4. Lesson Text**

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## Points of Information – Moses

The first five Books of our Bible – known as the Pentateuch – are attributed to the hand of Moses. Jesus confirmed the writing of Moses. John 5:45-47.

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Moses initially was a reluctant spokesperson for God. He complained that he was not a good speaker. Exodus 4:10. God had a powerful plan for his life nonetheless.

## Points of Information – Moses

Moses experienced a theophany – an in person encounter with God – on more than one occasion. Exodus 33:11 shows the close relationship between God and Moses: “The Lord spoke to Moses face to face, as a man speaks to his friend.”

Moses was not allowed by God to go into the Promised Land with the Children of Israel. But, he was allowed to see it from Mount Nebo. Deuteronomy 34:1.

# Points of Information – Moses

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Moses lived for 120 years. Deuteronomy 34:7. His life can be divided into three periods of 40 years each: 1) in Egypt, as one of favor and ultimately as a prince in the palace of Pharaoh; 2) in the Midian desert, as a shepherd; and 3) in the wilderness, as the leader of the Children of Israel.

Moses is the only person in Scripture whom God Himself buried! Deuteronomy 34:5-6.



# Points of Information – Moses

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Jesus was observed – by His three closest Disciples (Peter, James and John) – talking with Moses and Elijah on the Mount of Transfiguration. Matthew 17:1-3; Mark 9:2-4; Luke 9:28-30.

The importance of Moses in Scripture cannot be overstated. Moses is mentioned almost 800 times in our Bible. The final reference is in Revelation 15:3, where he is called “the servant of God.”

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## Lesson Context

The first four Chapters of the Book of Numbers include a multi-part census plus priestly instructions for Aaron and his sons.

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As the Israelites approached the Promised Land (Canaan), Moses sent out twelve spies (scouts). These men were to see if that land could actually be conquered and taken.

Ten of the twelve spies came back and reported that the land could not be taken.

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Two of the spies (scouts) – Caleb and Joshua – said that the land could be taken.

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The fearful Israelites, whose faith had (again) decreased, rejected the positive report of Caleb and Joshua.

## Numbers 14:10 [NLT]

But the whole community began to talk about stoning Joshua and Caleb. Then the glorious presence of the LORD appeared to all the Israelites at the Tabernacle.

## Numbers 14:11

And the Lord said to Moses, “How long will these people treat me with contempt? Will they never believe Me, even after all the miraculous signs I have done among them?”

## Numbers 14:12

I will disown them and destroy them with a plague. Then I will make you into a nation greater and mightier than they are!”

## Numbers 14:13

But Moses objected. “What will the Egyptians think when they hear about it?” he asked the LORD. “They know full well the power You displayed in rescuing Your people from Egypt.”



## Numbers 14:14

Now if You destroy them, the Egyptians will send a report to the inhabitants of this land, who have already heard that You live among Your people. They know, LORD, that You have appeared to Your people face to face and that Your pillar of cloud hovers over them. They know that You go before them in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night.

## Numbers 14:15

Now if You slaughter all these people with a single blow, the nations that have heard of Your fame will say,

## Numbers 14:16

‘The LORD was not able to bring into the land He swore to give them, so He killed them in the wilderness.’

## Numbers 14:17

“Please, LORD, prove that Your power is as great as You have claimed. For You said,

## Numbers 14:18

‘The LORD is slow to anger and filled with unfailing love, forgiving every kind of sin and rebellion. But He does not excuse the guilty. He lays the sins of the parents upon their children; the entire family is affected – even children in the third and fourth generations.’

## Numbers 14:19

In keeping with your magnificent, unfailing love, please pardon the sins of this people, just as You have forgiven them ever since they left Egypt.”

## Numbers 14:20

Then the LORD said, “I will pardon them as you requested.

# Numbers 14:21

But...



## Remember this:

Let us cultivate a culture of forgiveness – within us and around us.

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**Deuteronomy 6:1-9**

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