

Materials I Need:

Legend:



= Option 1, Appropriate for 1st – 2nd Grade

= Option 2, Appropriate for 3rd – 6th Grade

Memory Work:

“Then you will remember to obey all My commands and will be consecrated to your God.”
Numbers 15:40

Aim Questions:

1. Who was Korah and what was his sin towards God? How did God punish him and his family?
2. What would your response have been if you saw what God did to Korah? Would you have responded in the same manner that the Israelites did?
3. What did God command Moses to say to the rock at Meribah? What did Moses do instead? What was the consequence of this?
4. What do you believe God thinks of partial obedience? What areas of your life are difficult for you to obey 100%?
5. Who was Balaam? Was he a righteous prophet or a false one? How did God use his donkey to keep Balaam from disobeying God?
6. What are the areas of your life that you grumble or complain the most in? What one thing will you do this week to stop sinning in this area?



Hook:



Rebellion (*Discussion*). Rebellion is a key word for today's Bible lesson. Look up this word in the dictionary and write out what you find. Look up other words which are synonymous with rebellion. Talk about ways in which we rebel against those in authority, and ask the kids what consequences they have ended up with due to their rebellion. This morning we will see several instances of God's reactions to rebellion or disobedience on the part of His people, even His chosen leaders Moses and Aaron.



Table Leaders (*Table Activity*). Provide an activity for your table group such as putting together a puzzle, assembling a Lego model, or designing a group mural. Designate one child as the leader. All the other kids at the table must take directions from this student. Watch to see how they do. Some will be good leaders, and some will not do well at all. This could prove frustrating to the others in the group. God gives some of us leadership abilities and others are better at following. God wants all of us to follow directions of those leaders whom He has placed in authority over us (president, teachers, parents, etc.). God put Moses and Aaron in charge of the Israelites. We will hear this morning how some others resented having to be under their authority.




Follow the Leader (*Table Activity*). Before class, come up with a list of instructions (include plenty of props to make things complicated). Tell the kids to follow your instructions **exactly**. Appoint one of the kids to be the scorekeeper. This student goes right along side of each of those who are trying to follow the instructions and keeps track of how many times a student messes up by

not doing exactly what they have been instructed to do. At the end of the exercise tally the points. The student with the least is the obedient Israelite and deserves a treat (now watch the other Israelites grumble).



Try to Remember (Table Discussion). Ask each child as they arrive to tell you one thing for which he or she is thankful. Tie a string on the finger of each student and tell them that this will remind them of what they had told the teacher. You may want to write down what they said so that you can see how well they remember at the end of class. Now sit down at your table and talk about other things we might do to help us to remember. These might include Post-it-Notes, Day-Timers, calendars, chore charts, etc. Give the kids the opportunity to share with you their methods for remembering things like homework, chores, family responsibilities, birthdays, etc. Why do we sometimes forget to do things? We get distracted. If things are not important to us, they are easily forgotten. We may conveniently forget those things we don't like to do. It can sometimes be attributed to our selfish natures. We seek pleasures which can get us off track and cause us to forget the important things. Be honest with your kids, exposing your weaknesses, and they will share theirs with you. Our memory verse today has to do with remembering God's commandments and remembering to remain holy. Look up the verse and talk about why God was asking them to remember these things, and discover what method they used to remind themselves.



Make Your Own Personal Rod (Craft).  The leader of each Israelite tribe had their own rod which designated them as the head of that family. Give each student a piece of construction paper. Roll it up as tightly as possible into a tube shape. Supply the kids with plenty of creative things with which to decorate their own rod. Make sure they incorporate their first or last name (family name) into the design. Some suggestions of decorations might be: sequins, Fruit Loops, markers, glitter, strips of crepe paper/streamers or confetti, yarn, buttons, stamps or stickers, etc. Encourage them to be creative so that no two rods are the same. We will hear about how God selected the head of the priesthood for Israel by revealing something very special about one person's rod. You will have the opportunity to use these during the Bible Adventure time (see BOOK activities) to illustrate this portion of the adventure.



Book:

Presentation Ideas –



Korah's Rebellion (Illustration/Coloring Page). Numbers 16:1-35, **1NUM03.GF1.**



Aaron's Budding Rod (Illustration/Coloring Page). Numbers 17, **1NUM03.GF2.**



The Fiery Serpents (Illustration/Coloring Page). Numbers 21:6-9, **1NUM03.GF3.**



Adventure of Aaron's Budding Rod (Group Activity). Collect all of the rods made by the students as you describe what happened to the Israelites. Have all the kids put their rods in a box that you hold up over their heads. You could even have each child show the class and describe their design so that the entire class will have had the opportunity to see all the rods which were placed, into the box (or so they think). Have a special rod (which you have made at home and put into the box before class) with buds and almonds on it in the box without letting the kids know about it. When you come to the point of how Aaron's rod was different than all the others, pull yours out and leave those kids spellbound! Well, maybe not, but it will be a fun illustration.

Bible Adventure –

God's rebellious children, the Israelites, were now going to wander in the desert for 40 years because they refused to trust in their God and move into the Promised Land when it was time. All of those who rebelled would grow old and die as they waited. During that 40 years, God continued to prepare the younger Israelites for their entrance into Canaan. He gave them laws about offerings made to Him to cover their sin. If the sin was not done on purpose, the children of Israel could bring an offering to the priest and receive forgiveness. If the sin was done willingly and willfully, God gave a harsh punishment. The person doing the willful sin was banished from the Israelites and put to death. That person knew the commandments of God, and chose to disobey or ignore them. God would not allow them to do that because the disobedience showed that they hated God's word.

To show how serious He was about this, God gave the Israelites two examples. The first was a man who was found gathering sticks on the Sabbath. Some of the Israelites took the man to Moses and Aaron. God spoke to Moses and said that the man must be put to death. Why did God say this? The man had willfully disobeyed one of the Ten Commandments, to keep the Sabbath holy.

The second example God used to show the people they must not play around with sin involved a man called Korah. Korah was a Levite who did not like Moses because he had not been allowed to serve as a priest. Korah was jealous of Moses and Aaron and his pride led him to gossip to others and stir up trouble. He gathered other men who were unhappy with Moses' leadership and they came to Moses, some two hundred fifty of them. Korah accused Moses of thinking he was better than the rest of the children of Israel. He did not recognize that God had given Moses this leadership role, but thought that Moses had taken it for himself. Two others of these men, Dathan and Abiram, said that the Israelites had not entered the Promised Land because Moses was a bad leader.

Moses was angry, but in his anger he turned to the Lord to defend him. He said, "The Lord will show who is His, and who is holy." He told the men to come back the next day in front of the Tabernacle with the censers filled with incense.

On that day, God appeared before all the Israelites and told Moses and Aaron to remove themselves from the rest of the people. He was going to destroy all of them. Moses and Aaron begged God to punish only those who were truly rebellious and to spare those who were innocent. God then opened up the ground under Dathan, Abiram and Korah and their families. After the earth had swallowed them up, it closed up and they were gone. They had instantly been destroyed by the fierce judgment of God. What about the rest of the 250 men who had complained against Moses and Aaron? God sent fire from heaven and destroyed every one of them.

Wouldn't you think that the rest of the Israelites, after seeing these things, would have been frightened to grumble about anything at all? Amazingly, the very next day, all of them appeared before Moses and Aaron, and complained that they had killed all those people the day before. The sin of Korah and the others who died had spread like cancer through the whole camp. God's reaction was swift. He sent a plague among the people, and they immediately began dying. Moses and Aaron also acted swiftly. Aaron took fire from the altar and went among the people, praying for them. The plague stopped, but not before 14,700 grumbling Israelites had died. Once again, God showed the awful consequences of rebelling against Him through a complaining heart!

Even Moses and Aaron would learn the price of disobeying God. The Israelites in their wanderings returned to Kadesh. When they arrived there they found there was no water, so they brought their complaints to their leaders again. It seemed these people had not learned anything from the mistakes their parents had made or from God's strict dealings with them. But God, in His mercy, decided to deal gently with His people this time. He gave very detailed instructions to Moses to take his rod, and when he had gathered the people together, to speak to a large rock nearby, and water would flow from it. Moses and Aaron gathered the people, and instead of speaking to the rock as God had told him to, Moses spoke to the people instead. Calling them rebels, he said to them, "Must we bring water for you out of this rock? Then he struck the rock twice with his rod and water came pouring out. The people had water, but God was not pleased. Moses had not done what he was instructed, and he had made it look as if he was responsible for this miracle. Because of this, God told His servant that both Moses and Aaron would never lead the people of Israel into the Promised Land.

The people continued on their march but it was not an easy journey. Three times kings who lived nearby attacked them. In all three battles, God caused the Israelites to defeat their enemies. They finally made it to the plains of Moab opposite the city of Jericho. This is where the rest of the book of Numbers and the book of Deuteronomy takes place. Balak, the king of Moab, saw the huge mass of Israelites camped along the banks of the Jordan River. He had heard of the Israelite victories over other kings in the area, and he was afraid. He sent for a prophet named Balaam, and asked Balaam to curse the Israelites for him. It was believed that Balaam could bring bad fortune to someone by doing this.

Balaam tried three times to curse Israel, but each time he opened his mouth, he blessed them instead. Even though God would not allow him to curse Israel, Balaam came up with a different plan. He told King Balak to get the Israelites to worship another god. That would remove God's blessing from them. His plan worked, and soon much of Israel was worshiping Baal of Peor. Once again God sent a plague to His people, which stopped only when Phineas, a priest, killed two of those involved in the evil worship.

24,000 people died of the plague that day because of Israel's disobedience. Listening to this you might be thinking, "Why aren't the wicked punished that way today?" You see people every day that thumb their noses at God, who even make a living by being wicked. Why doesn't God deal with them as he did the Israelites? If you're thinking that as you hear this story, you're not alone. In Psalm 73, King David thought much the same. He had watched wicked men in his day get rich in evil ways and become so prideful that they spoke out against God, saying that God didn't know what they were up to. David hated watching them, and he even wondered why he should work at pleasing God when it didn't seem to matter. Then God showed David what the end of wicked men would be. God would "cast them down to destruction."

You might even have this thought in your mind: Since God isn't punishing sin that way-- maybe it's not as serious as it once was. Maybe you've been secretly disobedient and no one has found out yet. Nothing bad has happened to you, so maybe it's okay. Don't be fooled. The same God who commanded death for Israelites who rebelled against Him is the One we must deal with today. God is God, and He alone chooses when and how He disciplines each of us. The Bible tells us that "the wages of sin is death." There is verse after verse that tells us that God will punish sin--you can count on it. If He chooses to postpone that punishment that is His choice and His mercy, but we can be certain it will happen.

Something else we can count on is God's truthfulness and trustworthiness. Read Numbers 23:19 with me: "God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should change His mind. Does He speak, and then not act? Does He promise, and not fulfill?" God is totally different from man because He does not lie. God will always do what He says He will do. He had promised to bring His children to the Promised Land, and He continued on with that process, in spite of the disobedience, grumbling, and rebellion they became involved in. Our sin is a deadly serious thing, but it does not cause God to throw up His hands and say, "Oh dear! Now I can never do what I was planning to do in this person's life." God's plans will be carried out in spite of anything you or I might do or think! He always fulfills His promises and carries out His Word, so there is absolutely NO reason for His children not to place their trust in Him. We can believe on God because He is a God of promise who does not lie!



Look:




Aaron's Rod (Craft). Even if the kids made rods of their own during the HOOK time, they could still make one of these. They can then retell the Bible Adventure just like you did when they show the difference between Aaron's rod and all the others. This craft is made using a piece of construction paper rolled tightly into a tube shape to start with once again. This time, however, attach small tissue paper buds and almond shaped pieces of tan construction paper (see example) onto the rod.



Rebel Against Rebellion (Worksheet/Discussion). Using **1NUM03.GF4 Pg. 1** as a springboard, talk about what the kids learned in the Bible Adventure this morning about rebellion, its cause, consequences, and cure. This can move you right into a discussion about how partial or delayed obedience is the same as disobedience. When God gives His people a command, it is not a mere suggestion that we obey or some kind of "cafeteria buffet" where we can pick and choose what we want to obey. We are to completely obey God in all the details and specifics of His Word! Moses and Aaron suffered the incredible loss of entering into the Promised Land for their failure to completely obey God. Teacher's answer sheet is on **1NUM03.GF4 Pg. 2**.

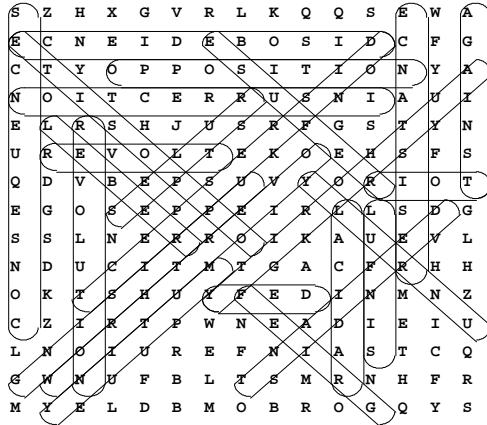


Who's The Boss? (Worksheet).  Use this simple worksheet to foster a good discussion regarding the different levels of authority we find in our lives. Whether we are children or adults, God has put someone in authority over us and we need to be obedient to them, **1NUM03.GF5**.




Rebels Review (Worksheet). Find all the people, the acts of defiance, and the consequences from the passages studied this morning. Complete the chart on **1NUM03.GF6**, and then try to find verses that direct us to God's instructions given to us so that we remain obedient to Him. This last part may be difficult, and it will definitely require prior preparation by the teachers.

- Passage Review Questions (Worksheet).** This booklet contains many questions from the Scripture passage covered in today's lesson. Students may work on them in class and complete them during the week at home, **1NUM03.GF7.**
- Memory Verse Exercise (Worksheet).** Have the students use the secret code to fill in the vowels to reveal the message, **1NUM03.GF8.**
- Rebellion (Word Search).** Find all the words that might be associated with rebellion. As the kids find the words, talk about what each of them means, why someone might be that way, and how these actions or thoughts might be avoided, **1NUM03.GF9.**
Answer Key:



Took:

- Defiant People (Table Activity).**  Bring in newspapers and magazines with articles about people living in direct defiance of God. It shouldn't be too difficult to find several examples of this in today's society. Discuss why they think these people are rebelling against God's principles, and how they might react if they were in that same situation. Spend time at the end praying for strength and confessing weaknesses we might have. Pray for those in the country and world around us who are rebelling against God's standards.
- Remaining Thankful (Classroom Mural).** God wants us to be thankful in all situations. When we grumble, we are being disobedient and our hearts are no longer thankful. Sometimes when we count our blessings, this helps remove those tendencies to grumble. Put a **very large** piece of butcher paper up on the wall and give each student a marker. Instruct the students to completely fill in the entire paper with things that they are thankful for. They can start with remembering what the string on their finger is helping them to recall. If each student has a colored marker, and they move around writing in different spots on the mural, the overall effect at the end will be very nice. Leave this up for a room decoration and a reminder for the weeks to come.
- Prayer Tassels (Craft/Take-Home Page).** Review Numbers 15:37-41, paying special attention to the memory verse. Color **1NUM03.GF10**, which shows a Levite priest with the prayer tassels along the bottom of his garment. Hand out seven colored pom-poms. Instruct the kids to post this picture in a prominent place and start each day with a promise to obey God. Pray and ask God to help you be obedient to Him and to all those who are in authority over us.

Korah's Rebellion



Aaron's Budding Rod



The Fiery Serpents



Rebel Against Rebellion

Look up the word rebellion in a dictionary, and write the definition below.

Unscramble the words below to complete the thoughts. Add some of your own in the spaces provided. Talk with your small group about what you learned in this morning's Bible Adventure about rebellion. What causes this act of defiance? What are some of the consequences? What is the cure?

Rebellion or Defiance is a

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t a m e i k s _____

The Cause of Rebellion

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The Consequences of Rebellion

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m u g n j t e d _____

The Cure for Rebellion

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c e n b i o b e e d _____

List some of the areas within your life where you struggle with rebellion. Pray and ask God to remove them.

TEACHER'S ANSWER SHEET

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An act or show of defiance toward any authority or established convention.

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Rebellion or Defiance is a

m i s t a k e

Sin

disobedience

wrong choice

The Cause of Rebellion

j e a l o u s y

Pride

Selfishness

Hard Hearted

The Consequences of Rebellion

j u d g m e n t

Death

More Grumbling

Separation from God

The Cure for Rebellion

o b e d i e n c e

Prayer

Honoring our Authorities

Confession

Humbleness

Trusting God

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Who's the Boss?

Draw a line between “**the Boss**” and who the boss is “**over**.”
 Look at the verses listed below, and put the reference in the
 box(es) where they belong. Some references will be used
 more than once.

The Boss
Christ
Mayor
King
Police Chief
Principal
Parents
Husband
President

Over	Scripture Reference
City	
Police Department	
All	Colossians 2:10
Children	
Wife	
Country	
School	
Kingdom	

Colossians 2:10 “And you have been given fullness in Christ, who is the head over every power and authority.”

1 Peter 2:13-14 “Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.”

Romans 13:1-2 “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.”

Colossians 3:18 “Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord.”

Colossians 3:20 “Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord.”

Rebels Review

Read through the Scripture passages covered in today's lesson (Numbers 15-25) and look for the following: The person or persons in rebellion, the actual act of defiance or rebellion, the cause for their rebellion, and the consequence brought by this act of rebellion. Then, in the final column, see what verses you could find which would be helpful to us so that we might not fall into that same pattern. The number of rows given in the table below does not necessarily reflect the

Person or persons in rebellion	Act of rebellion or defiance	Cause of rebellion	Consequence for rebellion	Helpful verse

27. Can you name all 12 tribes? 26:5-62

1. _____
2. _____
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9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

Passage Review Questions



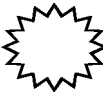


Numbers 15 - 26





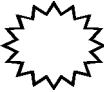

1. True or False. God set some very specific rules for the offerings that the Israelites made to Him. 15:1-41
2. In Numbers 15:32-36, for what was a man stoned?
3. Why did the whole assembly stone him? 15:36
4. What were the Israelites to put on the corners of their garments? 15:38
5. What color of cord were they to use? 15:38
6. What were these tassels to remind them about? 15:39
7. Who had God chosen to separate for work in His Tabernacle? 16:8
8. Moses was to collect how many staffs from the people? 17:1
9. What was to be written on each staff? 17:1
10. Which staff was budding after Moses entered the Tent of the Testimony? 17:8

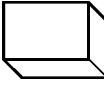


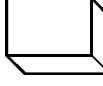
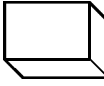
11. What had sprouted from this budding staff? 17:8
A. almonds B. grapes C. flowers
12. Who did God make responsible for the care of the sanctuary and the altar? 17:5-7
13. Who died at the Desert of Zin? 20:1
14. What didn't the people have that caused them to start to gather in opposition towards Moses? 20:2
15. What did God tell Moses and Aaron to say in front of the whole assembly? 20:8
16. True or False. Moses disobeyed God when he struck the rock. 20:12
17. Where did Aaron die? 20:28
18. On whom did Moses put Aaron's clothes after Aaron died? 20:28
19. How long did the entire house of Israel mourn over Aaron's death? 20:29





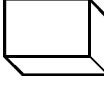

20. What did God send to attack the people? 21:6
21. What were the people to look at in order to be saved from their snakebites? 21:9
A. a bronze snake B. the sun C. Moses
D. none of the above
22. At what was Balaam so angry that he beat it three times? 22:21-27
23. What talked to Balaam in Numbers 22:28?
24. How many oracles did Balaam speak? 23-24
25. How many people died in a plague that was on the Israelites? 25:9
26. In the new census, who was to be counted? 26:1






Use the secret code to fill in the vowels and reveal the message.

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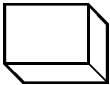
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SECRET CODE

 = **A**

 = **E**

 = **I**

 = **O**

 = **U**

 = **Y**

Rebellion Word Search

S Z H X G V R L K Q Q S E W A
E C N E I D E B O S I D C F G
C T Y O P P O S I T I O N Y A
N O I T C E R R U S N I A U I
E L R S H J U S R F G S T Y N
U R E V O L T E K O E H S F S
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C Z I R T P W N E A D I E I U
L N O I U R E F N I A S T C Q
G W N U F B L T S M R N H F R
M Y E L D B M O B R O G Q Y S

Find the words listed below in the word search puzzle above. These words are all associated with rebellion. As you work this puzzle, discuss what God's view of rebellion might be based on today's lesson.

uprising
defiant
revolt
sinful
overthrow
disobedience
rules
opposition

disrespect
mutiny
opposite
authority
radical
consequences
insurrection
revolution

grief
riot
against
rebel
unruly
refuse
defy

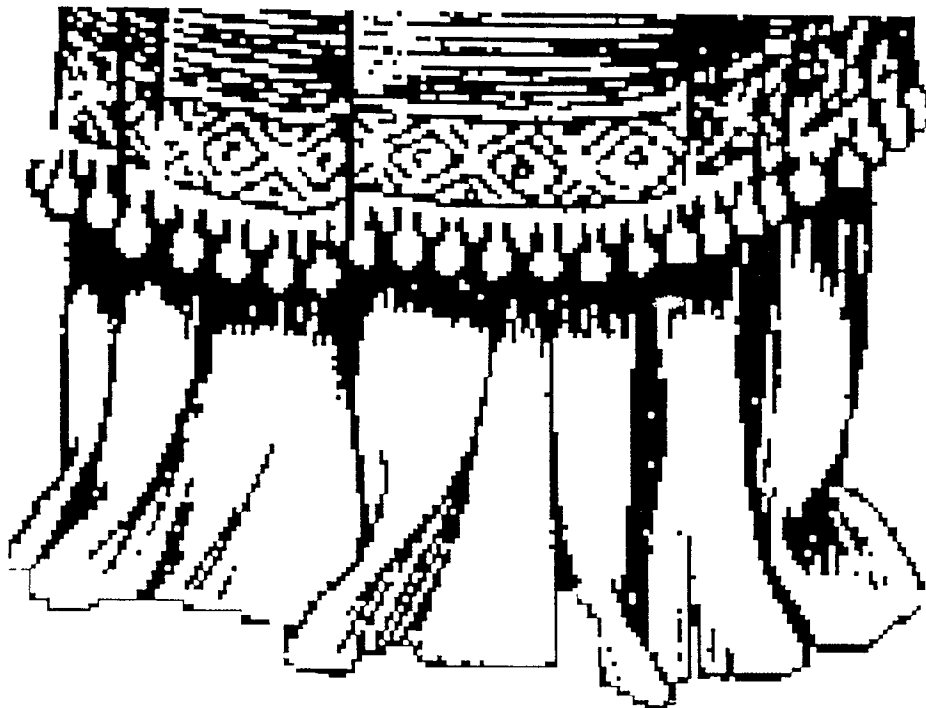
Prayer Tassels



*“Then you will remember
to obey all My commands
and will be consecrated to
your God.”*

Numbers 15:40

Add a pom-pom to the bottom of the picture below each day.



*Start each day with a promise to obey God. Pray and ask God to
help you obey Him and those in authority over you.*