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Dear students,

Welcome to *Intermediate Bible Class*⁺! We hope it helps you get excited about learning and applying God's Word!

Here are some of the features:

- The **Big Idea** highlights the main point of the lesson.
- **Discussion Questions** are within the lesson to help you interact with the topic.
- **What If?** helps you imagine how the Bible lesson might be applied to a hypothetical scenario that could occur in your everyday life.
- The **Big Question** addresses some doubts, fears, or concerns you may have about God, His Word, or life in general.
- **Next Steps** give you ways to be doing what the lesson is teaching throughout the week.
- The **Prayer Point** encourages you to commit to praying for something in the coming week.
- **Christ Focus** shows how every lesson points to Jesus.
- **Talk About It** gives you ideas on things to discuss with trusted Christian adults in your life.

MOSES PRAYS FOR MERCY

Lesson 1
June 7, 2026

Lesson Text: Numbers 14:13-24

"Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now." (Numbers 14:19)

BIG IDEA: Moses asked God to forgive the iniquity of Israel, and God did.

NUM. 14:11 And the Lord said unto Moses, How long will it be ere they believe me? and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have showed me, for all the signs which I have showed me, and among them?

12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a greater nation and mightier than they.

13 And Moses said unto the Lord, Then the Egyptians shall hear it, (for thou hast brought up this people in thy might from among them)...

14 And they will tell of it to the inhabitants of this land: for they have heard that thou hast said among this people, that thou shalt standeth over them, and that thou shalt smite them, by day time in a pillar of cloud, and in a pillar of fire by night.

15 Now if thou shalt kill all this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying, Because the Lord was not able to bring this people into the land which he swore unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness.

17 And now I beseech thee, let the power of thy Lord be great, according as thou

hast spoken, saying,

18 The Lord is long-suffering, and of great mercy, forgiving iniquity and transgression, and by no means clearing the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation.

19 Pardon, I beseech thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy mercy, and as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

20 And the Lord said, I have pardoned according to thy word.

21 But as truly as I live, all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the Lord.

22 Because all those men which have seen my glory, and my miracles, which I did send me in the wilderness, and have tempted me now these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice:

23 Surely they shall not see the Land which I swore unto thy fathers, neither shall any of them that provoked me see it: but my servant Caleb, because he hath followed me, shall see it: and I will bring him into the land whithereto he went: and his seed shall possess it.

BIBLE LESSON

God had led the people of Israel from Egypt to a land He promised to give them. They often were not grateful, but God was patient as He led them on their journey. At one point, Israel sent twelve spies into the Promised Land to check it out. Ten spies gave a report that warned the people, and they refused to enter the Promised Land. Their lack of faith in God's power stifled up His wrath. The powerful miracles God had performed for His people demonstrated His greatness and glory (see Num.

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4:21-22). Those signs provided proof that He would be with them as they entered the Promised Land. His many miracles should have given all of them the same courage if they could not trust the Lord to fight for them (see 13:27-14:10).

What would you and your family include in a list of things God has powerfully done?

Lord told Moses that He was angry with the people of Israel. He said Moses that He would smite the people and start over with Moses' family (14:12). Moses prayed and God showed mercy when Moses interceded for the people. God spared the people because He is a God of mercy. Moses often prayed on behalf of God's people (see Num. 14:19).

The Lord loves it when His people pray. He wants them to pray for others. God answered Moses' prayer. God is in charge of all things, but He wants His people to love and obey Him and to show their love when they talk to Him.

Moses was also worried about what the people of other nations would say about God if He destroyed Israel. God already knew the thoughts of all people everywhere, but God liked that Moses was worried about God's reputation. Moses did not want the people of other countries to think badly about God when they heard His name. The surrounding nations had heard that Israel's God was guiding them (vas. 13-14).

How does what we say and do cause others to think better or worse about our Lord?

Moses was worried that the people of the other nations would say that God was not mighty enough to take the people of Israel into the Promised Land (vs. 16). They would say that God had no power. So Moses asked God to show how great He is by getting the people of Israel to the land He had promised to give them as their new home (vas. 17-18). Moses also said to God that he knew the Lord was very merciful. He knew that God forgives those who call out to Him for forgiveness (see Ps. 86:5). Moses pointed out that God had forgiven His people in the past. Moses knew that God is full of love and goodness. He asked God to forgive His people again (Num. 14:18-19).

The Lord showed mercy by not destroying the people of Israel. Still, He was not happy with how the people disobeyed Him and doubted that He is a powerful God. God punished the people who said bad things about Him. Those people would not see the Promised Land. They would live just outside it (vs. 22-23). God rewarded Caleb. He was one of the two spies who said they knew God could trust in His strength and faithfulness to His people. The Lord would bring them into the Promised Land.

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WHAT IF?

You and your best friend are both on a sports team, and he is a starting player. He does not take his position seriously, however. He repeatedly fails to show up on time for practice. He does not work very hard during practices, and he needs to listen better to the coach's instructions. You overheard the coach saying that he is tired of this and is thinking about cutting him from the team rather than just benching him. What could you say to the coach to help your friend get a second chance?

WHAT SHOULD I DO WHEN I KNOW WHAT I DID OR SAID WAS SINFUL?

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NEXT STEPS

This week, confess your sins to the Lord. If you know people who are not Christians, pray for them to know Jesus as Savior. If you know a Christian who is constantly disobeying God, pray that the Holy Spirit will convict that person to confess any sin in the Lord.

PRAYER POINT

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