

LESSON 12

MIRIAM, AARON, AND KORAH

Worksheets

- Bible Discovery Worksheet: Korah's Rebellion
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KORAH'S REBELLION

Follow the sequence of events in Numbers 16:1-35 by filling in the blanks in the boxes below, referring to the Bible if you need help.

-1-

_____ and his allies challenged Moses, saying that the whole congregation was _____. They claimed that Moses did not deserve his position. (v. 1-3)

-2-

Moses fell down on his face before _____ and challenged them. He told them to take their _____ and bring them before the Lord. (v. 4-7)

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Moses angrily told Korah, "Isn't it enough for you that the God of _____ has _____ you from the rest [...] and brought you near Himself to do the work at the Lord's tabernacle and to stand before the community and _____ to them?" (v. 9)

-4-

_____ and Abiram accused Moses of _____ them in the wilderness and of not allowing them to enter _____. (v. 12-14)

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Korah and his followers offered incense in front of the tabernacle and the _____ of the Lord appeared. He commanded that everyone move away from the _____ of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. (v. 19-23)

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Moses told the Israelites, if the men died of natural causes, then he was not sent from God. However, if the _____ swallowed them up, then they will know that the three treated God with _____. (v. 28-30)

-7-

The moment Moses finished speaking, the _____ under the rebels _____ apart, and the earth _____ Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. (v. 31-32)

-8-

In the end, _____ appeared and _____ Korah's followers, the _____ men who offered incense. (v. 35)

Job Attitudes

Miriam, Aaron, and Korah and his followers all had one thing in common: they thought they deserved a better job. But they were punished not simply because they wanted a different job, but because of their attitude towards the jobs that they had and, therefore, to God.

Discussion question: What kind of attitude do you think we should have when we accept or are assigned a task at home? At school? At church?

1. What church task do you think is the most desirable, or the best, task to have?

2. What church task do you think is the least desirable, or the worst, task to have?

3. What is a church task that you would like to have?



Now, read the following verses and write them below.

1. Philippians 2:12-13

2. Colossians 3:23-24

Whatever task we do, it is all for one purpose: to show the glory of God. This means that the three tasks that you listed above are all equal in God's eyes!

Lastly, look up the verse below and fill in the blanks.

Ephesians 4:1-3

"I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to _____ of the _____ with which you were _____, with all _____ and _____, with _____, _____ one another in _____, endeavoring to keep the _____ of the Spirit in the _____ of _____."

After studying these verses, has your answer to the discussion questions above changed?

"Walk worthy of the calling with which you were called."

Identifying and Dealing with Jealousy

Jealousy

How would you define jealousy? Write your definition here.

What is jealousy?

Jealousy is a sin, which God does not like. It tells us in the Book of Ephesians that we should not give the devil any opportunity to get into our lives. Therefore we must be aware that jealousy can grow into bigger things. Jealousy is evil and God tells us not to do evil. We cannot let bad feelings cause us to hurt our relationship with God or with others.

We must give jealousy over to God.

If we find ourselves becoming jealous, we have to give it over to God. We need to read the Bible because the word is truth. God's word will change us. Our spiritual life changes so we can go and bear fruit. As children of God, we need to be careful not to become jealous. If we admit our sins to Him and repent, He will help us overcome our jealousy.

What do we do?

- Every day at school, June looked at her friend Sarah and wished that she could be like her. Sarah was smart, athletic, and musical. June could play the piano, too, but she could not play as well as Sarah. They had the same piano teacher, so June would always see Sarah play at their piano recitals. Everyone liked how Sarah played the piano, but very few people said anything about June. One day, June and Sarah were playing together during recess. Suddenly, June started thinking about how everyone liked Sarah, and she became very jealous. Out of her anger, she pushed Sarah down onto the ground. The teacher saw what happened and called June's parents to school. June got into a lot of trouble with her parents and after that, Sarah didn't want to play with her anymore. **Instead of getting jealous and angry, what should June have done instead?**



- Liam and John both played for the school basketball team. They also hung out each time after basketball practice ended. Over time, however, John started getting better and better at basketball, leaving Liam behind. Liam started becoming jealous of John, and secretly wished that John would get injured so he couldn't play anymore. Still, John and Liam continued to hang out after practice as usual, as John had no idea that Liam was jealous of him. One day during practice, Liam was about to pass the basketball to John, but instead of doing a regular pass, he threw the ball with all his might and hit John in the head really hard. John started feeling dizzy and had to sit down. Later, John's mother had to come and take him home. Liam and John would not be hanging out as usual after practice that day. **Instead of getting jealous and angry, what should Liam have done instead?**



The next time we feel jealous, what can we do? Instead of being mad at someone who can do something better than us, we can learn from their gifts. For example, if another church member is better at playing piano than we are, we can ask them for tips and suggestions that can help us improve. We can also praise God for giving them those gifts to help the church or other people.

Be Thankful

Make a list of things that God has given you. We can thank God for these things instead of comparing what we don't have. We must constantly examine ourselves to see if we are jealous of someone else.

Conclusion about jealousy:

- Jealousy is sin (1 Cor 3:3; Jas 3:16).
- It is unwise to compare yourself and your situation to others and their situations (2 Cor 10:12).
- Be content with what you have (Heb 13:5-6).

