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## Bible Study:

Read Numbers 16-18. Contemplate the stark contrast to the rebel's lack of fear and reverence for God, as compared to Moses and Aaron, who approached God by falling facedown in prayer.

# The gospel in the story:

Our hearts are deceitful and sick (Jer. 17:9), and only God can heal them. The Israelite's rebellion illustrates exactly what we are all prone to: fearing man instead of God and putting our hope in our own abilities rather than God. The good news is that despite our state of sin and fallenness, God chooses to provide a high priest as a means of reconciliation. In the early days, the high priest was Aaron and his lineage, but now, our High Priest is His Son Jesus who gives new hearts that desire after God to those who put their faith in Him (Hebrews 4:14-16).

### Application

### Head: What did we learn?

Q: Why did the men grumble against Moses and Aaron? A: They wanted to be in charge

Q: What was Moses' response? A: He fell face down and prayed.

Q: What was God's response? A: He allowed the earth to open up and swallow the rebels.

Q: Why did God cause Aaron's staff to bud and grow leaves? A: To demonstrate to all of Israel the Aaron was His chosen High Priest.

#### Heart: Memory verse

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#### Hands: How does this affect the way I live?

Scripture tells us that the FEAR of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge (Prov 1:7). That doesn't mean to just fear His punishment. It's much bigger than that. True fear is to have a and respect for His Glory – which is weighty and awe-inspiring

#### Home: How does this affect my household?

God was clear that He chose different roles for the people of Israel. In the same way, God establishes roles within our families. We show our trust in Him, by living out our roles faithfully in our households.

#### Heaven; How does this help us share our faith?

Moses and Aaron approached God with fear and reverence by falling facedown in prayer. In other words, they humbly recognized that God was in control. When we live this way before our neighbors, it is a powerful witness that we are not righteous in our own strength but by the grace of God through Jesus.