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Questions for further thought and discussion:

1. What does this story tell you about God?
2. How does this story apply to your life?
3. What can you do now to follow God on His journey of healing?

Story Location:

Numbers 20:1-13

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