

Liturgical Date: Year B, Lent 4, 14th March 2021

Presenter **Mrs Gail Hinton**

Focus Reading Numbers 12:4-9

Message 7 minutes 40 seconds **“God loves us: even when we throw a tantrum”**

Discussion Starters

1. What do you think was the presenter’s main point?
2. Have you ever bought a complaint before God in prayer? Describe how you felt?
3. How can we best support each other when things are not going well?
4. How could you reassure someone that God loves them and journeys with them in tough times?

Other Lectionary readings for the day

Psalm 107:1-3,17-22 The psalm opens with a summons to praise. The Numbers text plays in the background of the psalm, as do other illusions to the wilderness wanderings of Israel.

Ephesians 2:1-10 The contrast between what we once were and what we have become by grace could not be starker. While we were dead in our wrongdoing, heedless, that God, motivated by “the great love he has for us,” made us alive in Christ. We are what God has made us.

John 3: 14-21 The lifting up of the Son will rescue the world as did the bronze serpent in the wilderness. The question is one of faith in the divine cure.

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All Age Message Mrs Gail Hinton **“God loves us even when we ‘chuck a tanty’...”**

Approx. Length 4 minutes 0 seconds

Precis of AAM

Today’s reading is about the Israelites and their camping trip in the desert. Life was difficult and like children sometimes do, they got very angry and threw a ‘tanty’. As parents still love us in our terrible times, God still loved them and when they were angry and when they asked for help he was still with them. God’s love is like a great big warm cuddle!

Resources **Uniting in Worship (Blue Book) Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22, page 328**

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