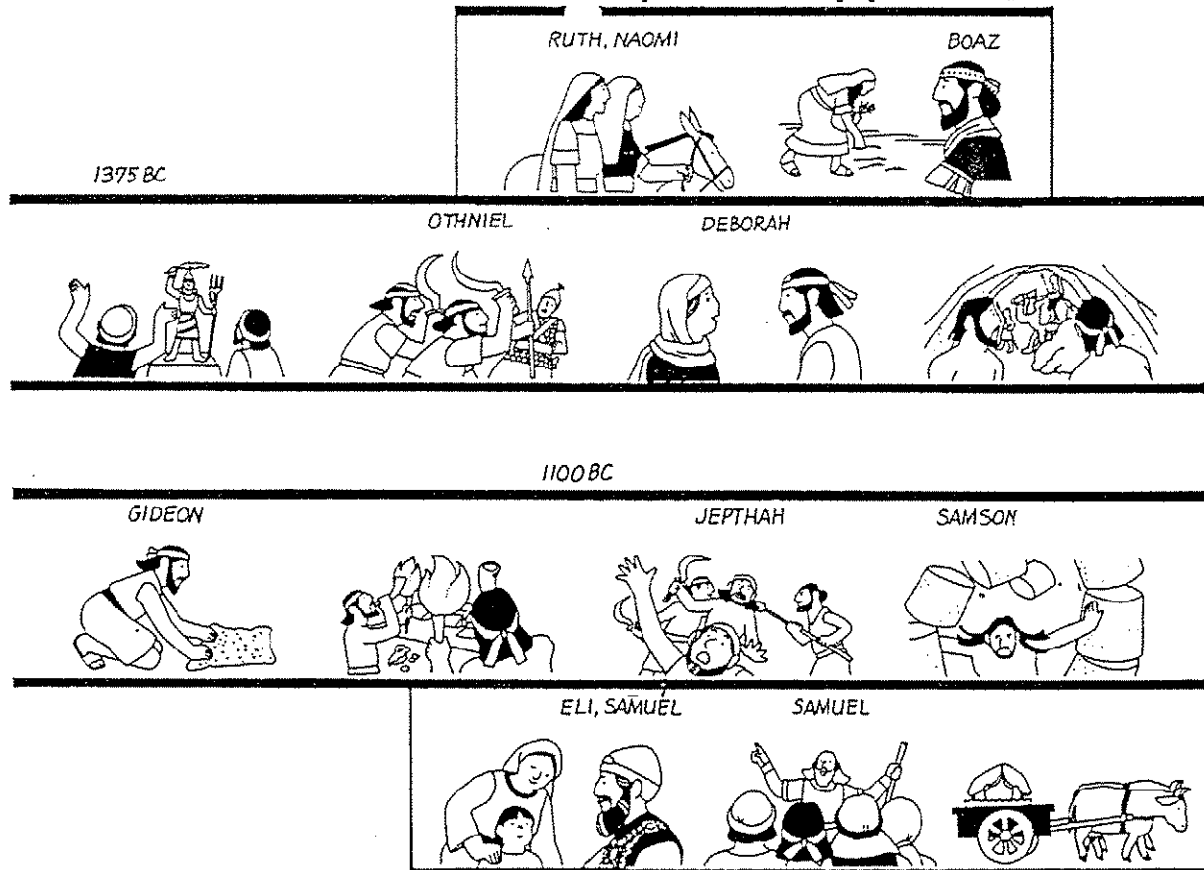


Part 4

The Period of The Judges

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Part 4

The Judges



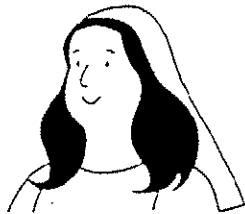
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Memory Challenge



Judges 2:18-19

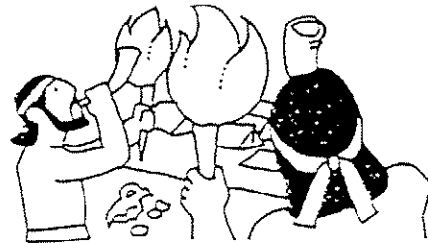
"Whenever the Lord raised up a judge for them, he was with the judge and saved them out of the hands of their enemies....But when the judge died, the people returned to ways even more corrupt than those of their fathers."



Ruth 1:16

"Entreat me not to leave you.
Or to turn back from following
after you;
For wherever you go, I will go;
And wherever you lodge, I will
lodge;
Your people shall be my people,
And Your God, my God."

"...But his delight is in the law of the Lord
and on His law he meditates day and night."



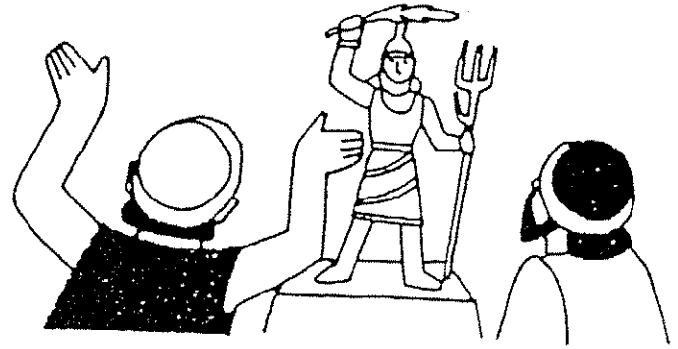
The Judges

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Gideon
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Jair
Jephthah
Ibzan
Elon
Abdon
Samson
Eli
Samuel

Lesson 1

The Canaanites Remain in the Land

Judges 1-2



After Joshua's death, the people of Israel needed to finish the job God gave them to do. God had commanded them to drive out of Canaan the wicked people who lived there. The Israelites were to possess the land and destroy the altars where the people of Canaan worshipped idols. The Israelites did not drive out the wicked people of Canaan as God commanded. The Israelites decided to live with their Canaanite neighbors. Then the Israelites started worshipping the Canaanite idols. God was angry. He said, "I will not drive the Canaanites out of the land."



Read Judges 1:1-36

Write YES or NO if each tribe was successful in driving out the Canaanites from its portion of land.

_____ Judah (vs. 19)

_____ Simeon (vs. 17)

_____ Benjamin (vs. 21)

_____ Manasseh (vs. 27)

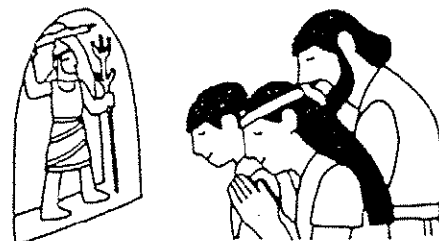
_____ Ephraim (vs. 29)

_____ Zebulun (vs. 30)

_____ Asher (vs. 31)

_____ Naphtali (vs. 33)

_____ Dan (vs. 34)





Read Judges 2:1-10

1. Was this angel of the Lord happy with the Israelites? Why? _____

2. What two instructions did the angel give the people concerning the Canaanites living in the land? _____

3. What did the angel say that the Lord would not do concerning the Canaanites remaining in the land? _____

4. What warning did the angel give regarding the idols of the Canaanites? _____
5. How did the people react to this message from the Lord? _____

6. Where did the people go after this encounter with the angel? _____

7. Describe the people's obedience to God during the life of Joshua? _____
8. Why do you think they also served God as long as men lived who had seen the wonders God had done for the Israelites? _____

9. How did the next generation serve God? _____

10. Why do you think they forgot about God so quickly? _____

11. How can we make sure that our children don't forget about God? _____



Read Judges 2:11-15

Which verse tells us that . . .

1. The Israelites were worshipping an idol called Baal?
2. This made the Lord very angry?
3. The Israelites were powerless against their enemies?
4. The Israelites were very worried?



vs. _____

vs. _____

vs. _____

vs. _____



Read Judges 2:16-19

True/False

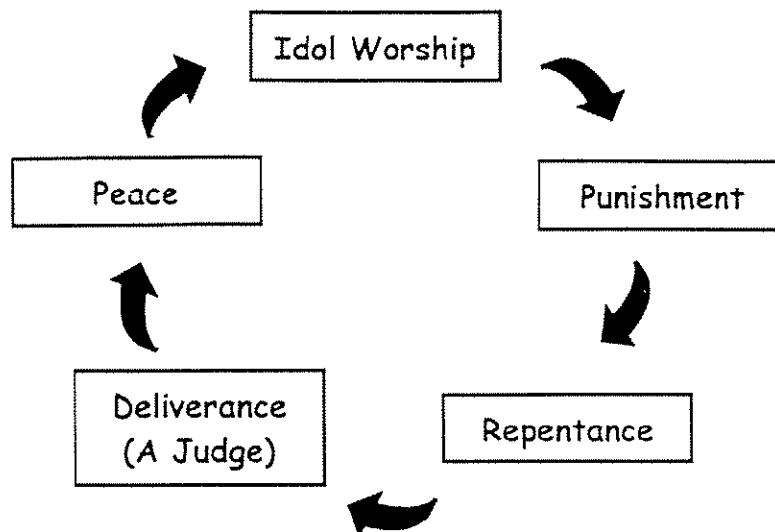
- _____ 1. The Lord sent judges to help the people.
- _____ 2. The people always listened to the judges and did what they told them to do.
- _____ 3. While the judge was living, the Lord helped deliver the people from their enemies.
- _____ 4. After the judge died, the people went back to their wicked ways.

What's The Meaning?

idols _____

Baal _____

Throughout the book of Judges, we will see over and over how the Israelites disobeyed God and he allowed them to be punished. They would cry to Him for help and he would send a judge to help them. No sooner than the judge died, they would again return to their worship of idols. The diagram below shows the pattern they followed throughout this period. As we go through the book, look for examples that fit this cycle.



Reviewing What You've Learned

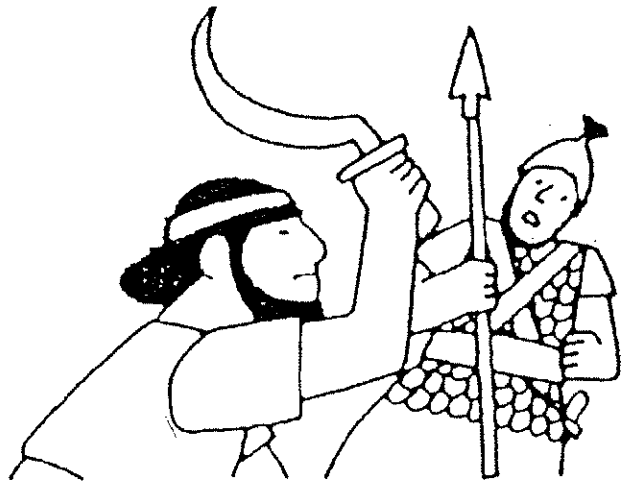
Match the book with the correct description:

Genesis	The second reading of the law
Exodus	God sends judges to help the people
Leviticus	The people are counted twice
Numbers	Tells about the priests and various laws
Deuteronomy	The book of beginnings
Joshua	The people leave Egypt
Judges	Tells about the conquests of Joshua

Lesson 2

God Sends Judges To Help Israel

Judges 3-4



Read Judges 3:1-6

1. Why do you think this book is called "Judges"? _____

2. What was the reason God gave for allowing these other nations to live in the promised land? _____

3. What kind of test would this be for the Israelites? (vs. 4) _____

4. Name the six groups of people which were left to dwell among the Israelites. _____

5. What two things were the Israelites already doing which had been strictly forbidden? _____

6. Why do you think God did not want the Israelites marrying the people of the other nations? _____

7. Do you think that it is important for us today to marry someone who is a Christian? Why? _____

8. Could someone who is not a Christian tempt you to forget about God just like the Israelites forgot about God? How? _____



Read Judges 3:7-11

The First Judge _____

Fill in the blanks using the words in the box below. Some words may be used more than once.

The _____ began worshipping gods called _____ and _____. This made _____ very angry. God allowed the Israelites to become _____ of _____ - _____, king of _____ for _____ years. When the _____ cried to the Lord, he sent a _____ named _____, the nephew of _____. _____ was the first _____ of Israel and he went out against _____ - _____ and delivered the _____. During his rule, the Israelites had _____ for _____ years.

God	Israelites	rest	Caleb
deliverer	forty	judge	servants
Othniel	Baals	Asherahs	eight
Cushan-Rishathaim		Mesopotamia	



Read Judges 3:12-24

The Second Judge _____

Number these sentences in the correct order:

- _____ Ehud hid a long dagger under his clothes.
- _____ Eglon, king of Moab, ruled over the Israelites for eighteen years.
- _____ Ehud stuck the dagger into Eglon and then escaped out the door.
- _____ The children of Israel again disobeyed God.
- _____ When the people called unto God, he sent Ehud to deliver them.
- _____ Ehud told Eglon he had a secret message from God.



Read Judges 3:24-30

True/False

- _____ 1. Eglon's servants found him fallen dead on the floor.
- _____ 2. They caught Ehud escaping out of the city.
- _____ 3. As they were escaping, the Israelites killed ten thousand Moabite men.
- _____ 4. After this, the land had rest for forty years.



Read Judges 3:31

The Third Judge _____

1. What is the one thing we are told that Shamgar did? _____

What's The Meaning?

tribute _____

Reviewing What You've Learned

Find the answers to the questions in the puzzle below.

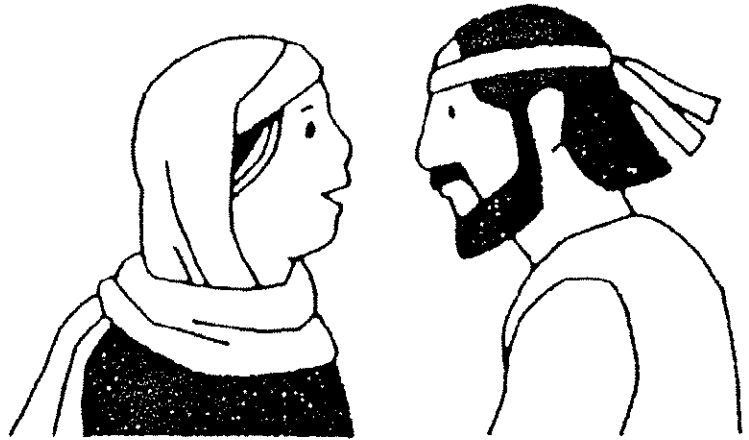
1. The first judge of Israel.
2. The second judge of Israel.
3. The third judge of Israel.
4. Another name for deliverer.
5. What the people began to worship.
6. The promised land.
7. The name of the idol worshipped in Canaan.
8. The king that was very fat.
9. Shamgar killed 600 of them

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Lesson 3

Deborah Helps The Israelites

Judges 4-5



Read Judges 4:1-10

The Fourth Judge _____

Use the names below to answer the questions:

Barak

Deborah

Sisera

Jabin

Ehud

God

- _____ 1. After his death, the Israelites began to disobey God again.
- _____ 2. The King of Canaan.
- _____ 3. Owned 900 iron chariots.
- _____ 4. Treated the Israelites harshly for 20 years.
- _____ 5. A prophetess who was judging Israel at this time.
- _____ 6. Called for Barak, an Israelite army commander.
- _____ 7. The commander of Jabin's army.
- _____ 8. Wanted Deborah to go to battle with him.
- _____ 9. Took 10,000 men to fight Sisera's army.



Read Judges 4:11-24

1. When the Israelites attacked Sisera's army, how did Sisera get away? _____
2. How complete was the victory? _____
3. Whose tent did Sisera enter? _____
4. What did Sisera want Jael to do if anyone asked where he was? _____
5. What did Jael do while Sisera was asleep? _____
6. Who did Jael show to Barak? _____
7. What was the result of this defeat of the Canaanites? _____

In Judges 5, we can read a song that Deborah and Barak sang after this defeat of Sisera's army.



Read the verses below and answer the questions.

1. Describe life in Israel at this time. (verses 6-9) _____
2. Who does Deborah say fought this battle? (verse 13) _____
3. What part did Jael play in the battle? (verses 24-27) _____
4. What was Sisera's mother expecting after the battle was over? (verses 25-31) _____

What's The Meaning?

judgment _____

chariot _____

God's Plan

All of the characters in this story fit into **God's Plan**. They may not have known much about God and his promises to Abraham, but God used them to accomplish his purposes. Sometimes we don't know or understand how we fit into God's plan, but He can use us to accomplish things today just as He did then. These characters didn't have God's word to guide them, but we do. We need to make sure we use it to help us know how to live our lives.

1. How do you think Jael knew Sisera was trying to escape from Barak and the Israelite army? _____
2. Why do you think Sisera trusted Jael? _____
3. If Sisera had been friends with Jael, why do you think she killed him? _____
4. What did Sisera expect Jael to do for him? _____
5. Do our friends want us to lie for them sometimes? _____
6. Do we sometimes have to choose between our friends and what we know is right? Give an example. _____
7. Will we be rewarded eventually for doing what is right even if our friends turn against us? _____
8. What can we do to help us know how to choose the right way?

Map Review

Label the map below with the following names:

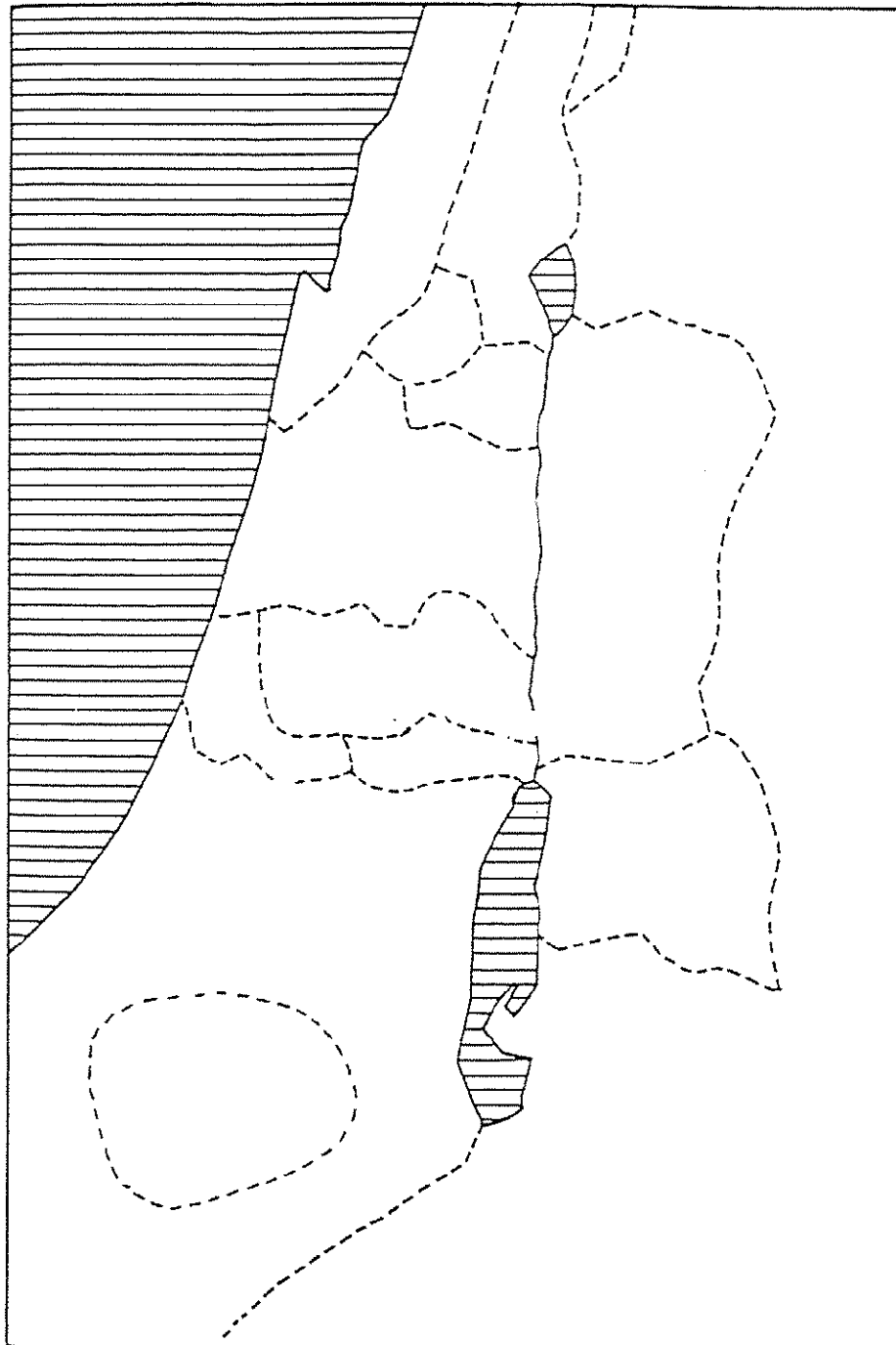
Each of the twelve tribes of Israel

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Mediterranean Sea

Jordan River

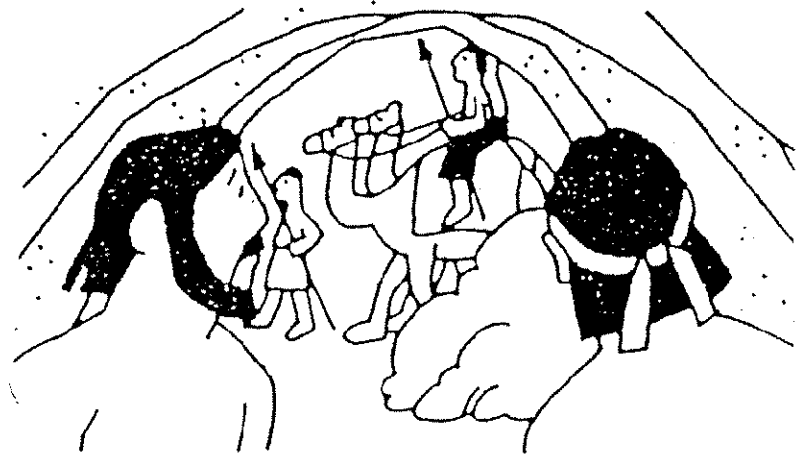
Dead Sea



Lesson 4

Israel Is Oppressed By the Midianites

Judges 6



Read Judges 6:1-10

1. Up until this time, how long had the Israelites had rest from their enemies? (see Judges 5:31) _____
2. What caused the Lord to allow the Midianites to trouble the Israelites? _____
3. How long had the Midianites troubled the Israelites? _____
4. Where had the Israelites resorted to living? _____
5. In what way would the Midianites oppress the Israelites? _____
6. What word in verse 5 describes how many Midianites would come to rob the Israelites of their crops? _____
7. What was the condition of the Israelites because of the destruction caused by the Midianites? _____
8. When the Israelites cried to the Lord for help, what did He say He had done for them? _____
9. What had God asked of the people, in return for what He had done for them? _____
10. Had they obeyed Him? _____



Read Judges 6:11-18

The Fifth Judge _____

True/False

- _____ 1. \ God wanted Gideon to save Israel from the Midianites.
- _____ 2. Gideon said he was from the strongest tribe.
- _____ 3. God told Gideon that He would not protect him.
- _____ 4. Gideon wanted a sign that God would be with Him.
- _____ 5. First, Gideon wanted to bring God an offering.

Reviewing What You've Learned

- 1. Does this story remind you of someone else we have studied?

- 2. How is it the same? _____
- 3. How is it different? _____
- 4. What character quality did each of these men lack? Faith in himself? Faith in God? Give reasons to support your answer.

- 5. Do you think Moses realized how important his role would be when God spoke to him from the burning bush? _____
- 6. Can God use us, like He did Moses, even when we don't think we can do very much? Give an example. _____



Read Judges 6:19-24

Draw a picture of the sign that the Angel of the Lord gave to Gideon to show him that it was God calling him.



Read Judges 6:25-27

Check the things which the Angel of the Lord told Gideon:

- ☐ Tear down the altar of Baal of your father's.
- ☐ Save the wooden image next to the altar.
- ☐ Build an altar to God.
- ☐ Use the wood from the wooden image to burn a sacrifice.

Why did Gideon do all of this at night? _____



Read Judges 6:28-35

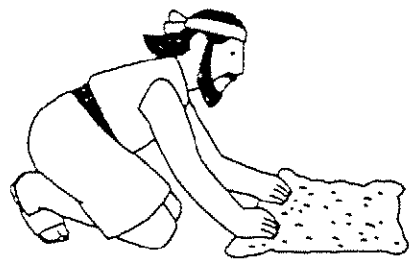
Which verse tells us that . . .

1. The men of the city were ready to kill Gideon? vs. _____
2. Gideon's father, Joash, said Baal should be able to defend himself? vs. _____
3. The Midianites and the Amalekites gathered their armies together? vs. _____
4. Gideon summoned the armies of several tribes? vs. _____



Read Judges 6:36-40

Circle the correct words in each sentence:



1. Gideon would put a **FLEECE OF WOOL**/**PIECE OF WOOD** on the threshing floor.
2. If God was going to be with him, the floor would be dry and the fleece would be **WET**/**DRY**.
3. The second time the floor would be **WET**/**DRY** and the fleece would be dry.

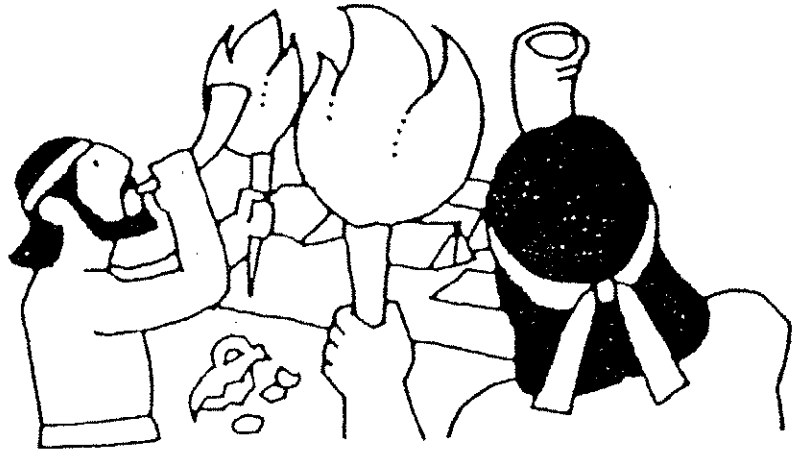
What's The Meaning?

threshing floor _____

Lesson 5

Gideon Saves Israel

Judges 7-8



Read Judges 7:1-8

1. What was Gideon's other name? _____
2. What concerned God about the number in Gideon's army? _____

3. What did Gideon say to the army? _____

4. How many turned back? _____
5. How many remained? _____
6. What was the next test to reduce the size of the army? _____

7. Which ones were chosen to remain in the army? _____

8. Why do you think God chose the ones that drank kneeling on their knees? _____
9. How many men were left in Gideon's army to fight against the Midianites? _____
10. Do you think that any of these men might have been questioning how they could fight against a large army like the Midianites? _____



Read Judges 7:9-15

Check the correct answer:

1. God told Gideon that if he was afraid to go into the battle he could

_____ get more men for the army.
_____ go down to the camp and listen to the Midianites.
_____ quit.
2. When Gideon and his servant went to the camp of the Midianites, they overheard two men talking about

_____ how easily they would defeat the Israelites.
_____ a dream about a loaf of bread.
_____ how great their king was.
3. In the dream, the bread that rolled into the camp represented

_____ Gideon and his army.
_____ the Midianite king defeating Gideon's army.
_____ ten years of famine when there would be no bread.
4. After Gideon had heard the two men discussing the dream he

_____ worshipped God and felt more confident.
_____ felt even more afraid.
_____ refused to go into the battle.



Read Judges 7:16-18

1. How many men were in each company? _____
2. What three things did Gideon give to each man? _____

3. When they blew their trumpets, what were they to say? _____



Read Judges 7:19-25

Number these sentences in the correct order:

- _____ They cried, "The sword of the Lord and of Gideon!"
- _____ The army of Gideon surrounded the camp of the Midianites at the beginning of the middle watch of the night.
- _____ They broke the pitchers so the torches would shine.
- _____ The Midianite army fled.
- _____ They blew the trumpets.



Read Judges 8:22-28

Fill in the blanks:

1. After the defeat of the Midianites, the Israelites asked _____ to be their _____.
2. Gideon said that _____ was their ruler.
3. Gideon asked the men to give him _____.
4. With the gold that was collected, Gideon made an _____.
5. The _____ worshipped it.
6. This became a _____ to Gideon and his house.
7. The Israelites enjoyed peace for _____ years during the days of Gideon.

Reviewing What You've Learned

Fill in the blanks with the correct judge:

Othniel

Ehud

Shamgar

Deborah

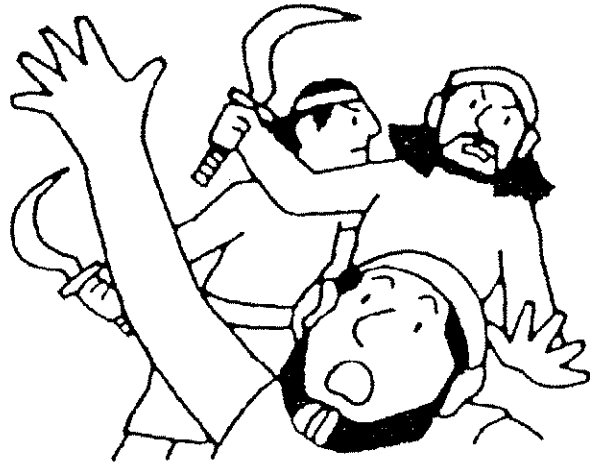
Gideon

- | | | |
|-------|-----|--|
| _____ | 1. | Helped Barak defeat Sisera. |
| _____ | 2. | Killed 600 Philistines with an ox goad. |
| _____ | 3. | First judge who defeated the king of Mesopotamia. |
| _____ | 4. | Defeated the Midianites with 300 men. |
| _____ | 5. | Killed Eglon with a dagger hidden in his clothes. |
| _____ | 6. | Only woman judge. |
| _____ | 7. | Said he had a message from God to Eglon. |
| _____ | 8. | Wanted God to give him signs that he could defeat the Midianites. |
| _____ | 9. | Sang a song with Barak, praising God for the victory over Sisera's army. |
| _____ | 10. | Heard about a dream in the Midianite camp. |
| _____ | 11. | The people wanted to make him their king or ruler. |

Lesson 6

Israel Ruled By More Judges

Judges 10-12



The account of the judges is not necessarily a chronological record of everything that happened during this period. There is some overlapping of time periods with one judge possibly ruling in one area of Israel while another one is in a different region. This may account for the lack of information we have concerning several of the judges who are barely mentioned by name. In this lesson we will note the references to these little-known judges. They were not necessarily less important, but we just don't know very much about them.



Read Judges 10:1-5

The Sixth Judge _____

The Seventh Judge _____

Write **TOLA** or **JAIR** before each description.

_____ Judged Israel 22 years.

_____ Judged Israel 23 years.

_____ Lived in the mountains.

_____ Had 30 sons who rode 30 donkeys.

_____ Lived in Gilead.



Read Judges 10:6-18

Check the correct answer:

1. Once again, the Israelites sinned against God by worshipping
☐ many of the gods of the people around them.
☐ none of the gods of the people around them.
2. God was very angry and
☐ sold them to the Philistines.
☐ helped them defeat the Philistines.
3. God reminded the people that
☐ he had delivered them from the Egyptians and many other enemies.
☐ they were free to worship any gods they chose.
4. When the people cried unto God, he told them
☐ to get help from the other gods.
☐ he would help them.
5. God finally heard their cry when they
☐ put away the foreign gods.
☐ defeated the Ammonites.
6. When the Ammonites gathered against Israel, the Israelites asked,
☐ "Who will be our leader and fight against the Ammonites?"
☐ "Who will build us another god?"



Read Judges 11:1-11

The Eighth Judge _____

True/False

- _____ 1. Jephthah was a successful warrior.
- _____ 2. When the Ammonites attacked Israel, the men of Gilead wanted Jephthah to be their leader.
- _____ 3. Jephthah spoke all his words before the Lord.



Read Judges 11:29-39

- 1. What was the vow that Jephthah made to the Lord? _____
- 2. Was the Lord with Jephthah as he led the army of Israel against the Ammonites? _____
- 3. How many cities of the Ammonites were captured? _____
- 4. When Jephthah returned home, who came to meet him? _____
- 5. Was it foolish for Jephthah to make the vow he made? Why? _____
- 6. Should you make a promise if you are not sure you will be able to keep it? _____
- 7. Should you keep the promises you make, even if it causes some unhappiness for you? _____
- 8. Give an example of a promise you might make which would be hard for you to keep? _____
- 9. Did Jephthah keep his vow? _____



Read Judges 12:8-15

Fill in the names for the next judges listed:

The Ninth Judge _____

The Tenth Judge _____

The Eleventh Judge _____

Reviewing What You've Learned

Number these groups of sentences in the correct order. (1-2-3)

_____ Gideon asks God for a sign.
_____ Ehud kills Eglon.
_____ Jephthah makes a rash vow.

_____ Shamgar kills 600 Philistines.
_____ Deborah and Barak defeat Sisera's army.
_____ Othniel is chosen as the first judge.

_____ Gideon's army of 300 men defeats the Midianites.
_____ Jael kills Sisera with a tent peg.
_____ Tola and Jair rule as judges.

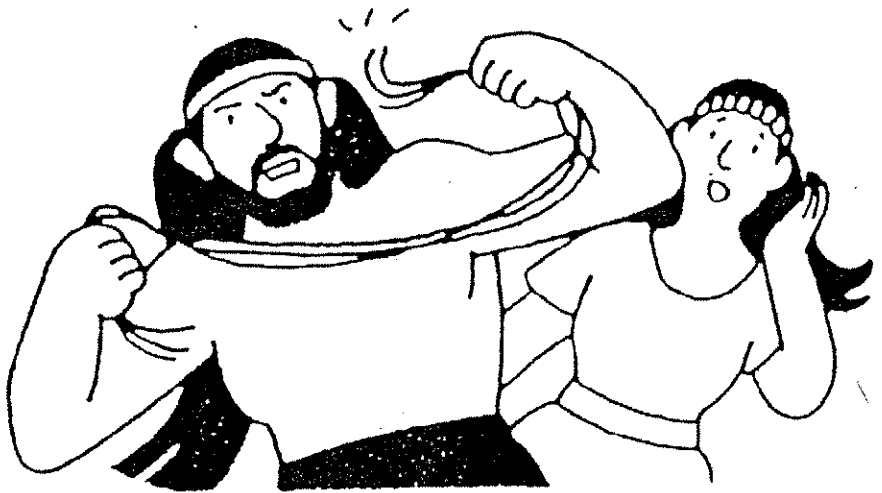
_____ Jephthah defeats the Ammonites.
_____ Ibzan, Elon and Abdon rule as judges.
_____ Gideon tears down the altars in his father's house.

_____ Ehud takes tribute to Eglon.
_____ Deborah sings a song of victory praising God.
_____ Gideon overhears two men discussing a dream in the Midianite camp.

Lesson 7

Samson and The Philistines

Judges 13-14



Read Judges 13:1-7

1. After the people had sinned this time, which enemy ruled over them? _____
2. How long had the Philistines oppressed the Israelites? _____
3. What did the Angel of the Lord tell Manoah's wife? _____
4. What would this child eventually help to do? _____
5. Does this incident remind you of any other women? Give an example. _____
6. What two things were forbidden to someone who had taken a Nazarite vow? (See Numbers 6:1-5) (Verse 3) _____
(Verse 5) _____

What's The Meaning?

Nazarite _____

unclean _____



Read Judges 13:8-25

Fill in the blanks with the missing words:

1. When Manoah heard about the _____ that visited his _____ he wanted to see the _____ for himself.
2. The next time the Angel appeared to the woman, she _____ to get her _____.
3. Manoah asked the angel to tell them what kind of _____ the boy would do.
4. When Manoah offered a _____ to God, the Angel went up into heaven in the _____.
5. Manoah thought that they might _____ because they had seen _____.
6. When the woman had the baby, they called him _____.



Read Judges 14:1-9

Which verse tells us that . . .

1. Samson wanted a woman who was of the daughters of the Philistines? vs. _____
2. His parents did not know that this was part of God's plan? vs. _____
3. On his way down to see the woman, a lion attacked Samson? vs. _____
4. The Lord helped Samson kill the lion? vs. _____
5. When Samson returned again, he saw the lion and there were bees and honey in it? vs. _____
6. Samson kept secret where he got the honey? vs. _____



Read Judges 14:10-19

The Twelfth Judge _____

True/False

- _____1. Samson gave a wedding feast.
- _____2. During the wedding feast, Samson gave the wedding guests a riddle.
- _____3. The guests guessed the riddle right away.
- _____4. The guests told Samson's wife to find out the answer to the riddle.
- _____5. At first, Samson would not tell his wife the answer.
- _____6. When Samson told her the answer, she didn't tell the other guests.
- _____7. The prize for answering the riddle was 30 sheep.
- _____8. Samson killed 30 Philistines and took their clothes and gave them to the guests.
- _____9. Samson took his wife and went home.
- _____10. Samson's wife was given to someone else.

What Do You Think?

From what we've read, circle the words below that you think describe Samson and be ready to explain your answers.

Strong

Small

Hot-Tempered

Gentle

Spoiled

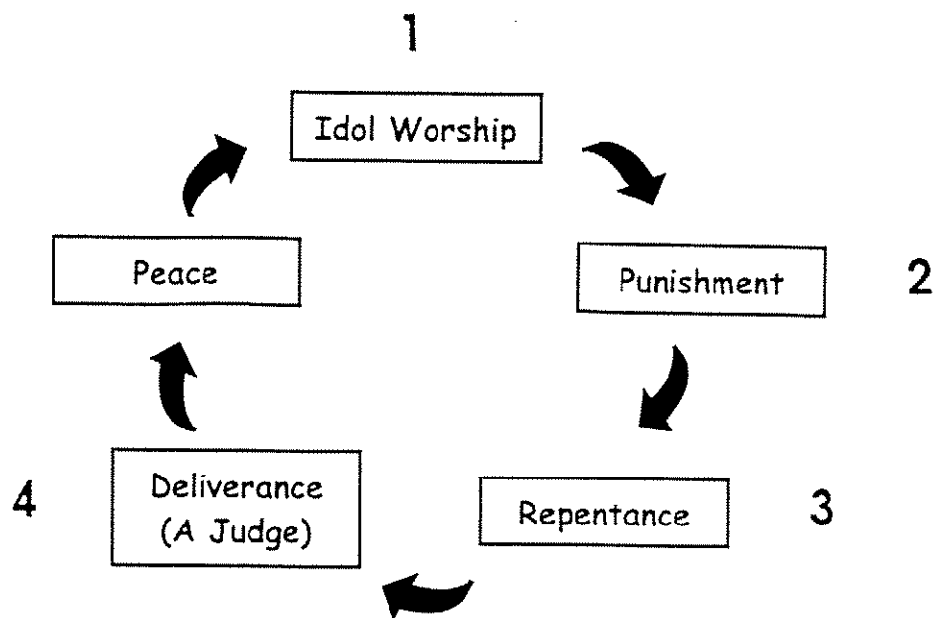
Clever

Kind

Righteous

Wise

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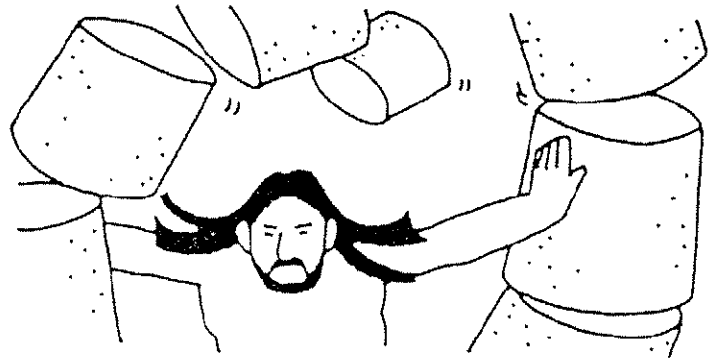
Using the chart above, after each statement, write the number which corresponds to the segment in the cycle through which the Israelites were going at that particular time.

- _____1. The Israelites forgot the Lord and served the Baals and Asherahs. (Judges 3:7)
- _____2. The Israelites served Cushan-Rishathaim, king of Mesopotamia for eight years. (Judges 3:8)
- _____3. The Lord raised up Othniel to deliver the Israelites. (Judges 3:9)
- _____4. And again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord. (Judges 3:12)
- _____5. The children of Israel served Eglon, king of Moab, for eighteen years. (Judges 3:14)
- _____6. The Lord raised up Ehud to deliver the Israelites.
- _____7. After Ehud died, they did evil again. (Judges 4:1)

Lesson 8

Samson Defeats The Philistines

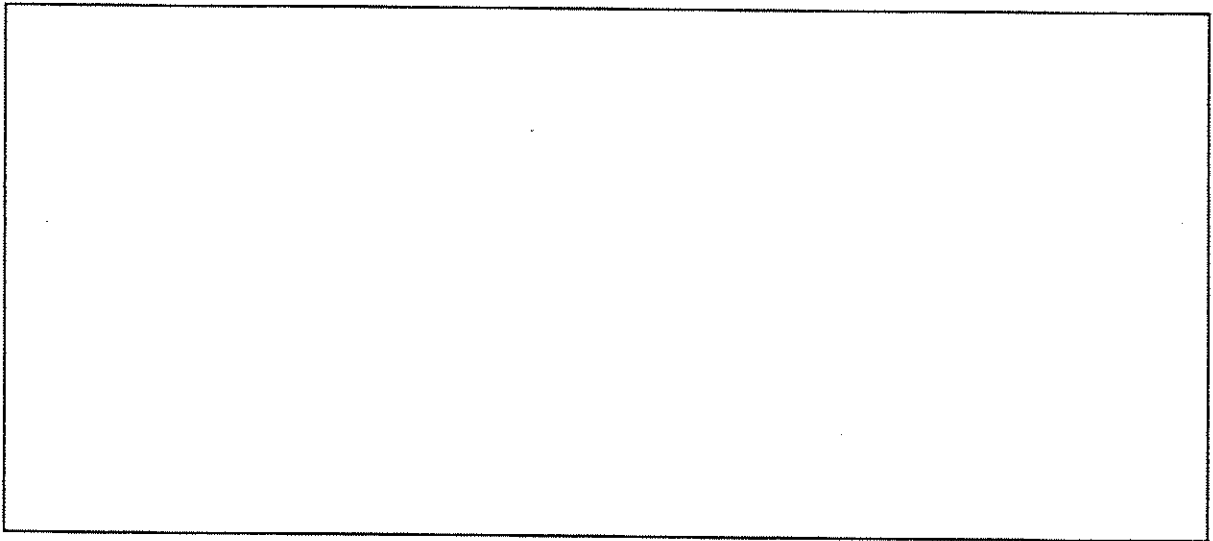
Judges 15-16



Read Judges 15:1-8

1. Who had Samson returned to see? _____
2. Why did her father refuse to allow Samson to see her? _____
3. How did Samson react? _____
4. What did Samson do? _____

Draw a picture of the foxes being let go into the wheat fields.



5. When the Philistines saw what had happened, what did they do? _____
6. After killing a large number of Philistines, where did Samson go? _____



Read Judges 15:9-13

Circle the correct words:

1. While Samson was hiding in the cleft of the rock, the Philistines went up to Judah and said they had come to **ARREST/ KILL** Samson.
2. The men of Judah went and found Samson and said they were going to **RESCUE HIM FROM/ GIVE HIM TO** the Philistines.
3. Samson asked the men of Judah not to **KILL HIM/ GIVE HIM TO THE PHILISTINES.**
4. The men of Judah **TIED SAMSON SECURELY/ KILLED SAMSON** and gave him to the Philistines.



Read Judges 15:14-20

Number these sentences in the correct order:

- _____ Samson broke loose from the ropes on his arms.
- _____ With the jawbone of a donkey, Samson killed 1,000 Philistines.
- _____ God gave Samson water from a hollow place.
- _____ The Spirit of the Lord came mightily on Samson.



Read Judges 16:1-5

Tell what Samson did when he found out the Gazites had found out he was in the city.



Read Judges 16:4-21

1. What did the Philistines want Delilah to find out about Samson?

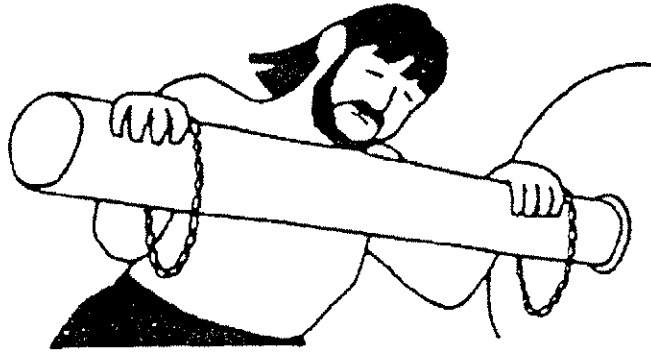
2. What were the first three things that Samson said would bind him?
(verse 7) _____
(verse 11) _____
(verse 13) _____
3. After he had told her each time, what happened? _____
4. Finally, what reason did he give for his great strength? _____
5. What happened after he confided in her? _____
6. What did she receive as payment for betraying Samson? (verse 5)

7. What did the Philistines do to Samson and where did they take him? _____
8. What happened to Samson's hair while he was in prison? _____
9. Do you think that Delilah loved Samson very much? Why? _____
10. Do you think Samson should have known not to tell her? Why? _____
11. What do you think Samson should have done once he realized she was trying to trick him? _____
12. Do you think Samson really got his strength from his hair? Why? _____



Read Judges 16:23-31

Check the correct answer:



1. The Philistines had gathered together to
☐ celebrate their capture of Samson.
☐ go into another battle.
2. During their celebration, they decided to
☐ have Samson put to death.
☐ bring him out to perform before them.
3. Samson asked to be
☐ put next to the pillars which supported the building.
☐ allowed to return to prison.
4. Samson called to the Lord and asked Him
☐ to strengthen him.
☐ deliver him from the Philistines.
5. Samson pushed on the pillars with all his strength
☐ and could do nothing because he had no strength.
☐ and the temple fell on him and all the people in it.
6. When the temple collapsed,
☐ there were about 3,000 men and women killed.
☐ all the people inside ran away.

Lesson 9

The Story Of Ruth

Ruth 1-4



Read Ruth 1:1-5

Use the names below to answer the following questions:

- _____ 1. This story happened during what period of Israelite history.
- _____ 2. A man who left his homeland because of a famine.
- _____ 3. Where was the man from?
- _____ 4. Where did he go during the famine?
- _____ 5. What was the man's wife's name?
- _____ 6. What were the names of the two sons?
- _____ 7. What were the names of the two daughters-in-law?
- _____ 8. Who died while they were living in Moab?

Elimelech

Naomi

Ruth

Judges

Bethlehem

Mahlon

Moab

Orpah

Chilion



Read Ruth 1:6-22

True/False

- _____ 1. Naomi decided to return to her land because she had heard that there was food there.
- _____ 2. Naomi told the two daughters-in-law that they had to return to Judah with her.
- _____ 3. At first she didn't want to go, but eventually, Orpah was persuaded to go back to her own people.
- _____ 4. Ruth also went back to her own people.
- _____ 5. When the two women came to Bethlehem, the people in the city were happy to see them.



Read Ruth 1:16-17

Fill in the missing words in Ruth's plea to stay with Naomi:

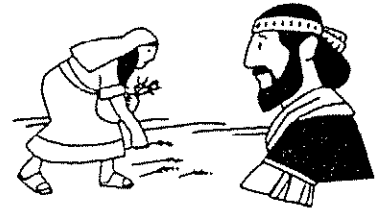
Entreat me not to _____
 Or to turn back from _____;
 For wherever you go, _____;
 And wherever you lodge, _____;
 Your people _____
 And your God, _____.

Where you die, _____
 And there I will be _____.
 The Lord do so to me and more also,
 If anything but death _____.

1. Was Ruth loyal to Naomi? _____
2. Was Ruth like most of the people living around the Israelites?
 Why? _____



Read Ruth 2:1-16



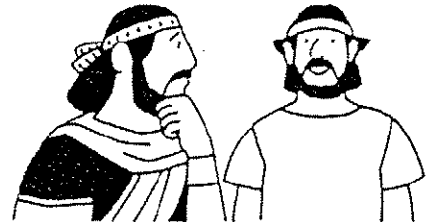
1. Who was Boaz? _____
2. How was Ruth gathering grain? _____

3. After Boaz found out who Ruth was, what did he tell her she could do? _____
4. What had Boaz heard about Ruth that made him want to be kind to her? _____
5. What special favors did Boaz do for Ruth? _____



Read Ruth 3:1-18

Check the correct answer:



1. Naomi sent Ruth to Boaz one evening to _____
_____ see if he would fulfill the duty of a near kinsman.
_____ get more grain.
2. In the Israelite law, the duty of a near kinsman was to (See Deut. 25:5-6)
_____ marry the wife of a brother who died.
_____ sell all the possessions of a brother who died.
3. When Boaz woke up he told Ruth
_____ to leave him alone.
_____ that he would do the duty of a kinsman if the other kinsman wouldn't.

Under Israelite law, if a woman's husband died, the nearest relative of the dead husband could marry the woman and carry on the family name. Boaz was very careful to make sure that the man who was really a closer relative, was willing for him to assume this responsibility. They made an agreement that Boaz could buy everything from Naomi, which would also entitle him to marry Ruth.



Read Ruth 4:1-22

1. Do you think Boaz was marrying Ruth only because of the law? Why? _____
2. Do you think Ruth could have found another husband if she had wanted to? _____
3. Do you think Boaz was wise to settle all of the legal matters before marrying Ruth? Why? _____
4. Do you think Naomi was grateful that this arrangement was made? Why? _____
5. What did they name the child that was born to Ruth and Boaz? _____
6. Who was Obed's grandson? _____
7. When Ruth was deciding to return to Israel with Naomi, do you think she realized that her great-grandson would someday be the king of Israel? _____
8. Many years later, who came through David's family? _____
9. Do you think God had a plan for Ruth? _____

What's The Meaning?

glean _____

kinsman _____

Lesson 10

Samuel Is Dedicated to God

I Samuel 1-3



As we come to the final stage of the period of the judges, Samuel will be born as a response to his mother's prayer for a child. He will be brought up by Eli, the priest, who is apparently also serving as somewhat of a judge. Samuel will serve as the judge during this transition from the period of judges to the kings.



Read I Samuel 1:1-7

1. What were the names of Elkanah's two wives? _____

2. What did Elkanah do each year? _____

3. What special favoritism did Elkanah show to Hannah? _____

4. Why did he do this for Hannah? _____

5. What did Peninnah do to Hannah? _____

6. How did Hannah react to this treatment? _____

7. Why do you think Peninnah provoked Hannah if she was the one that was able to have children? _____



Read I Samuel 1:8-17

Circle the correct words:

1. Elkanah did not understand why Hannah **WAS UPSET / COULD NOT HAVE A BABY.**
2. Hannah prayed to God for a baby and promised **SHE WOULD NAME HIM AFTER ELKANAH / GIVE HIM TO THE LORD.**
3. Eli, the priest, overheard Hanna and thought she was **DRUNK / FOOLISH.**
4. After Eli listened to Hannah, he told her **THAT GOD WOULD GRANT HER PRAYER / TO GO AWAY.**



Read I Samuel 1:19-28

True/False

- _____1. Hannah never had the baby she prayed for.
- _____2. They named the baby Samuel.
- _____3. When Elkanah went to worship, Hannah kept Samuel at home because he was still too young.
- _____4. Later on, when he was a little older, Hannah took Samuel and presented him to Eli, the priest.
- _____5. Hannah told Eli that this was the child that she had been praying for.
- _____6. Hannah told Eli that Samuel could work for the Lord until he was 21 years old.
- _____7. Samuel helped Eli, the priest. (See I Samuel 2:11)



Read I Samuel 2:22-36

Which verse tells us that . . .

1. Eli's sons were very evil? vs. _____
2. Samuel continued to grow and he pleased God? vs. _____
3. A man of God told Eli that both of his sons would die in one day? vs. _____
4. God said that he would raise up a faithful priest that would do what God wanted. vs. _____



Read I Samuel 3:1-21

The Thirteenth Judge _____ (See also I Samuel 4:18)
The Fourteenth Judge _____ (See also I Samuel 7:15)

1. How many times did the Lord call to Samuel before he realized who was speaking to him? _____
2. The next time the Lord spoke, what did Samuel say? _____

3. What was God's message about the house of Eli? _____

4. What should Eli have done with his sons? _____

5. Do you think Samuel wanted to tell Eli what the Lord had said? Why? _____

6. What was Samuel soon known as among the people? _____

Reviewing What You've Learned

Find the answers to the questions in the puzzle below:

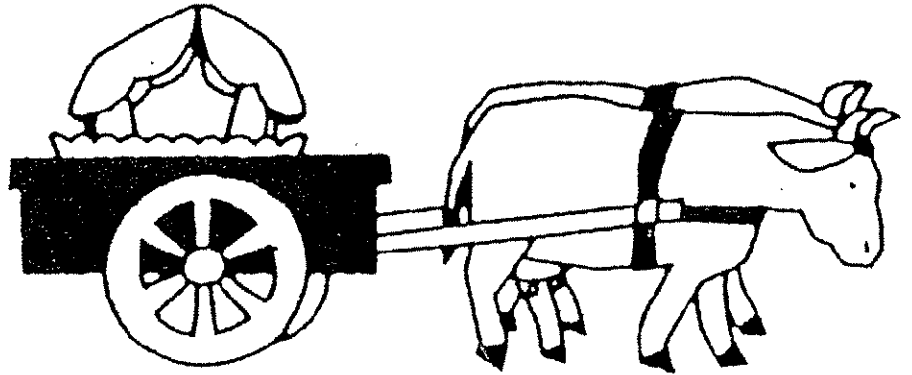
1. Who was the commander of the Israelite army while Deborah was judge?
2. Who was the only woman judge?
3. Who convinced Samson to tell where he strength came from?
4. Who killed King Eglon with a long dagger?
5. Who had two wives named Hannah and Peninnah?
6. Who fought the Midianites with 300 men?
7. Who promised to dedicate her child to the Lord?
8. Who killed Sisera with a tentpeg?
9. Who captured Samson and put out his eyes?
10. Who was the commander of the Canaanite army who was eventually killed by a woman?
11. Who made a rash vow which involved his daughter?
12. Who was the first judge in Israel?
13. Who tied the tails of some foxes together and set fire to the Philistine crops?
14. Who heard the Lord speak to him during the night?
15. Who killed 600 Philistines with an oxgoad?

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Lesson 11

The Ark Is Captured

1 Samuel 4-6



Read 1 Samuel 4:1-11

1. Who was winning the battle between the Israelites and the Philistines? _____
2. What suggestion was made by the elders? _____
3. What two men were with the ark in Shiloh? _____
4. What did the people do when the ark arrived in the camp? _____
5. How did the Philistines react when they heard the shout? _____
6. Who won the battle? Why? _____
7. Who died in the battle? _____
8. What happened to the ark of the covenant? _____
9. What could be one reason why the Lord allowed the army of the Philistines to defeat the Israelites? _____
10. Why do you think the people thought that God would be with them if they had the ark in the battle? _____



Read / Samuel 4:12-18

Fill in the blanks with the correct words:

1. A man of Benjamin ran to Shiloh to give the news of the _____.
2. When he got there, _____ was sitting on a seat anxious to hear the news of the battle.
3. Eli was now an old man and he was _____.
4. The messenger told Eli that the Israelites had been _____ and that his two sons were _____ and that the _____ had been captured.
5. When Eli heard that the ark was captured, he fell off the seat backwards and _____.



Read / Samuel 5:1-5

Number these sentences in the correct order:

- _____ The next morning they found Dagon fallen over.
- _____ The priests of Dagon wouldn't enter the house any more.
- _____ The Philistines captured the ark of God and took it to Ashdod.
- _____ After they set it back up, the next morning it had fallen and broken.
- _____ The Philistines put the ark of the covenant in the house of their idol, Dagon.



Read I Samuel 5:6-12

1. What happened in the cities of Ashdod, Gath and Ekron while the ark of the covenant was in their cities? _____

2. Each time, what did the people think they ought to do with the ark of the covenant? _____
3. Do you think it was important to God that the ark of the covenant was not in its proper place? Why? _____

4. Even though the Philistines had won the battle against the Israelites, did it give them the power to do whatever they wanted to do against God's people? _____



Read I Samuel 6:1-7:1

Fill in the blanks with the correct words:

- _____ 1. Who the Philistines sent for to ask what they should do with the ark.
- _____ 2. What the diviners said they should send with the ark.
- _____ 3. What they made to carry the ark on.
- _____ 4. What pulled the cart carrying the ark.
- _____ 5. How the people of Beth Shemesh reacted when they saw the ark.
- _____ 6. What the Lord did to 50,070 men for looking in the ark.
- _____ 7. The ark of the covenant was taken to the house of this man.

Reviewing What You've Learned

Fill in the missing names of the judges:

Othniel

Ibzan

Deborah

Samson

Jair

God's Plan

1. Do you think that Hannah realized how important Samuel would become in God's plan for His people? _____
2. Do you think it was hard for Hannah to give Samuel to Eli the priest? Why? _____
3. Do you think that God had a plan for Samuel even before he was born? _____
4. Why did God send the judges? _____
5. Were the people in this condition at this time? _____
6. What would the people have to do? _____
7. Who has God sent to help us today? _____
8. What do we have to do to receive the blessings Jesus can give?

Reviewing *The Period of the Judges*

Matching: *Some answers may be used more than once.*

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| 1. | The first judge of Israel. | _____ | Othniel |
| 2. | The judge that killed King Eglon with a large dagger. | _____ | Ehud |
| | | _____ | Shamgar |
| 3. | The judge that defeated the Midianites with an army of 300 men. | _____ | Deborah |
| | | _____ | Gideon |
| 4. | The judge that killed 600 Philistines with an ox goad. | _____ | Jephthah |
| 5. | The judge that went into battle with Barak, the commander of the Israelite army. | _____ | Samson |
| | | _____ | Samuel |
| 6. | The judge that made a hasty vow that involved his daughter. | | |
| 7. | The judge that tied the tails of some foxes together and then set the fields on fire. | | |
| 8. | The judge that was raised in the temple by the priest, Eli. | | |
| 9. | The judge that received two signs from God involving a fleece of wool. | | |
| 10. | The judge that carried the gate of the city away. | | |

1. Number these sentences in the correct order as they apply to the stages through which the Israelites went during the period of the judges.

_____ God allowed the enemies of the Israelites to make life hard for them.

_____ God sent a judge to help the Israelites.

_____ The Israelites disobeyed God.

_____ The Israelites prayed to God for help.

2. How did a woman named Jael help Barak defeat the army of the Canaanites? _____

3. Who persuaded Samson to tell her how he could be bound? _____

4. What did the 300 men in Gideon's army carry as they went into battle against the Midianites? _____

5. What did Eli, the priest, overhear Hannah praying for? _____

6. What did the Israelites decide to take with them into the battle against the Philistines? _____
7. What were the names of some of the judges who we know very little about? _____
8. When they entered the promised land, why had God wanted them to drive out all of the inhabitants in the land? _____
9. What was the name of the idol that many of the inhabitants in the land worshipped? _____

Word Power Review

Matching:

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|----|--|-------|-----------------|
| 1. | The name of the false gods worshipped by the people of Canaan. | _____ | idols |
| | | _____ | Baal |
| 2. | An open, two- or four-wheeled cart pulled by horses. | _____ | tribute |
| | | _____ | chariot |
| 3. | To pick the fruit or grain that the harvesters missed. | _____ | threshing floor |
| | | _____ | Nazarite |
| 4. | A statue or other image of a god that is made by people and then worshipped as if it had the power of God. | _____ | glean |
| | | _____ | kinsman |
| 5. | A relative. | | |
| 6. | A Hebrew person who promised to serve God in a special way for a certain length of time. | | |
| 7. | The place where grain was trampled by oxen or beaten with a stick to separate the heads of grain from the stalk. | | |
| 8. | Money a weaker nation was made to pay to a stronger nation. | | |