

I'm In The Lord's Army



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Lesson 10

Using Unusual Weapons

Your child should understand...

Faith—Trust in God's power

Your child should be able to...

1. Name the first four judges.
2. Identify three unusual weapons the judges used.
3. Identify who really delivered Israel each time.
4. Sing the "Judges Song."
(to the tune of "One Little, Two Little, Three Little Indians")
Othniel, Ehud, Shamgar, Deborah, also Gideon, Tola, Jair,
Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon, Samson, Eli, and Samuel!

Your child should be memorizing...

Judges 17:6

"In those days Israel didn't have a king. The people did anything they thought was right."

Please read to your child:

Thursday	Judges 4:1, 4-9
Friday	Judges 4:14, 16-21
Saturday	Judges 6:1-3, 5, 12-18
Monday	Judges 6:36-40; Judges 7:2, 4-7
Tuesday	Judges 7:16-22; Judges 8:28, 33-34

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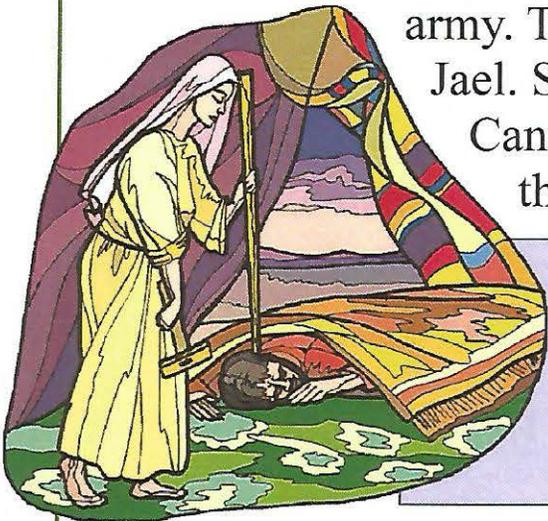
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God's people kept doing wrong things over and over. They kept making friends with the Canaanites and worshiping their idols instead of worshiping God. God sent judges to lead Israel—first Othniel, then Ehud, Shamgar, and Deborah.

Can you say the names of the first four judges of Israel?

Shamgar saved Israel by killing 600 Philistines with an oxgoad. An oxgoad is a sharp stick used to make an ox move. The

Israelites were faithful for a while, but then did evil again. This time God let a wicked Canaanite king make the Israelites his slaves. Again they begged God to save them. So Deborah and Barak took an army of 10,000 men to fight the wicked Canaanite army. They had some help from a woman named Jael. She killed Sisera, the captain of the Canaanite army, by hammering a tent peg through his head while he slept!



What weapon did Shamgar use to kill 600 Philistines?

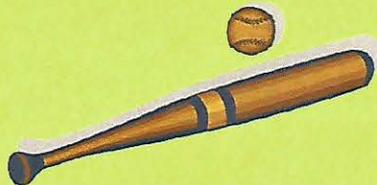
How was Sisera killed?

The Israelites were faithful for a while, but then they did evil again. This time God let the people from Midian come into Israel with all their animals—hundreds of animals! They came every year just as the Israelites were ready to pick all of their grain and fruit. The animals ate all of it so the Israelites had nothing to eat. The Israelites begged God for help.

So God's angel told Gideon to lead His people. But Gideon wasn't sure that God would really help him. One night Gideon laid a sheepskin on the ground. He asked God to send dew on just the fleece, but not on the ground around it. God did what Gideon asked. The next night, Gideon laid a sheepskin on the ground and asked God to send dew on the *ground*, but *not* on the fleece. God did that, too. Now Gideon was sure that God would help him!

God said Gideon's army was too big. God made him send all but 300 soldiers home. Now his army was so small! And the enemy had more men and animals than they could count. But God knew what He was doing. He wanted Gideon to know that it was God, not Gideon or his soldiers, who would win the battle. Gideon took his 300 men with some trumpets and torches and surprised the Midianite army at night. The Midianites were so scared by the noise of the trumpets and the light from the torches that they started killing *one another*!

Circle the pictures of weapons Gideon and his army used:



It was never just the judges or the soldiers who saved Israel from their enemies. It was always God. It was *God* who made the unusual weapons so powerful. God saves *us*, too, when we love and obey His Son Jesus!

**Who always won the battles for Israel?
Was it the judges? NO! Was it the soldiers? NO!
Was it the unusual weapons? NO!**

It was _____ !

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Memory Verse:

Say your memory verse 3 times *with* your mother or daddy and 3 times *for* your mother or daddy.

Judges 17:6

“In those days Israel didn’t have a king. The people did anything they thought was right.”

“The Judges Song”

Learn this song, and be ready to sing it in class!

(to the tune of “One Little, Two Little, Three Little Indians”)

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Barak, Gideon, Tola, Jair,
Jephthah, Ibzan, Elon, Abdon,
Samson, Eli, and Samuel!



Operation Bible Facts

How many books are in the whole Bible? (66) Say them!

Say **John 3:16** in a very soft voice.

(“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.”)

Look at your **Bible map**, and let your fingers “wander around” in the **Wilderness** where the Israelites wandered for forty years.