

# I'm In The Lord's Army



## Parents' Page

*Lesson 11*

## God Helping His People

### Your child should understand...

Obedience—Keeping a promise even when it is hard

### Your child should be able to...

1. Identify why worshiping idols was so tempting to Israel.
2. Identify Jephthah's promise to God.
3. Identify the painful result of Jephthah's promise to God.

### 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 10:10-16
Friday	Judges 11:1, 4-6, 9-11
Saturday	Judges 11:12-16, 27-28
Monday	Judges 11:30-32, 34-36
Tuesday	Judges 12:1-4, 7

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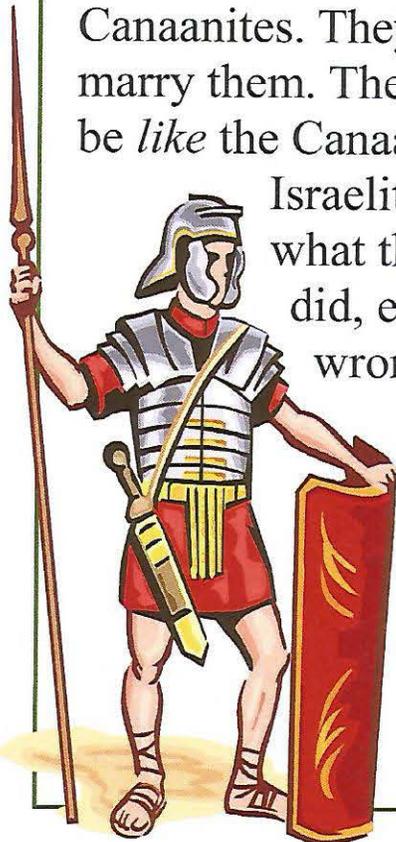
Gideon led the Israelites, and they were faithful for a while. But again they worshiped the Canaanite idols. So God used another nation to punish them. The next judges God raised up were Tola and then Jair. But the Israelites just kept doing the same bad things over and over again.

They worshiped idols. So God gave them to the Philistines and the Ammonites, two mighty armies. The Israelites confessed that they had been evil. They begged God to save them from the Philistines and Ammonites. By this time, God was very angry with them. He told them if they wanted to be saved, maybe they should go ask the Canaanite gods to save them!

The Israelites had let some of the Canaanites stay in the Promised Land, so they were tempted to worship the Canaanites' idols. They

wanted to be friends with the Canaanites. They wanted to marry them. They wanted to be *like* the Canaanites. The Israelites wanted to do what their friends did, even if it was wrong!

**True or False?**  
**The Israelites were tempted to worship idols because they had let some Canaanites stay in the Promised Land with them.**



At last, God agreed to save them. He chose Jephthah to take the Israelites into battle. Jephthah trusted God to lead the battle, and he trusted God to win the battle. Jephthah was so excited about going into battle with God on his side that he made a promise to God. He told God

that after they won the battle, he would go home and sacrifice to the Lord the first thing that came to meet him. Jephthah thought a goat or a bull might be the first thing he saw.

**Circle the pictures of the things Jephthah *thought* he might see first and sacrifice to God:**



But when Jephthah got home, his only child, a daughter, ran out to meet him. When Jephthah saw her, he cried and cried because he would have to sacrifice her. Jephthah made a promise without thinking about what might happen. We must always think carefully before making a promise, or it may be hard for us to keep that promise. It was hard for Jephthah.

**Circle the picture of the one Jephthah *did* see first and had to sacrifice because he had made a promise:**



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### Memory Verse:

Judges 17:6

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

**Fill in the blanks in your memory verse.**

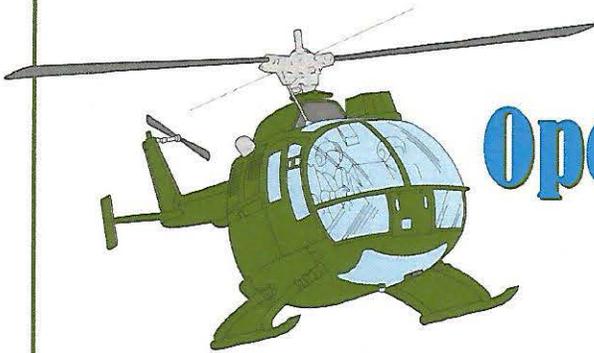
\_\_\_\_\_ 17:6

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## Operation Bible Facts

What is the book of **Genesis** about?  
(Creation, Flood, Tower of Babel,  
Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Joseph)

Say the names of **Jesus’ twelve apostles**.

(Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Thomas,  
Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, Thaddaeus, Simon, Judas)

On your **Bible map**, put your **thumb** on **Mount Nebo**.