

I'm In The Lord's Army



Parents' Page

Lesson 9

Taking the Land as Their Own

Your child should understand...

Obedience—Carrying out God's commands completely

Your child should be able to...

1. Identify that Israel should not have left any Canaanites in the land.
2. Identify the fact that God used other nations to discipline His people.
3. Identify the first two judges.

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 1:1-4, 19-21

Friday

Judges 1:28; Judges 2:1-3

Saturday

Judges 2:7, 10-16 *read*

Monday

Judges 3:7-11

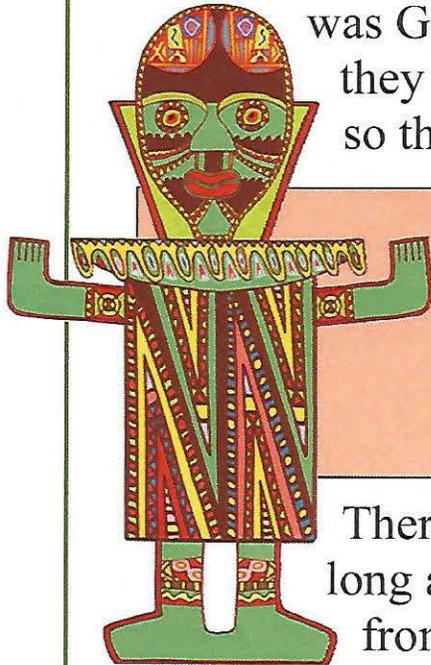
Tuesday

Judges 3:12, 15-23, 26

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Joshua was 110 years old when he died. Joshua had been faithful to God all of his life. But when his grandsons and their friends grew up, they began to make friends with the Canaanites. They married the Canaanites and started worshiping their gods. They should never have left any Canaanites in the land. They forgot that God had brought their grandfathers out of Egypt. They forgot that God had made them a great and mighty nation. They forgot that it was God who had given them the beautiful land that they lived in. They wanted to be like their neighbors, so they forgot *God*. And it made God very angry.



Did God want the Israelites to leave any Canaanites in their land? Circle one:

Yes

No

There were some big, mighty nations around Israel. As long as Israel was faithful to God, He protected them from those nations. But then God's people began to worship idols and marry Canaanites. So God let the king of Mesopotamia attack Israel and turn all of them into his slaves. Remember they had been slaves back in Egypt. Now their disobedience had made them slaves again! They were slaves to Mesopotamia for eight years, and they begged God to help them.

So God chose Caleb's nephew Othniel to take some soldiers and attack the king of Mesopotamia. Othniel was the first judge of Israel. God gave the king of Mesopotamia to Othniel and His people. God set them free! They were so happy, and they were

faithful to God for a while. But, forty years went by, and Israel did the same thing again. They worshiped the idols of the Canaanites instead of worshiping God. So God let the king of Moab turn them into slaves for eighteen years. Again they begged God to help them.

Circle the word that goes in the blank.

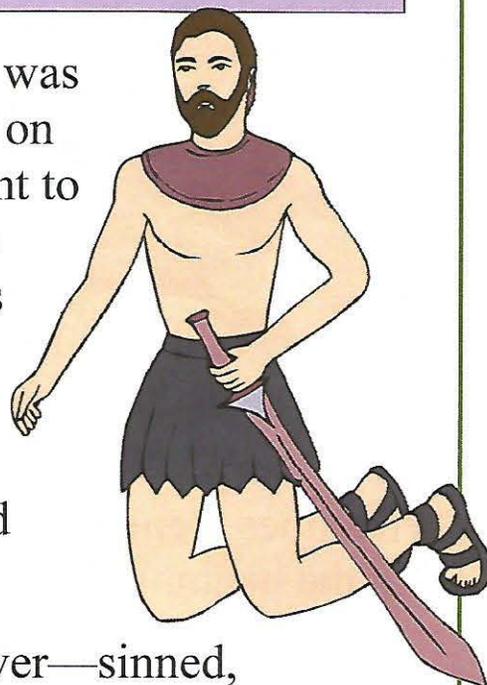
When the Israelites started worshiping idols, God let other nations make them their _____.

pets

slaves

toys

This time God chose Ehud to be judge. Ehud was left-handed. He made a sword that was sharp on both sides. He took his special sword and went to see the king of Moab. They were alone in the throne room. The king didn't know Ehud was left-handed, so when Ehud reached for his sword with his left hand, the king wasn't afraid. Ehud killed the king and got away before anyone knew about it. Once again God saved His people!

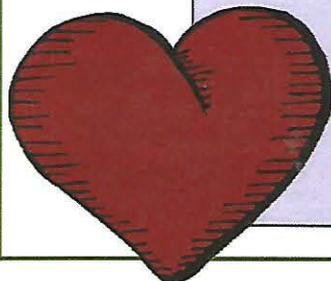


The Israelites did the same things over and over—sinned, became slaves, were sorry, and begged God to save them, sinned, became slaves, were sorry, and begged God to save them. God loved His people so much and must have been so disappointed with them.

The first two judges of Israel were...

Joshua and Caleb

Othniel and Ehud



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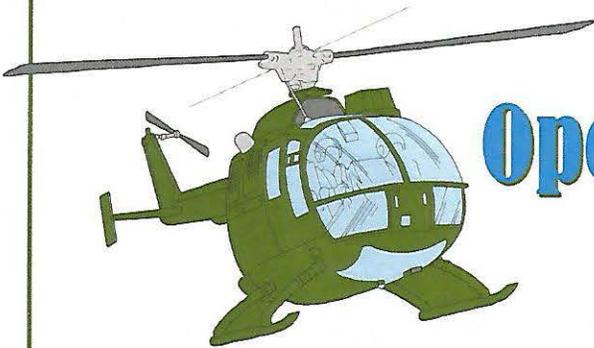
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Memory Verse:

Here is your **new memory verse**. Practice saying it over and over again with your mother or daddy.

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Operation Bible Facts

What is the book of **Deuteronomy** about?

(Moses teaching Israel about loving and obeying God)

What does **Genesis 1:1** say?

(“In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth.”)

On your **Bible map**, put your **pinkie finger** on **Mount Sinai**.