

Unit 5 at a Glance

Judges

Unit Overview

The students continue their Old Testament survey with this exciting study from the period of the judges. From Deborah to Ruth, and Gideon to Samuel, the students will be amazed and inspired by Israel's leaders. The students will also take a sober look at the consequences of disobedience in the lives of Eli's sons and of Saul. Ultimately, the students will learn that God leads the way for his people.

Unit Goals

- The students will understand that God has a plan to lead his people.
- The students will understand that God does not bless disobedience.
- The students will learn the importance of spiritual leadership.

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Lesson 1 Deborah

Scripture Memory Verse

Judges 5:2

**When the princes in Israel take the lead,
when the people willingly offer themselves—
praise the LORD!**

Deborah led God's people as prophetess and judge. Through her courage, God protected his people. The students will be inspired to think of ways that they can be courageous too.

Lesson 2 Gideon

Scripture Memory Verse

Psalms 118:6-7

The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid.

What can man do to me?

The LORD is with me; he is my helper.

I will look in triumph on my enemies.

Least in his own eyes, Gideon was chosen by God. Gideon tested God and accepted his help to lead Israel to great victory. The students will consider how God can help them overcome difficult situations in their lives.

Lesson 3 Samson

Scripture Memory Verse

1 Corinthians 15:33

Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."

God's truth shines in dark times as Samson's strength prevails. As the events of Samson's life unfold, the students will consider ways that God gives strength to the righteous as well as the importance of choosing friends who love God.

Lesson 4 Hannah: Birth of Samuel

Scripture Memory Verse

1 John 5:14

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.

Hearts are moved as Hannah pours out her heart in prayer. The students will not only see how God answered Hannah's prayer, but will also think of things that they can bring to God in prayer.

Lesson 5 Eli and His Sons

Scripture Memory Verse

Ephesians 6:2-3

"Honor your father and mother"—which is the first commandment with a promise—"that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth."

Eli's sons come to a tragic end as a result of their disrespect for God and disobedience to their father. The students will consider the outcome of these sins and state ways that they will respectfully obey their parents.

Lesson 6 Samuel and Saul

Scripture Memory Verse

1 Samuel 15:22

**To obey is better than sacrifice,
and to heed is better than the fat of rams.**

Israel watched the rise and fall of King Saul. Anointed by Samuel with a great future, Saul fell prey to deceit, pride and disobedience. In view of this, the students will explain ways they will obey God completely.

Lesson 7 Ruth

Scripture Memory Verse

Ruth 1:16

But Ruth replied, "Don't urge me to leave you or to turn back from you. Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay. Your people will be my people and your God my God."

Trusting God when it hurt, Ruth—a young widow—remained faithful to God and her family. Ruth's loyalty is expressed in hard work and devotion, and God's blessings are poured out on her abundantly. The students will consider ways they can express loyalty in their lives.



3rd and 4th Grades



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Dear Parent,

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On the reverse side of this page, you will find an outline and a description of the lessons that comprise this unit. Included with each lesson is a Scripture Memory Verse for you to review with your child at home.

Your active involvement outside the classroom is essential and will truly make the Kingdom Kids Curriculum a great success for your child. Here are some suggested ways you can reinforce these lessons at home:

- Have a family devotional on "My Favorite Judge." Use the lesson outlines provided on the other side of this page to help you prepare your child to plan and lead the devotional.
- Write a thank you letter from your family to a leader in your church. Express specific appreciation for things that inspire and motivate you about their lives and leadership.
- Make an ABC's of Obedience. Think of different ways for your family to obey God and for your child to obey you that begin with each letter of the alphabet. Write them on colorful paper or on the computer. Display it in a place where everyone in the family can see it.
- Have a family scripture memory contest to see how well everyone is learning the memory verses from this unit.

We look forward to being partners with you to help your child grow to know and love God more.

Thank you,

Your child's teachers