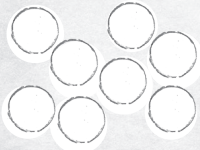


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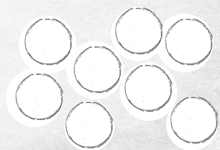
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Leader BIBLE STUDY

Following Joshua's death, the Israelites were without a leader. They fell into a cycle of sin that can be seen during each reign of the judges. The cycle is marked by an *A-B-C-D-E* pattern. Let's look at the first judge, Othniel, to see this pattern.

First, the people fell into *Apostasy*. They turned away from God and served other gods. (Judg. 3:7) Next, they experienced a period of *Bondage*. God was angry with the Israelites, and He gave them into the hand of the king of Aram. (v. 8) Third, the people *Cried* out to God. (v. 9) God sent a *Deliverer* to save them. (vv. 9-10) Finally, they had *Ease* in the land. (v. 11) Then Othniel died.

This pattern continued with Ehud. The people had again turned from God. Their apostasy made God angry. He sent them into bondage by strengthening the king of Moab to defeat Israel. The Israelites served the king of Moab for 18 years.

The Moabites were well-fed, especially the king. They enjoyed the fruit of the Israelites' labor while the Israelites went hungry. By thrusting a sword into the king's belly, Ehud disemboweled the king and left him dead on the floor of his room. The fat covered over the handle of the sword so that Ehud could not remove it.

After Ehud delivered Israel, the Israelites struck down the Moabites and there was peace in the land for eighty years. But Ehud would die, and they would need another judge to lead them.

The Israelites needed someone better than a judge; they needed a king who would save them not only from the consequences of their sin, but the sin itself. That was all part of God's plan. God sent a true Deliverer; His Son, Jesus, died for our sin and delivered us forever from the oppression of sin and death.



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The BIBLE STORY

The First Judges

Judges 3:7-31

Joshua had died. Without a strong leader, the Israelites began to disobey God and worship false gods. They forgot about the one true God. God was angry. He let an enemy king take over the Israelites, and they served the king for eight years.

Then the Israelites remembered how good they had it when they loved and obeyed God. They cried out to Him, “Save us!” God wanted the people to love and obey Him, so God raised up Othniel (AHTH nih el) to rule over them as the first judge.

Othniel led the Israelites into battle against the king of Aram, and God helped the Israelites win. **The land was peaceful for 40 years, then Othniel died.**

Again, Israel forgot about God. God gave the king of Moab power to attack the Israelites and defeat them. The Israelites served the king of Moab for 18 years. The Israelites were sad. They remembered how good they had it when they loved and obeyed God. They cried out to Him, “Save us!” So God raised up Ehud (EE huhd) to save them.

The Israelites sent Ehud to the king of Moab, who was a very fat man. Ehud had a double-edged sword under his clothes. Ehud said, “I have a secret message for you.” The king dismissed all his attendants so he was alone with Ehud.

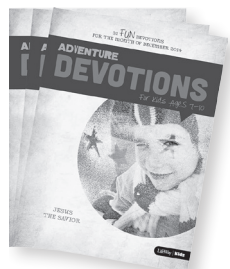
When the king stood up, Ehud pulled out his sword. He pushed it into the king’s belly. The sword was swallowed up by the king’s fat. Ehud couldn’t even pull it out! Ehud escaped down the porch, locking the doors

of the room behind him. Ehud was gone when **the king's servants came in.** The door was locked and they thought he was using the bathroom. They waited, but the king never opened the door. The servants got worried, so they unlocked the door **and found their king dead** on the floor!

When Ehud escaped, he blew a ram's horn and he became the Israelites' leader. "God will help us defeat our enemies, the Moabites," Ehud told them. So the Israelites battled the Moabites and took control over them. **There was peace in the land for 80 years.**

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**WANT TO
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Small Group OPENING

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KEY PASSAGE: Isaiah 33:22

BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.

Welcome time

Greet each kid as he or she arrives. Use this time to collect the offering, fill out attendance sheets, and help new kids connect to your group.

As kids arrive, allow them to share any knock-knock jokes they know. Consider sharing the following:

Knock, knock.

Who's there?

Nobody.

Nobody who?

[Say nothing.]

SAY • In today's Bible story, a king's servants knocked on the king's door, but nobody answered. We will find out why.

Activity page (5 minutes)

Invite kids to complete "Who's There?" on the activity page. Kids will color in the even-numbered spaces. Instruct them to turn the page sideways to discover the name of one of Israel's first judges. (*Ehud*)

SAY • Have you ever met anyone named Ehud before? That's the name of a man in today's Bible story.

- "Who's There?" activity page, 1 per kid
- pencils or markers

Session starter (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: Share a secret

Guide kids to play a game of telephone. Kids should sit in a circle. Choose one player to begin. Whisper a secret phrase in her ear, such as “The king will arrive for the pancake dinner at 7:15 p.m.”

Kids should pass the secret message around the circle until it reaches the end. Allow the final player to say the phrase aloud. Was the message communicated clearly?

SAY • The judge in today’s Bible story told the king of Moab that he had a secret to tell him. I wonder what happened next!

OPTION 2: Non-dominant hand challenge

Choose three or four volunteers to compete at a time.

Guide the volunteers to stand at the front of the room.

Give each volunteer a pencil and paper. Then announce a task they must complete with their non-dominant hand. (Right-handed people must use their left hand, and vice versa.) Sample tasks:

- Write your name.
- Write today’s date.
- Draw a circle.
- Draw a tree.

Applaud kids for their efforts. Choose new volunteers and play again with the same task or a new one.

SAY • Most people are right-handed. Today’s Bible story is about someone who was left-handed. Raise your hand if you are left-handed!



- backpacks
- paper
- pencils

Transition to large group

Large Group LEADER

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- room decorations
- Theme Background Slide (optional)

Suggested Theme Decorating Ideas: Simulate a casual restaurant by positioning one or two tables at the front of the room with chairs around them. Display a large chalkboard or dry erase board containing a menu and daily special. You may arrange place settings on the tables.

Countdown

- countdown video
- “The Big Story” video (optional)

Show the countdown video as your kids arrive, and set it to end as large group time begins. Since this is the start of a new unit, consider showing the video “The Big Story.”

Introduce the session (3 minutes)

[Large Group Leader enters wearing khaki pants, a solid-colored shirt, an apron, and a hat. Leader carries a Bible.]

- leader attire
- Bible

LEADER • Well, hello there! Are you Huddy? No? Hmm ...

I am waiting for a new employee to train today. I've been working here at this restaurant for almost two years, so part of my job is training new employees. It's actually a lot of fun! Well, since Huddy isn't here yet, I am going to take my break and spend some time with you.

[Hold up the Bible.] Now, raise your hand if you can tell me what this is. *[Allow kids to answer.]* Of course, of course. You already know that. Well, I

bet you don't know about the men and women who served as judges over Israel. These judges don't have anything to do with courtrooms or lawyers, though.

Giant timeline (1 minute)

LEADER • Does anyone see where we are on our timeline?

I'll give you a hint: We are in the Old Testament.

The Israelites had entered the promised land, Moses and Joshua had died, and ... wait! If Moses was dead and Joshua was dead, who led the Israelites? I see here that our Bible story today is called "The First Judges." Do you think the judges led the Israelites? Let's find out!

• Giant Timeline or Big Story Circle

Tell the Bible story (10 minutes)

Open your Bible to Judges 3:7-31. Tell the Bible story in your own words, or show the Bible story video "The First Judges."

LEADER • Oh, wow! The Israelites were not in a good situation. When Joshua died, what happened? (*The Israelites forgot about God.*) Yes! **God's people turned from Him to worship idols.** So God let their enemies, the Moabites, rule over them. Do you think the Moabites were nice to the people of Israel? No way!

The Israelites remembered how much better their lives were when they followed God, so they cried out to Him, "Save us!" God sent someone to be a judge over them and to lead them. Can anyone tell me one of the names of the first three judges?

Call on kids who raise their hands to respond.

LEADER • That's right. The name of the first judge was

• Bibles
• "The First Judges" video
• Big Picture Question Poster
• Bible Story Picture Poster

Othniel. What happened when he died? (*The Israelites forgot about God, so God let their enemies take over.*) When the Israelites called out to God again, he sent a second judge. This man's name was Ehud.

Who did Ehud go to talk to? (*the king of Moab*)
What happened when Ehud went to see the king?
(*Ehud killed the king.*)

After Ehud died, the Israelites forgot about God again. So God let their enemies take over. When the Israelites called out to God, he sent a third judge. His name was Shamgar.

God rescued His people from their enemies, and He used the judges to do it. ***How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.***

The judges saved the people from consequences of their sin—namely, their enemies overtaking them. But the judges could not save the people from sin; they could not make the people stop sinning. God had a plan to send someone who could: His Son, Jesus. Many years later, Jesus came to be the King of His people. Jesus saves people from sin forever.

Big picture question (1 minute)

LEADER • What a great story! I love hearing about the incredible ways God accomplishes His plan. You know, that is our big picture question. ***How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.*** Let's say it together. ***How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.***

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me (optional)

LEADER • Can you think of another time God used people for His glory and our good? Think about the death of His Son, Jesus. God used the evil actions of the people who killed Jesus on the cross to save people from sin.

Use Scripture and the guide provided with this session to explain to boys and girls how to become a Christian. Assign individuals to meet with kids who have more questions.

Encourage boys and girls to ask their parents, small group leaders, or other Christian adults any questions they may have about becoming a Christian.

Tip: Provide *I'm a Christian Now* for new Christians to take home and complete with their families.

Key passage (5 minutes)

Show the key passage poster. Lead the boys and girls to read together Isaiah 33:22.

LEADER • Great! This verse tells us four things about God. Can anyone tell me what those four things are? (*He is our Judge, lawgiver, and King. He will save us.*)

Exactly! So, what do you think of when you hear the word *judge*? [*Allow kids to respond.*] Very interesting. A judge is someone who has authority and makes decisions about what is right and wrong.

We heard in today's Bible story that God chose people to be judges over Israel. But the judges were not the ultimate authority. This verse says that God is our Judge. Even though God chose people to lead the Israelites, we know that ultimately, He is in charge. ***How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.***

Guide kids to read the verse again. Then play the song "He Will Save Us" and invite kids to sing along.

- Key Passage Poster
- "He Will Save Us" song

• “Unit 9, Session 1”
discussion starter
video

Discussion starter video (4 minutes)

LEADER • Before Joshua died, he told the Israelites to remember God. He told them not to forget all the things God had done. He warned them that if they forgot God, they would be punished. But what did the Israelites do after Joshua died? They forgot God!

Do you always listen to warnings you hear? Think about that as you watch this video.

Show the “Unit 9, Session 1” discussion starter video.

LEADER • Frosty ignored the warnings, and then he got into trouble. Did Frosty deserve help?

Allow kids to discuss the video. Then guide them to talk about whether or not the Israelites deserved to be rescued from their enemies. Why did God rescue them?

Remind kids that everyone has sinned, and our sin separates us from God.

LEADER • We need to be rescued from our sin. Do we deserve to be rescued? No. God would be right to punish us for our sin. But He loves us and sent Jesus to rescue us from sin.

Sing (4 minutes)

• “All for Your Glory” song

LEADER • God’s grace—the favor He gives us even though we don’t deserve it—makes me want to sing!

Lead kids in singing “All for Your Glory.”

Pray (2 minutes)

Invite kids to pray before dismissing to small groups. Pray, thanking God for being a God who rescues and delivers.

Dismiss to small groups

The Gospel: God's Plan for Me

Ask kids if they have ever heard the word *gospel*. Clarify that the word *gospel* means “good news.” It is the message about Christ, the kingdom of God, and salvation. Use the following guide to share the gospel with kids.



God rules. Explain to kids that the Bible tells us God created everything, and He is in charge of everything. Invite a volunteer to read Genesis 1:1 from the Bible. Read Revelation 4:11 or Colossians 1:16-17 aloud and explain what these verses mean.



We sinned. Tell kids that since the time of Adam and Eve, everyone has chosen to disobey God. (Romans 3:23) The Bible calls this sin. Because God is holy, God cannot be around sin. Sin separates us from God and deserves God's punishment of death. (Romans 6:23)



God provided. Choose a child to read John 3:16 aloud. Say that God sent His Son, Jesus, the perfect solution to our sin problem, to rescue us from the punishment we deserve. It's something we, as sinners, could never earn on our own. Jesus alone saves us. Read and explain Ephesians 2:8-9.



Jesus gives. Share with kids that Jesus lived a perfect life, died on the cross for our sins, and rose again. Because Jesus gave up His life for us, we can be welcomed into God's family for eternity. This is the best gift ever! Read Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21; or 1 Peter 3:19.



We respond. Tell kids that they can respond to Jesus. Read Romans 10:9-10,13. Review these aspects of our response: Believe in your heart that Jesus alone saves you through what He's already done on the cross. Repent, turning from self and sin to Jesus. Tell God and others that your faith is in Jesus.

Offer to talk with any child who is interested in responding to Jesus.

Small Group LEADER

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BIG PICTURE QUESTION: How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.

Key passage activity (5 minutes)

- Key Passage Poster
- ball of yarn or string

Instruct kids to stand in a circle. Show the key passage poster and lead kids to read Isaiah 33:22 aloud together. Then give a ball of yarn or string to one kid. Guide him to say the first word.

Then he should hold the end of the string and pass the rest to another kid. She will say the second word, hold a piece of the string, and pass the rest to another player.

Continue until kids form a web as they say the verse two or three times.

SAY • Great job, everyone. Keep working to memorize our key passage over the next few weeks.

Bible story review & Bible skills (10 minutes)

- Bibles, 1 per kid
- Main Point Poster
- "Review Relay Cards" printable
- tape

Invite kids to play a review relay. Mix up the review relay cards and attach them face-out on a focal wall. Form three or four teams. Give each team a Bible and guide kids to stand at the far side of the room.

When you say go, the first player from each team will run to the cards and grab a question. He should bring it back to his team, and they should work together to look up the reference in the Bible to find the answer.

Then another player should race to grab the answer

card and return it to the team. The team should continue collecting question and answer pairs until teams have collected all the cards.

Option: Retell or review the Bible story using the bolded text of the Bible story script.

1. Why did God allow Israel to be defeated by their enemies? (*The Israelites forgot about God and worshiped false gods, Judges 3:7-8*)
2. Who was the first judge to rule over Israel? (*Othniel, Judges 3:9-10*)
3. How long did Othniel rule before he died? (*40 years, Judges 3:11*)
4. What nation defeated Israel after Othniel died? (*Moab, Judges 3:12*)
5. How long did the king of Moab rule over Israel? (*18 years, Judges 3:14*)
6. Who did God raise up to rescue Israel from Moab? (*Ehud, Judges 3:15*)
7. What weapon did Ehud carry? (*a double-edged sword, Judges 3:16*)
8. What did Ehud say he had for the king? (*a secret message, Judges 3:18-19*)
9. Where did Ehud stab the king of Moab? (*in his belly, Judges 3:21*)
10. How did Ehud escape? (*He escaped down the porch, Judges 3:23*)
11. How long was Israel at peace after Ehud rescued them from the king of Moab? (*80 years, Judges 3:30*)
12. Who was the third judge to rescue Israel? (*Shamgar, Judges 3:31*)

SAY • God's people turned from Him to worship idols, so God let their enemies rule over them. When the Israelites cried out for help, God sent special leaders called judges to help them defeat their enemies.

Activity choice (10 minutes)

OPTION 1: Swords and shields

Guide kids to form groups of three. Players in the group should stand facing one another.

Instruct players to put their right hand flat against their backs, with the palm open. (Left-handed kids will use their left hands.) Explain it is a shield and must not be moved. Kids will use the index finger on their right hands as their swords.

Tell players to count together to three. On three, each player tries to “strike” (touch) his partners’ shields with his sword. For each touch, a player earns a point. Players may move around but they may not run or leave the room. The first player to earn five points wins.

The winning player must ask the big picture question: ***How does God accomplish His plan?*** And the losing player must answer it: ***God uses people for His glory and our good.***

SAY • Let’s say our big picture question and answer together. ***How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.*** God sent judges to help rescue His people from their enemies.

The judges helped the Israelites escape from the consequences of their sin, but not the cause of it. When a judge died, the Israelites kept sinning. People needed someone to rescue them from a greater enemy: sin. Whom did God send to rescue us from sin? (*His Son, Jesus*)

Jesus came to do what the judges could not do. He died on the cross to rescue people from sin. He is alive, and those who trust in Him are saved.

Option: Review the gospel with boys and girls. Explain that kids are welcome to speak with you or another teacher if they have questions.

OPTION 2: Cycle of the judges

Print and cut apart the sequencing cards. Encourage kids to put them in the right order based on what they remember from the Bible story. Review the cycle three times for each of the first judges: Othniel, Ehud, and Shamgar.

Remind kids that after Joshua died, the Israelites forgot about God and worshiped false gods.

SAY • After Joshua died, **God’s people turned from Him to worship idols.**

God allowed their enemies to overtake them.

God’s people needed someone to rescue them from their enemies.

God’s people cried out to Him for help, and God sent a judge to help His people.

Then God gave His people peace.

Journal and prayer (5 minutes)

Distribute pencils and journal pages. Encourage kids to list a few things they want to remember about God.

SAY • Israel forgot about God, and God allowed their enemies to defeat them. **God’s people needed someone to rescue them from their enemies.** Who did God send to rescue them from their enemies? (*the judges*) What do we need to be rescued from? (*sin and death*) Whom did God send to rescue us from sin and death? (*His Son, Jesus; John 3:16*)

As time allows, lead kids to complete the quiz on the activity page. Guide kids to read Judges 3:7-31 and circle the correct words in each statement. (Answers: 1. *Joshua*; 2. *Othniel*; 3. *forgot about*; 4. *fat*; 5. *sword*; 6. *leader*; 7. *peace*; 8. *Shamgar*)

• “Judges Cycle Sequencing Cards” printable

• pencils
• Journal Page
• “First Judges Quiz” activity page, 1 per kid

Tip: Give parents this week’s *Big Picture Cards for Families* to allow families to interact with the biblical content at home.

Journal Page

God Judges His People

Key Passage: Isaiah 33:22

Big Picture Question: How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.

Session 1: The First Judges

Judges 3:7-31

God's people turned from Him to worship idols.

Session 2: Deborah and Barak

Judges 4-5

God's people needed someone to rescue them from their enemies.

Session 3: Gideon

Judges 6-8

God used Gideon's weakness for His glory.

Session 4: Samson

Judges 13-16

God gave Samson power.

Session 5: Ruth and Boaz

Ruth 1-4

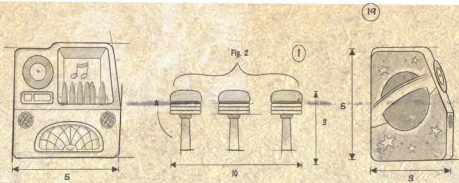
God provided a redeemer for Ruth.

Session 6: Eli and Boy Samuel

1 Samuel 1-3

God called Samuel to share God's plan.

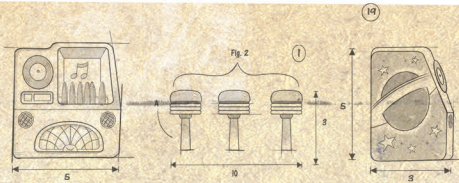




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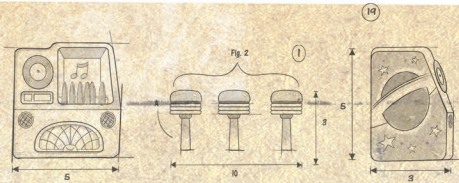




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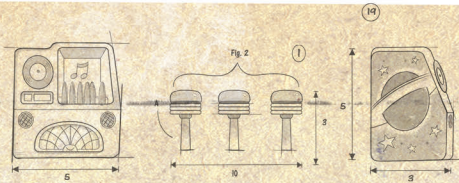




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Isaiah 33:22



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Journal Page

The Israelites forgot about God, and God allowed their enemies to defeat them. List a few things you want to remember about God.



FAMILY DISCUSSION STARTERS

- What happened when a judge died?
(*The Israelites forgot about God.*)
- Why did the Israelites disobey God?
(See Judges 2:10.)
- How can your family remember what God has done?



The First Judges

Judges 3:7-31

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Who's There?

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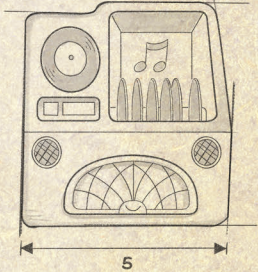
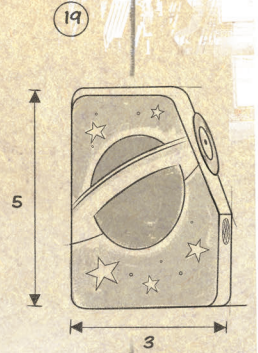
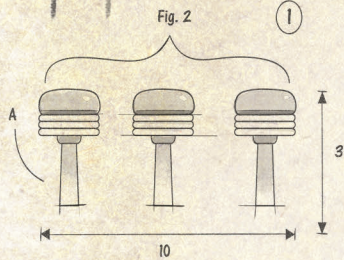


First Judges Quiz

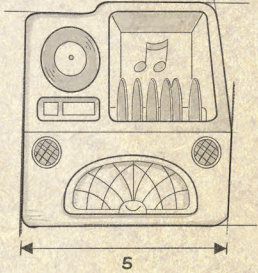
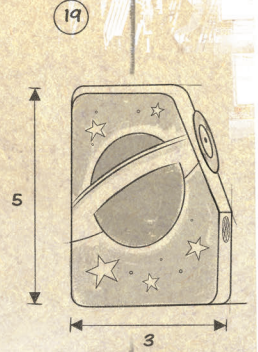
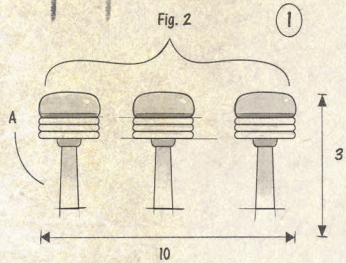
Read Judges 2:6-10; 3:7-31. Circle the correct answers.

1. The Israelites needed a new leader because (Moses / Joshua) had died.
2. God raised up (Othniel / Samson) to rule as the first judge.
3. Each time a judge died, the Israelites (remembered / forgot about) God.
4. The king of Moab was a very (fat / thin) man.
5. Ehud killed the king of Moab with a (hammer / sword).
6. After Ehud escaped, he became the Israelites' (leader / servant).
7. The Israelites experienced (war / peace) for 80 years.
8. After Ehud died, God sent a third judge named (Peter / Shamgar).

How does God accomplish His plan?



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God uses people for His glory and our good.



Why did God allow Israel to be defeated by their enemies?

(Judges 3:7-8)



Who was the first judge to rule over Israel?

(Judges 3:9-10)



How long did Othniel rule before he died?

(Judges 3:11)



What nation defeated Israel after Othniel died?

(Judges 3:12)



How long did the king of Moab rule over Israel?

(Judges 3:14)



Whom did God raise up to rescue Israel from Moab?

(Judges 3:15)



What weapon did Ehud carry?

(Judges 3:16)



What did Ehud say he had for the king?

(Judges 3:18-19)



Where did Ehud stab the king of Moab?

(Judges 3:21)



How did Ehud escape?

(Judges 3:23)



How long was Israel at peace after Ehud rescued them from the king of Moab?

(Judges 3:30)



Who was the third judge to rescue Israel?

(Judges 3:31)



The Israelites forgot about God and worshiped false gods.



Othniel



40 years



Moab



18 years



Ehud



a double-edged sword



a secret message



in his belly



He escaped down the porch.



80 years



Shamgar





God's people forgot about God.



God let Israel's enemies defeat them.



God's people cried out to Him for help.



God sent a judge to help His people.



God gave His people peace.