



JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?

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Unit 9 • Session 1

THE PEOPLE KEPT SINNING

Judges 2

WHAT IS THE FAIR PAYMENT FOR SIN? THE FAIR PAYMENT FOR SIN IS DEATH.

God had led the Israelites into the promised land. God made a covenant with them, saying, “I will keep My promises, but this is what you must agree to: Never make a covenant with the people living in this land. Tear down their altars to their false gods.”

But that’s not what happened. After Joshua and the older generation of Israelites died, the Israelite children grew up and did not remember God. They did what was evil.

The Israelites fell into a cycle of sin. First, the Israelites would disobey God and worship the false gods of the people living around them. They’d forget about the one true God. God would grow angry. He would let an enemy king take over the Israelites, and the people would have to serve the king. They would suffer greatly.

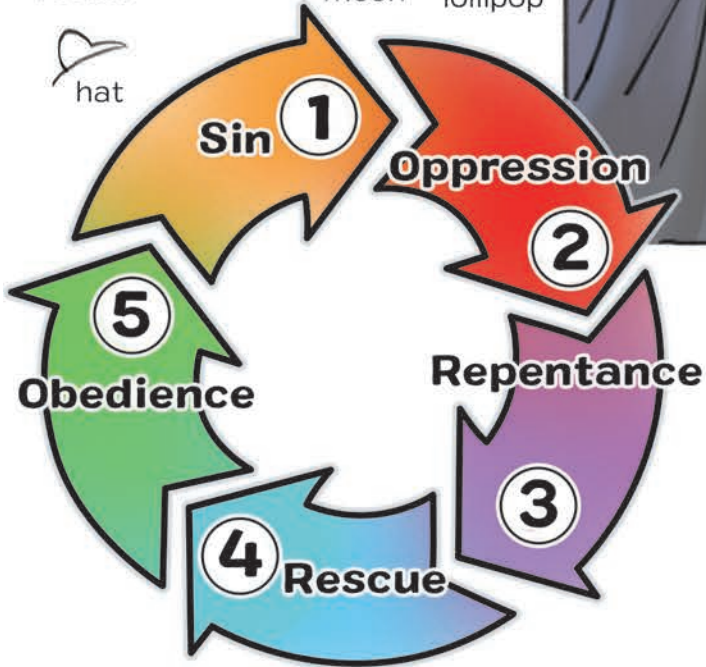
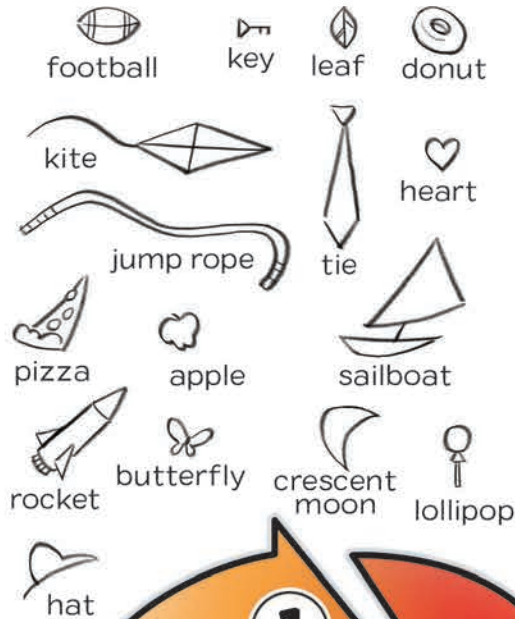
Then the Israelites would remember how good they had it when they loved and obeyed God. They would cry out to Him, “Save us!” God wanted the people to love and obey Him, so He would raise up a leader from the Israelites to deliver them from their enemies and rule as a judge. The people would obey God as long as the judge was alive.

But when the judge died, the Israelites would turn away from God and the cycle would begin again: Sin, oppression, repentance, rescue, obedience, and then back to sin. This is the story of the Book of Judges.

Christ Connection: The judges saved the people from the consequences of their sin, but not the cause of it. God’s plan was to one day send a true Deliverer—Jesus, His own Son—to be the King of His people. Jesus saves people from sin forever.

Hidden Pictures

Find and circle the pictures in the Bible story picture.



The Cycle of Sin | Match each description to a step in the cycle of sin in the Book of Judges.

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