



Unit 9 | Session 1

THE PEOPLE KEPT SINNING

Judges 2

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.”

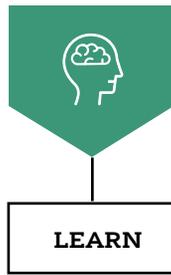
But that’s not what happened. After Joshua and the older generation of Israelites died, the Israelite children grew up and did not remember God. They did what was evil.

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.



THE STORY OF THE GOSPEL

The Bible tells us what is true about God and about ourselves. All of the stories in the Bible fit together to tell us the big story of how God rescues sinners through His Son, Jesus.

» Fill in the blanks with the words describing the steps in the cycle of sin: sin, oppression, repentance, rescue, obedience.

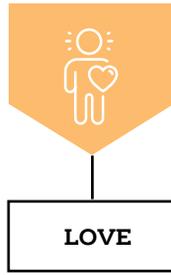
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» What does this story teach us about God?

» What problem did the Israelites face? Why was it a serious problem?

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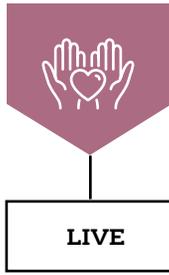
» If we are sorry for our sins, will our sins still have consequences? Why?

» Why is it important to remember things God has done?

» Does God always keep His promises?

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THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL

» Find Romans 6:23 in your Bible and write the words below.

» Write a prayer to God, thanking Him for His love, mercy, and salvation through Jesus.

READ THE WORD

Read one of the following passages each day this week:

Galatians 6:7

James 4:17

John 14:26

1 Corinthians 10:13

Hebrews 10:23

Galatians 5:16