

Lesson 2

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Kids

Who were the first leaders chosen by God to lead Israel?

God gave the prophet, Moses, the warrior, Joshua, and the many judges.

Read aloud: Joshua 1.1-6

Recommended Illustration

Bring a multi-tool. A Leatherman would be ideal, but if you don't have one of those, a swiss army knife will do. Show the kids all the different tools that are provided and have a fun discussion about how each of them will contribute to your ability to perform different tasks.

Now work through each tool asking the kids whether it could perform such and such task. For example, would the tiny scissors be a good choice for a bottle opener? Would the bottle opener be a good choice for cutting out an intricate shape in construction paper?

Finally, explain that God gives the right gift at the right time. When Israel needed a prophet, he sent Moses. When they needed a warrior, he sent Joshua. And when they needed a judge, he sent them just that.

Helpful Insights

As the history of Israel unfolds, God provides them, moment by moment, with the leaders they need. The prophet Moses offers bold leadership in time of crisis. The warrior, Joshua, gives the courage and faith they need in order to take the promised land. The judges provide order in the early life of the new family-nation. Through each season, God remains the true king of

Israel, with these leaders serving as his representatives to maintain order and implement his ways in the land.

The Point

Though God is always king, he chooses to work through various kinds of leaders as his people face different seasons of life together. God always chooses the right sort leader for the job.

