

Teaching Resource Items
for
Choices & Consequences (A Study of Joshua/Judges)

These items are selected from “Teaching Plans” in
Choices & Consequences—A Study of Joshua/Judges—
Bible Teaching Guide.

They are provided to make lesson preparation easier and faster
for handouts and similar items.

(An item is not provided for every lesson, since every lesson’s “Teaching Plans”
does not include items that lend themselves to handouts.)

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for guidance in using these items.

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Teaching Resource Items

1. For Lesson One, Discovery Plan— Step 2, *Stress Factor Chart*
2. For Lesson Four, Discovery Plan— Step 1, *Sentence Strips*
3. For Lesson Four, Discovery Plan— Step 3, *Group Questions*
4. For Lesson Five, Discovery Plan— Step 7, *Case Study*
5. For Lesson Six, Discovery Plan— Step 5, *Joshua 23:6-11 from the Message*
6. For Lesson Six, Discussion Plan— Step 6, *Group Questions*
7. For Lesson Thirteen, Discovery Plan— Step 1, *Case Study*
8. For the Easter Lesson, Discovery Plan— Step 1, *Quotes about Faith in God*
9. For the Easter Lesson, Discussion Plan— Step 1, *Statements about Beliefs*

Stress Factor Chart

Below is an excerpt from the Holmes and Rahe stress factor chart.

<u>Stress Factor</u>	<u>Points</u>
Death of a spouse	100
Death of a close family member	63
Personal injury or illness	53
Loss of a job	47
Retirement	45
Change in financial state	38
Death of a close friend	37
Change in work responsibilities	29
Change in living conditions	25
Revision of personal habits	24
Change in residence	20

**Item One, For Lesson One, Discovery Plan—
Step 2, Stress Factor Chart**

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Sentence Strips

I was on the fast track at work, BUT...

I was recovering nicely and feeling great, BUT...

All was going smoothly, BUT...

I had everything perfectly in place, BUT...

I had put a great team together, BUT...

I had negotiated a settlement, BUT...

*Item Two, For Lesson Four, Discovery Plan
Step 1, Sentence Strips*

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Group Questions

Group 1

What happens when we rely on ourselves rather than God?

- Read Joshua 7:1-13
- What steps did Joshua take that indicate he trusted more in himself than in God?
- How did past victories cloud Joshua's judgment?
- What was Joshua's demeanor after the failed attack?

Group 2

What happens when we commit secret sin?

- Read Joshua 7:1-13
- How connected was Achan to the community of God's people?
- What was Achan's sin?
- How seriously did God take Achan's sin?

***Item Three, For Lesson Four, Discovery Plan
Step 3, Group Questions***

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**Item Four, For Lesson Five, Discovery Plan
Step 7, Case Study**

Joshua 23:6-11
(From the *Message Bible*)

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**Item Five, For Lesson Six, Discovery Plan—
Step 5, Joshua 23:6-11 from the Message**

Group Questions

Joshua 23:12-16

- What would happen if God's people turn away?
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*Item Six, For Lesson Six, Discussion Plan
Step 6, Group Questions*

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Item Seven, For Lesson Thirteen, Discovery Plan Step 1, Case Study

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Quotes about Faith in God

“Creationists make it sound like a ‘theory’ is something you dreamt up after being drunk all night.” — Isaac Asimov

“I don’t believe in God. My god is patriotism. Teach a man to be a good citizen and you have solved the problem of life.” — Andrew Carnegie

“All thinking men are atheists.” — Ernest Hemingway

“Faith means not wanting to know what is true.” — Friedrich Nietzsche

“The fact that a believer is happier than a skeptic is no more to the point than the fact that a drunken man is happier than a sober one.” — George Bernard Shaw

“I believe in God, only I spell it Nature.” — Frank Lloyd Wright

“The whole [religion] thing is so patently infantile, so foreign to reality, that to anyone with a friendly attitude to humanity it is painful to think that the great majority of mortals will never be able to rise above this view of life.” — Sigmund Freud

“Not only is there no god, but try getting a plumber on weekends.” — Woody Allen

“It’s an incredible con job when you think about it, to believe something now in exchange for something after death. Even corporations with their reward systems don’t try to make it posthumous.” — Gloria Steinem

Item Eight, For the Easter Lesson , Discovery Plan— Step 1, Quotes about Faith in God

Statements about Beliefs

- Religion is a crutch.
- This life is all there is; everything ends at death.
- If God were real, why would he make such a messed-up world?
- If there is a hell, I'll be there partying with my friends.
- Christianity appeals to people too lazy to think for themselves.
- There are many ways to God.
- It shouldn't matter what you believe, as long as you live according to your convictions.

***Item Nine, For the Easter Lesson , Discussion Plan—
Step 1, Statements about Beliefs***