

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Beginner Lesson Ninety-eight: Jephthah Delivers Israel

Overview	<p><u>Bible Facts & Songs:</u> Songs about the Bible and the Judges <u>Bible Reading & Discussion:</u> Judges 11:11-29, 32-33; 12:7 <u>Bible Memory & Craft:</u> Questions about Salvation Review <u>Learning Objectives:</u> (1) 300 years after Israel moved into the land, the Ammonites came to fight Israel for the land. (2) It was the Lord, the God of Israel that had defeated and dispossessed the Amorites so that Israel took possession of the land. (3) The Spirit of the Lord was upon Jephthah and the Lord gave the Ammonites into his hand. (4) Salvation is the work of God.</p>
Opening	<p>Get students' attention by using a pre-planned silence signal. Have students sit in rows or a semi-circle facing you. Open in prayer asking God's blessing upon the time.</p>
Bible Facts 5-10 minutes	<p><u>Materials:</u> Song visuals &/or props as needed <u>Strategies:</u> Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate <u>Instructions:</u> Lead students to sing songs about the Bible & the Judges. Spend time discussing the meaning of new songs. Ask students to help lead songs, including actions and visuals.</p>
Bible Reading 15 minutes	<p><u>Materials:</u> Bibles for students to use <u>Strategies:</u> Action Reading <u>Scripture:</u> Judges 11:11-29, 32-33; 12:7 <u>Instructions:</u> Have students sit at tables. Leader reads aloud expressively. When students hear the word, "Lord" they stand up.</p>
Bible Discussion 10 minutes	<p><u>Materials:</u> Bean bag, music, word poster #1 <u>Strategy:</u> Hot Potato <u>Instructions:</u> Have students sit in a fellowship circle. A bean bag is passed around the circle while music is played. When the music stops, the person holding the object answers the question. <u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ When Jephthah went with the elders, he spoke the words before the <u>blank</u> at Mizpah. (Lord)➤ Jephthah sent messengers to ask the king of the Ammonites why he had come to fight. The king said, "Because Israel on coming up from <u>blank</u> took away my land..." (Egypt)➤ Jephthah again sent messengers to the king of the Ammonites to tell the story of Israel coming into the land. "And the Lord, the <u>blank</u> of Israel, gave Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel..." (God)➤ Who had dispossessed the Amorites? (The Lord, the God of Israel)➤ How many years had it been since Israel came into the land? (300)➤ Jephthah said, "The Lord, the <u>blank</u>, decide this day between the people of Israel and the people of Ammon." (Judge)➤ Did the king of the Ammonites listen to Jephthah? (No)➤ "The <u>blank</u> of the Lord was upon Jephthah." (Spirit)➤ Jephthah fought against the Ammonites, "and the <u>blank</u> gave them into his hand." (Lord)➤ How many years did Jephthah judge before he died and was buried? (6 years) <p>Show students the word poster and have them act out the words: God is...Creator, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Merciful, Righteous, Just, Creator of Nations, God is in control, Long-suffering, Glorious, Deliverer, Savior, All-seeing, Faithful, Judge, Provider, Prayer Answerer, Sovereign, Gracious, Way to Heaven, Protector, Promise Keeper, Success maker, King of kings, Holy, Law maker, Skill instiller, Guide, Victory giver, Truth, Rest provider</p>

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Ask students which words on poster #1 describe God in this lesson. (Answers: In control, Deliverer, Victory giver, etc.)

Group Prayer Through prayer, praise God for Who He is, listing His attributes.

Note to Instructor: For the next few lessons students will review the 13 Questions about Salvation. Use game cards that were made during a past lesson to play the game and save the cards to be used to play review games during upcoming lessons.

Bible Memory Transitional Thought: It was the Lord, the God of Israel that had defeated and dispossessed Israel's enemies in the past. It was the Spirit of the Lord that was upon Jephthah and it was the Lord, the God of Israel that defeated the Ammonites. Israel's salvation was the work of God. A sinner's salvation from the penalty of sin is also the work of God through faith in the work of Jesus Christ.

Materials: Question, answer, and verse game cards

Strategy: Choose it!

Instructions: Have students sit in a circle. Have students take turns choosing a card and sharing the question, answer, or verse that goes with it. If the student is correct, the student keeps the card. If the student is not correct, the card is returned to the bottom of the deck. If students cannot read, leader should read aloud the chosen card.





Bible Craft Materials: Unfinished rebus books from past lesson, markers, sample project

As time allows Activity: Rebus Book

Note: This project will take a few lessons to complete. Collect the unfinished books for completion during future lessons.

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Hand out unfinished rebus books from past lesson. (New students: Fold papers together to make a book with enough pages for the 13 Questions about Salvation that will be reviewed over the next few weeks. Book "binding" may be stapled or tied with yarn.) Assist students to turn the pages into Rebuses (or picture sentences) of the review questions, answers, and verses. Collect the books for future lessons.

Example:

"...you shall  his name  for he will save his  from their ."

Matthew 1:21

Closing Have students assist with clean-up.

Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.

Close in prayer & dismiss.

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Question: What is the covenant of grace?

Answer: It is an eternal agreement within the Trinity to save certain persons

Verse: "and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins." Romans 11:27

Question: What is election?

Answer: It is God's choice of certain sinners for salvation.

Verse: "Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world..." (Ephesians 1:4a)

Question: How does God save the elect?

Answer: God saves the elect by the sacrificial work of Jesus Christ.

Verse: "...you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

Question: Being the Son of God, why did Christ become man?

Answer: Christ became man to fulfill the will of God the Father.

Verse: "For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me." John 6:38

Question: Why did Christ die?

Answer: In the place of sinners, Christ died as the perfect sacrifice, taking the punishment for their sins and satisfying God's justice.

Verse: "Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us..." Galatians 3:13

Question: How did Christ conquer death?

Answer: When Christ resurrected from the dead he overcame the power of death.

Verse: "We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him."
Romans 6:9

Question: How does the work of Christ save sinners?

Answer: A sinner is saved through faith in the work of Christ.

Verse: "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God..." Ephesians 2:8-9

Question: What is regeneration?

Answer: It is the act of God enlivening the sinner's heart, leading to faith.

Verse: "Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ – by grace you have been saved."
Ephesians 2:5

Question: What is righteousness?

Answer: Righteousness is God's goodness and holiness.

Verse: "...not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ..."
Philippians 3:10

Question: What is justification?

Answer: Justification is the act of God counting a person righteous.

Verse: "for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through...Christ Jesus...to be received by faith." Romans 3:23-25

Question: What is repentance?

Answer: Repentance is turning from sin.

Verse: "...Are we to continue in sin...? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it?" Romans 6:1-2

Question: What is sanctification?

Answer: It is the act of God making his people holy in heart and conduct.

Verse: "Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless..." I Thessalonians 5:23

Question: Is the process of sanctification ever complete in this life?

Answer: No. It is complete only in heaven.

Verse: "...he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6