

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Preschool Lesson Ninety-eight: Jephthah Delivers Israel

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Songs about the Bible and the Judges
Bible Reading & Discussion: Judges 11:11-15, 21-24, 26-29, 32-33; 12:7
Bible Memory & Craft: Verses about Salvation Review
Learning Objectives: (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.
- Opening** 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.
- Bible Facts** Materials: Song visuals &/or props as needed
5-10 minutes Strategies: Sing It with Hand &/or Body Motions as appropriate
Instructions: 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.
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use
15 minutes Strategies: Action Reading
Scripture: Judges 11:11-15, 21-24, 26-29, 32-33; 12:7
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Leader reads aloud expressively. When students hear the word, "Lord," they stand up.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Bean bag, music, word poster #1
10 minutes Strategy: Hot Potato
Instructions: 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.
Questions:
- Jephthah spoke the words before the blank 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 Egypt took away my blank..." (Land)
 - Jephthah answered, "So then the Lord, the blank of Israel, dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel..." (God)
 - How many years had it been since Israel came into the land? (300)
 - Did the king of the Ammonites listen to Jephthah? (No)
 - "The blank of the Lord was upon Jephthah." (Spirit)
 - Jephthah fought the Ammonites, "and the blank gave them into his hand." (Lord)
 - How many years did Jephthah judge before he died and was buried? (6 years)
- Tell students that in this lesson we see that God is "in control." Have students repeat the word and have students salute, holding the right hand up to the brow.
- 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 verses about Salvation.*
- 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

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sinner's salvation from the penalty of sin is also the work of God through faith in the work of Jesus Christ.

Materials: Bean Bag

Strategy: Bean Bag Review

Instructions: Have students stand in a circle. Using the two review verses, start to quote a verse and then toss the bean bag to someone to share the next word. Continue until both verses have been reviewed sufficiently.

Verse: "For by grace you have been saved through faith...it is the gift of God..." Ephesians 2:8-9

Verse: "Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ..." Ephesians 2:5

Bible Craft

As time allows

Materials: Rebus books from past lesson, markers, sample project

Activity: Rebus Book

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Hand out rebus books from past lessons. Assist students to turn the next two pages into Rebuses (or picture sentences) of the two review verses listed above. 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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Verse: *"...you shall call his name Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins."* Matthew 1:21

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

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

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

Verse: *"For by grace you have been saved through faith...it is the gift of God..."* Ephesians 2:8-9

Verse: *"Even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ..."* Ephesians 2:5

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

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

Verse: *"...Are we to continue in sin...? By no means!"* Romans 6:1-2

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

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