

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Primary Lesson Eighty-nine: Disobedience & Judgment

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Bible Drill
Bible Reading & Discussion: Judges 1:27-36; 2:1-5, 10-23; 3:1-6
Bible Memory & Craft: Questions about Salvation
Learning Objectives: (1) The Israelites did not obey God and drive out all of the other nations; so their children grew up and served the gods of the other nations. (2) God sold the Israelites into the hand of their enemies. (3) God raised up judges to save the Israelites from their enemies. (4) God used the other nations to test Israel to see if they would obey the Lord's commandments. (5) Righteousness is God's goodness and holiness. (6) Man does not have his own righteousness. (7) Man can only have righteousness through faith in Christ.
- 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: Bibles for students to use
5-10 minutes Strategies: Bible Drill
Instructions: Students hold closed Bibles up over head. The leader then calls out a Scripture reference – first the book, then the chapter, finally the verse. When the leader says, "Charge," the students look for the reference in their Bibles. When the reference is found, students stand and read it.
- Bible Reading** Materials: Bibles for students to use
15 minutes Strategies: Leader Read Aloud, Action Reading, & Stories with Sound
Scripture: Judges 1:27-36; 2:1-5, 10-23; 3:1-6
Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Leader reads aloud. When students hear the words "did not drive out," they say "booooo". Whenever the Lord is speaking, students stand up. When students hear that the Israelites did something wrong, students make the thumbs down sign. Leader should prepare ahead by marking the passage with students' required response. Leader should pause to allow students time to respond.
- 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:
- Did the Israelites drive out all of the other nations from the Promised Land? (No)
 - Since the Israelites did not obey God, God said, "I will not drive them out before you, but they shall become blank in your sides." (Thorns)
 - God also said, "Their gods shall be a blank to you." (Snare)
 - When the generation that had conquered the land died, did their children serve the Lord? (No)
 - The Israelites went after and bowed down to what gods? (The gods of the peoples who were around them)
 - The Lord's blank was kindled against Israel. (Anger)
 - God allowed Israel's enemies to plunder them until Israel was in distress, afflicted, and oppressed. When God heard Israel's groaning, He was moved to blank. (Pity)
 - To save Israel from their enemies, God raised up what? (Judges)
 - When the judge died, what did the Israelites do? (They became more corrupt than their fathers; they served and bowed down to other gods)
 - "They did not drop any of their practices or their blank ways." (Stubborn)

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- God used the other nations to blank Israel to know whether Israel would obey the blank of the Lord." (Test, commandments)

Show students word poster #1 and have them act out the words: God is...Creator, Omnipotent, Omniscient, Life-source, Just, Merciful, Righteous, Life-sustainer, Creator of Nations, In control, Long-suffering, Glorious, Providence, Deliverer, Savior, All-seeing, Faithful, Freer from law, 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, Immutable/unchangeable, Rest provider

Ask students which words on poster #1 describe God in this lesson. (Answers: Righteous, Judge, Holy, Law maker, etc.)

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

Bible Memory 10-15 minutes Transitional Thought: Because God is righteous, He cannot allow sin to go unpunished. So, God punished the Israelites for their sin when they disobeyed His commandments. However, God is also merciful; so He had pity on the Israelites and sent judges to save them. We also deserve punishment for our sin. However, God is merciful to us and sent Christ to take our punishment so that we can be saved through faith in Him.

Materials: White board with markers and eraser

Strategy: Erase-a-Word

Instructions: Have students sit in a semi-circle or rows facing a white board with the following written on it:

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, the righteousness from God that depends on faith." Philippians 3:10

Read in unison. Have students cover their eyes. Erase random words from the board. Ask students to open their eyes and tell you what words were erased. Read again, saying the missing words from memory. Repeat several times until quoting rather than reading.

Bible Craft Materials: Paper, markers, sample project

As time allows Activity: "God is..." Poster

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Have students make their own "God is..." poster listing the attributes of God, such as holy, righteous, good, merciful, etc. Encourage students to be creative using beautiful colors, handwriting, borders, icons/symbols, etc.

Closing Have students assist with clean-up.

Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.

Close in prayer & dismiss.