

Bible Lessons for Children

Learning to Know the Triune God through His Holy Word

Primary Lesson Ninety-four: Gideon's Death

- Overview** Bible Facts & Songs: Bible Drill
Bible Reading & Discussion: Judges 7:24-25; 8:4-32
Bible Memory & Craft: Questions about Salvation
Learning Objectives: (1) The Lord gave Zebah and Zalmunna into the hand of Gideon. (2) Gideon made an ephod that became a snare. (3) The land had rest for 40 years in the days of Gideon. (4) Justification is the act of God counting a person righteous. (5) Repentance is turning from sin. (6) Sanctification is the act of God making his people holy.
- 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: Round Robin
Scripture: Judges 7:24-25; 8:4-32
Instructions: Students should read the Scripture as a "round robin." Each person reads two verses aloud around and around the table until the passages have all been read.
- Bible Discussion** Materials: Word poster #1
10 minutes Strategy: Jeopardy Jump Up
Instructions: Have students sit in a fellowship circle. Give each answer and challenge students to produce the correct question. Have students jump up to share questions.
Questions:
- Ephraim (Who did Gideon call to capture the waters of the Jordan?)
 - Oreb and Zeeb (Who were the two princes of Midian that were captured and killed?)
 - 300 (How many men crossed the Jordan with Gideon?)
 - Zebah and Zalmunna (Who were the kings of Midian?)
 - Loaves of bread (What did Gideon request from Succoth and Penuel?)
 - Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna already in your hand? (What answer did Succoth and Penuel give to Gideon?)
 - 15,000 men (How many were left of the Eastern army?)
 - 120,000 men (How many men of the Eastern army had fallen?)
 - Thorns and briers (What did Gideon use to teach the men of Succoth a lesson?)
 - Tower of Penuel (What did Gideon break down?)
 - The Lord will rule over you. (What did Gideon answer when the men of Israel wanted him to rule over Israel?)
 - An ephod (What did Gideon make?)
 - A snare (What did the ephod become?)
 - 40 years (How long did the land have rest in the days of Gideon?)
 - In a good old age (How old was Gideon when he died?)
 - The tomb of Joash (Where was Gideon buried?)

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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: Deliverer, Victory giver, Rest provider, etc.)

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

Bible Memory 10-15 minutes Transitional Thought: God delivered Israel from their enemies and gave Israel rest for 40 years. However, Gideon made an ephod, which God had not told him to make. The ephod became a snare and Israel sinned by whoring after it. God delivers his people and justifies them through the sacrifice of Jesus Christ. However, God's chosen people still sin, must repent, and need God to sanctify them.

Materials: Bean Bag

Strategy: Bean Bag Stand-up/Sit-down Review

Instructions: Have students stand in a circle. Ask a question then toss the bean bag to someone to share the answer &/or verse. If the answer is correct, student sits. Continue until everyone is sitting.

Question: What is justification?

Answer: Justification is the act of God counting a person righteous because God has accepted Christ's righteousness in place of the person's unrighteousness.

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

Question: What is repentance?

Answer: Repentance is turning from sin.

Verse: "What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? 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 at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 5:23

Bible Craft Materials: Index cards and pencils

As time allows Activity: Memory Game

Instructions: Have students sit at tables. Give each student 9 index cards. Have students write each question on a card, each answer on another card, and each verse on another card. Leave backs blank. Have students play memory. Spread out all index cards upside down on table. Take turns turning over 3 cards. When a person turns over a question, answer, and verse that all match, the person can keep the 3 cards and take another turn.

Closing Have students assist with clean-up.

Remind students to practice their memory work throughout the week.

Close in prayer & dismiss.