

Lesson 80

Unit Review

A review of Lessons 71–79.

Studying God's Word

Lesson Review

Refer to the Exodus to Malachi Timeline as you review people and events.

Refer to the Exodus to Malachi Timeline. Israel went through a time of judges for about 300 years. The Bible tells us that everyone did what was right in his own eyes. This wasn't a great time in Israel's history. The people kept disobeying God, getting punished by enemies, and then repenting. God was faithful to deliver them when they cried out to him, and he would raise up a judge to help them.

Lesson 71

Gideon was the judge God chose to lead the Israelites against the Midianites. The Midianites were an enemy people who invaded Israel to steal their food and animals. There were so many of them that the Israelites could not drive them out and were instead forced to flee from their homes and hide.

What sin had the Israelites done that caused God to punish them by sending the Midianites? They were worshipping false gods—idolatry.

The Israelites broke God's command to worship him alone, and God sent the Midianites as punishment to turn the people back to him. When they cried out to God for help, he heard them.

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Show Lesson 71 Theme Poster. Gideon was threshing wheat, hiding from the Midianites, when God came to him. Gideon didn't feel like a mighty man. He wondered how he could save Israel. He said he was from the weakest clan, Manasseh, and he was the least in his family. Yet God chose Gideon to lead the army, and he wanted the people to see that the victory belonged to him alone. Gideon's army started with 32,000 men. After God had Gideon send men home, how many were left? 300.

Right. God left only 300 men with Gideon to face the Midianites, who had over 100,000 men!

Who remembers the strange weapons that God wanted them to use? Trumpets, empty jars, and torches.

What did Gideon and the men do with these strange weapons? They surrounded the Midianite camp at night, blew their trumpets, broke the jars, and raised their torches with a shout.

When the men shouted and raised their torches, God caused the Midianites to panic

and start fighting each other. Then the army scattered, and the Israelites were able to chase them down and defeat them. The victory clearly belonged to God!

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Show Lesson 72 Theme Poster. The next judge we learned about was Samson, who was set apart for God from birth to deliver the Israelites from the Philistines. Samson was a Nazirite, which meant he didn't eat or drink anything from grapes, and he couldn't cut or shave his hair. God gave Samson supernatural strength.

What are some things Samson did with his God-given strength? He tore apart a lion, captured 300 foxes and tied pairs together with torches to burn the fields of the Philistines, broke free from ropes, fought Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey, etc.

But Samson sinned by putting women above his love and obedience to God. What was the name of the woman who led to his capture? Delilah.

Delilah pestered Samson to tell her the secret of his strength because the lords of the Philistines offered to give her money. At first, Samson lied about what would make him weak, but he eventually gave in and

told Delilah about his Nazirite vows. She betrayed Samson and had his hair cut. God left Samson, and Samson was captured, blinded, and imprisoned by the Philistines. When Samson was brought before a large crowd of Philistines who were mocking him and God, Samson prayed and asked God to strengthen him one more time. God answered his prayer, and Samson pushed down the pillars supporting the building, killing about 3,000 Philistines!

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Show Lesson 73 Theme Poster. We also learned about Ruth. Ruth was from the country of Moab, and she married one of Naomi's sons. Sadly, Naomi's husband and two sons died while they lived in Moab. Ruth refused to leave Naomi, so she traveled with her back to Israel. Ruth left her country, her family, and her false gods to live with the Israelites and follow the one true God.

What was the name of the town they journeyed back to? It was Naomi's hometown. Bethlehem.

Back in Bethlehem, Naomi and Ruth were in a desperate situation because they had no husbands to care for them. They were poor and needed food. But God arranged for Ruth to work in the field of Boaz. Boaz was

a close relative of Naomi's husband, and he was able to buy Naomi's land, marry Ruth, and take care of both women. God blessed Boaz's kindness and Ruth's faithfulness by giving them a son named Obed.

What was the name of Obed's famous grandson? King David.

Yes! Obed had a son named Jesse, and one of Jesse's sons was David, who became king of Israel. Many years later, Jesus was born into the family of David. Boaz and Ruth became the ancestors of King David and Jesus.

Both Boaz and Jesus were redeemers. Boaz redeemed Ruth and Naomi when he saved them from a helpless situation, and Jesus redeems sinners.

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Show Lesson 74 Theme Poster. In lesson 74, we were introduced to Samuel. Samuel's mother, Hannah, prayed for a son and promised to give him to serve God. Samuel was born, and Hannah kept her promise. Samuel went to live at the tabernacle as a young boy.

What was the name of the priest whom Samuel helped at the tabernacle? Eli.

Yes, Eli was the high priest, and it was his job to lead the Israelites in worshipping the Lord. But Eli failed to stop his two sons, Hophni and Phinehas, from sinning. They were wicked, greedy, and selfish men.

Samuel was sleeping when he first heard God call his name. He kept running to Eli because he thought Eli was calling him. After the third time, Eli figured out it was God calling Samuel, and he told Samuel what to say if he heard his name again. God did call Samuel in a dream, and he gave him a serious message of judgment. Israel would be judged for their idolatry, and Eli's family would be judged for their wickedness.

Even though he was afraid to tell Eli, Samuel was obedient and delivered the message God had given him. This message was fulfilled when the Israelites lost a battle against the Philistines. About 30,000 soldiers were killed and the rest fled, and the ark of the covenant was captured. Hophni and Phinehas also died in the battle. And when Eli heard the news, he fell and broke his neck. Everything God said happened.

Samuel continued to listen to God as he grew up. He became a prophet, a priest, and a judge.

Lesson 75

Samuel judged Israel faithfully throughout his life, but his sons did not follow God. The Israelites came to Samuel and asked for a king. They didn't want to be ruled by judges anymore.

Who were the Israelites actually rejecting when they asked for a king: Samuel or God? God.

Despite Samuel's warnings about what their kings would do, the people wanted to be like other nations.

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Show Lesson 75 Theme Poster. God chose Saul to be Israel's first king. But Saul's heart was not right with the Lord, and he was disobedient. He offered a sacrifice without waiting for Samuel because he was worried about his men scattering just before a battle with the Philistines. Then when he was commanded to completely destroy the Amalekites, Saul spared the king and the best animals.

Who remembers the consequences Saul experienced because of his disobedience? He lost the kingdom, his friendship with Samuel, and the Spirit of God. A harmful spirit was sent to trouble him.

Saul lost the Spirit of God in his life and was instead troubled by a harmful spirit. God

told him that his kingdom would be taken away and given to a man after God's own heart.

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Samuel was sad that Saul disobeyed God, but God told Samuel to go to the home of Jesse in Bethlehem and anoint the next king of Israel.

How many sons did Jesse have? Eight.

Jesse had seven of his sons pass before Samuel. The oldest son, Eliab, was tall and handsome, and Samuel thought at first that he was the one God wanted to be king. But God said he wasn't the one.

What did God tell Samuel he was looking at? The heart.

God doesn't look at the outward appearance; he cares about the desires, thoughts, and attitudes of a person. God did not choose any of the seven sons who passed before Samuel, so Samuel asked if Jesse had any more sons. Jesse said his youngest son was tending the sheep, and he was brought before Samuel.

Who was Jesse's youngest son? David.

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Show Lesson 76 Theme Poster. Samuel anointed David with oil in front of his family,

and the Spirit of God came upon him. David was chosen because he had a heart that loved God. David was eventually brought into Saul's service to play the lyre for Saul when the harmful spirit of God troubled him.

Lesson 77

Then war broke out between the Israelites and the Philistines. David's three older brothers served in Saul's army, and David took supplies to them. When he came to their camp, David heard the challenge of the Philistine champion, Goliath, to send an Israelite to fight him.

How did King Saul and the Israelites respond to Goliath's challenge? They were afraid. They fled.

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Show Lesson 77 Theme Poster. The Israelites were afraid of Goliath's size and strength. David was upset that Goliath was defying the Lord and offered to fight him. Choosing not to wear Saul's unfamiliar armor, David faced Goliath with just his shepherd's weapons: a staff, his sling, and five stones.

Where did David get the courage to face the giant Goliath? From God.

David trusted that the battle was the Lord's and God would give him victory. David

slung a stone, and it sank into Goliath's forehead. David defeated Goliath, and the Philistine army fled.

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Show Lesson 78 Theme Poster. In this lesson, we saw a great friendship between David and Jonathan. Jonathan gave his robe, armor, sword, bow, and belt to David. Both friends loved and trusted God. God used their friendship to protect David from Saul, who was growing more jealous of David's success. Saul realized that God was with David but had left him.

Saul made David a commander of a thousand men, and David led his men to victories against the Philistines. The people loved David, and women even sang songs about how many enemies David killed.

What did Saul do when David was playing the lyre for him? Threw his spear at him to kill him.

David had to flee from Saul. Jonathan spoke to Saul and got him to promise not to harm David. But Saul again got angry and jealous and threw another spear at David. This time Jonathan and David came up with a plan to see if Saul would change his mind. David didn't come to a meal, and Jonathan told

Saul that David had gone to Bethlehem to visit his family. When Saul got angry and threw a spear at Jonathan, Jonathan knew he needed to warn David to run. Saul was determined to kill David.

How did Jonathan warn David? He went to the field and shot arrows. The things he said to the boy chasing the arrows were for David, who was hiding nearby.

Jonathan was selfless and humble to accept that his friend would become king instead of him. The two friends were very sad when David had to flee. They promised to protect each other's families and then parted ways.

Lesson 79

David ended up running from place to place, trying to stay one step ahead of Saul, who was hunting for him. David got supplies from the priest in the city of Nob, but when Saul found out, he had the entire city destroyed. David fled to Gath and acted like a madman to avoid being killed. Eventually, his family and a band of men joined him. David and his men were hiding in a cave one time when Saul entered the cave alone.

What did David's men want him to do? Kill Saul.

David could have gotten revenge on Saul, but instead he cut off a section of Saul's robe and presented it to him to show that

he didn't mean him any harm. Saul left, but he began the chase again when he found out David and his men were in the wilderness.

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Show Lesson 79 Theme Poster. When Saul was sleeping in his camp with his army all around him, God caused them all to fall into a deep sleep. David and his nephew, Abishai, sneaked into the camp and got right next to Saul without anyone waking up!

What did Abishai want to do? Kill Saul with his own spear.

But David didn't let him. Instead, David trusted that God would end Saul's life in his timing, without David having to sin by killing him.

What did David take from Saul's camp? Saul's spear and jar of water.

David left the camp and called to Saul and his men. He showed them the items he'd taken as proof that he could've killed Saul. Saul recognized that David had spared him even when he had sinned, and he left with his men.

David did what was right in some tough situations. It would have been tempting to kill Saul those times in the cave and in the camp, but David chose to obey God even

though Saul was trying to kill him. David showed mercy to Saul, and God protected David.

Review Game

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We encourage you to play the following review game.

Materials

Review Questions

Game board (provided in the Teacher Kit)

Dice or game spinner

Buttons or other small objects for each team to use as markers on the game board

Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions.

Divide your class into teams. Team members will take turns answering the review questions. If they answer correctly, they will roll the dice or spin and move that number of spaces on the game board. Follow directions on the spaces to move ahead, fall back, or switch places with another team. If someone does not know or does not answer correctly, he may ask his teammates for help.

Alternate between teams as time permits, repeating questions if necessary. The first team to make it all the way to the Finish wins.

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