

Lesson 70

Unit Review

A review of Lessons 61–69.

Studying God's Word

Lesson Review

Let's begin our review of the last nine lessons! We have seen that God is faithful to keep his promises. God promised Abraham a land for his descendants. That promise was passed on to Isaac, to Jacob, and then to Moses and the Israelites. It was over 400 years before God brought the Israelites to the promised land, but he was faithful to do it.

Lesson 61

Refer to the Exodus to Malachi Timeline as you review.

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Refer to the Lesson 61 Theme Poster. When the Israelites finally got to the border of the land of Canaan, Moses sent 12 men to spy out the land and find out about the people and cities. When they returned with fruit of the land (grapes, figs, and pomegranates) some of the spies reported, "Oh, yeah, it's good land all right. The problem is that there are GIANT people there, and cities with high walls! There's no way we can take this land."

How many of the spies were scared by these things and said they shouldn't try to take the land? 10 of the spies.

Which spies disagreed and trusted God's promises to give them victory? Joshua and Caleb.

Only Joshua and Caleb were courageous and trusted in the promise of the Lord. They knew that the Lord promised to be with them, and they could take over the land—giants or not!

But the Israelites didn't listen to Joshua and Caleb. Instead they listened to the 10 spies who were fearful, and they became afraid, too. They let their fear take over and did not trust God. So they did not enter the land of promise. God sent them out to wander in the wilderness for 40 years because of their disobedience. When the time finally came to enter the land, only Joshua, Caleb, and the young people would go in. The people who rebelled against God and would not trust in him never made it into the promised land—they all died in the desert.

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Refer to the Lesson 62 Theme Poster. During the 40 years the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, three men decided to rebel. Korah, Dathan, and Abiram were jealous of Moses and Aaron and wanted to be leaders like them. But God showed the people that there are great consequences for sin.

What happened to the three men who rebelled against God and Moses and Aaron? The earth opened up, swallowed them, and then closed over.

This was a terrible judgment that showed the people how serious God was about obeying him and those he had chosen to lead. Not only that, but 250 men who wanted to be priests tried to offer incense and were destroyed by fire from God.

Even after seeing these judgments, the Israelites later became impatient and again complained to God and Moses about food and water. This time God sent serpents into the camp. The people were dying from the snakebites, and when they finally realized they had sinned, they went to Moses and asked him to pray for them. God showed mercy by having Moses make a bronze serpent and set it up on a pole. When the bitten people looked at it, they were saved from death.

This bronze serpent raised on a pole was a picture of whom? Jesus on the cross.

Yes. Jesus was crucified for our sins so we can look to him, believe, and be saved from eternal death and separation from God.

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Refer to the Lesson 63 Theme Poster. Moses and the Israelites had to travel around the land of Edom, Moab, and Ammon. But when they came to the land of the Amorites and asked to pass through, King Sihon attacked them. God gave them victory, and Sihon was defeated. Then the giant King Og of Bashan attacked Israel. God gave Israel victory over him and his fortified cities. The Israelites took over all the Amorite lands and settled in their cities.

When Balak, the king of Moab, heard about the Israelites' victories, he became afraid. So, he hired a false prophet named Balaam to curse the Israelites.

As Balaam was going to see the king, why did God send the angel of the Lord to block Balaam's path? He knew Balaam's heart was not obedient. Balaam just wanted honor and money.

Who saved Balaam from the angel of the Lord three times? His donkey.

Balaam couldn't see the angel blocking his way, so he got mad every time his donkey tried to get off the road. Finally, his donkey lay down in the middle of the road, and God made her speak to Balaam! Then God opened Balaam's eyes to see the angel. Balaam recognized his sin and said he would speak only what God wanted him to.

What happened every time Balaam spoke about the Israelites? Did he give a blessing or a curse? A blessing.

Yes. This made King Balak angry, and he refused to pay Balaam. But Balaam had a sneaky idea. He told the king and his people to invite the Israelites to worship Baal. And the Israelites did! They disobeyed God's

commands and were punished. But God also punished Balaam and the people who led the Israelites into sin.

Lesson 64

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Refer to the Lesson 64 Theme Poster. In this lesson, we learned about a woman named Rahab. Rahab was a Gentile woman, not an Israelite, and she led a sinful life in the wicked city of Jericho. But Rahab chose to help the two Israelite spies. She hid them on her roof and then helped them escape from the king's men. The spies told Rahab to tie a scarlet cord in her window and gather her family in her house, and then they would keep her and her family safe if she didn't tell anyone about them.

What did Rahab think of God? What did she have that made her special from the other people in Jericho? Faith in God. She believed in the one true God.

Right. Rahab had heard about the miracles God had done for the Israelites. She believed that he was the one true God and not like the false gods her people worshipped. For Rahab's faith, God showed her and her family mercy. They were saved when the city was destroyed, and they were allowed to live with the Israelites. God was gracious, too; he honored Rahab and allowed her to marry an Israelite man, and she became part of the family of King David and then Jesus!

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Refer to the Lesson 65 Theme Poster. In this lesson, God gave his people an awesome demonstration of his power. He also showed that he was with their new leader, Joshua, the same way he had been with Moses. The Israelites were ready to enter the promised land, but they had the Jordan River blocking their way.

God told the priests to put their feet into the river. This showed great faith since the river was overflowing its banks. But when the priests stepped into the rushing water, God stopped the river upstream and dried up the ground. The priests carried the ark of the covenant into the middle of the river and stood there while all the people hurried over to the other side.

We learned that a memorial is a monument like a statue or a holiday that reminds us of a person or event.

What did Joshua stack up as a memorial where the priests were standing? 12 stones.

Joshua set up stones in the river, but he also had leaders from the 12 tribes of Israel each collect a stone and bring it to their camp on the other side. At their camp Joshua set up these 12 stones as a reminder of God's

miracle at the Jordan River. The people were commanded to teach what these stones meant to their children. They needed to know that it was God who brought them safely into the land.

Lesson 66

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Refer to the Lesson 66 Theme Poster. The Lord told Joshua that the victory over Jericho was his—even before the battle had begun! That victory came through some very unusual battle plans. The walls of Jericho fell after the Israelites did just as the Lord commanded.

What were the Israelite army and priests supposed to do? March around the city.

They were told to simply march around the city wall for six days with the priests blowing trumpets and carrying the ark of the covenant—God’s presence—with them. On the seventh day, the priests blew their trumpets and the army gave a great shout on Joshua’s command. And God made the walls fall down flat!

Rahab and her family came out of Jericho alive! God fulfilled his promises to give Joshua victory over Jericho and to save Rahab from destruction.

Lesson 67

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Refer to the Lesson 67 Theme Poster. Remember how the Israelites lost the first battle at Ai? Why was that? Because of Achan’s sin.

Right. At the battle of Jericho, God had commanded the people to completely destroy everything in the city except the things devoted to God. Achan thought he could disobey and get away with it, so he took a beautiful cloak, some silver, and a bar of gold and hid them in a hole under his tent. But God knew his sin. He had to be punished before God would bless Israel and fight for them again.

Then God told Joshua to attack Ai again. How did they attack Ai the second time? What happened? They set up an ambush and won the battle!

Soon after that, the Gibeonites tricked the leaders of Israel. The Gibeonites were allowed to live, but they became Israel’s servants. Then when the Gibeonites were attacked by five kings, Joshua and his fighting men came to rescue them. God helped in this battle by making the enemy soldiers panic. Then he hurled hailstones down on them, killing many.

When the enemy began to run away, what did Joshua pray and ask God to do so he could chase down the fleeing enemy? Make the sun stand still.

God answered Joshua’s prayer and showed his amazing power over creation! God kept the sun up for an extra day so that Joshua and his men

could defeat the enemy. God fought for Israel and brought another great victory.

Lesson 68

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Refer to the Lesson 68 Theme Poster. God promised Abraham that his descendants would become a great nation and inherit the land of Canaan as their own. In the book of Joshua, we see God's fulfillment of these two promises. The Israelites had grown to be a great nation, and God helped them as they fought to take the land he promised them.

Joshua divided the land and gave it to 12 tribes, not including the tribe of Levi. The Levites were chosen to be priests, leaders, judges, teachers of God's laws, and workers in the tabernacle.

Some of the tribes had difficulty driving all the Canaanites out of their area. But there was one 85-year-old man who was ready to fight giants for his land.

What man showed great faith in God by attacking the giants in the land he wanted to have? Caleb.

Joshua gave Caleb his blessing to have the land of Hebron, and Caleb and his relatives attacked the giants and their cities. God gave them victory, and Caleb and his family settled in that land.

At the end of Joshua's life, he called the people together and reminded them of God's miracles and faithfulness to them.

What else did Joshua remind the people to do? Worship only God. Get rid of false gods.

The people promised to serve the Lord, and they did as long as Joshua and the leaders serving with him were alive.

Lesson 69

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Refer to the Lesson 69 Theme Poster. Then we saw the cycle of disobedience that Israel repeated over and over after Joshua and the other leaders died.

Do you remember how many years this cycle went on? For 300 years. What sin did the Israelites keep doing to start this cycle? Idolatry. Worshipping false gods and idols.

The Israelites would turn away from God and worship false gods. Then God would punish them by sending enemies to oppress them and make their lives difficult. The people would cry out to God, and God would show his mercy by sending a judge to rescue them from their enemies. Then the

Israelites would have peace, usually as long as the judge lived. But they would disobey and start worshipping idols all over again.

We read an example of this cycle when God sent the king of Mesopotamia against Israel. This king stole things from the Israelites and made them serve him for eight years. But when the Israelites repented and cried out to God, he sent Othniel to deliver them. Othniel, Caleb's nephew, was the first judge God chose to save the people.

We also learned that idolatry is when we put anything in our lives above God. Idols can be many different things if they are more important to us than God. An idol can be our friends or getting good grades. It can be sports or money. These things are not bad. In fact, they are blessings from God. But we must be careful to not turn them into something we care about more than God.

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Review Game—Bible Baseball

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We encourage you to play the following review game.

Materials

Review Questions

One die

Masking tape or chairs for bases

Instructions

Print one copy of the Review Questions. Set up three bases, home plate, and the pitcher's mound using masking tape or chairs arranged in a diamond with the pitcher's mound in the middle.

Divide the class into two teams. Have the first team line up at home plate. The other team may wait in their seats or stand along the "sideline."

The student at bat will roll the die to determine the "hit" based on the list below (which you may want to write on the board for easy reference). A walk means he can go to first base without answering a question. A foul ball means to roll again. Three foul balls in a row is a strike!

1=single, 2=double, 3=triple, 4=home run, 5=walk, 6=foul ball

Once the hit is determined (#1-4), ask a review question from the pitcher's mound. If the student answers correctly, he can advance around the bases according to his roll. If he answers incorrectly, it is a strike for his team, and he goes to the back of the line. Three strikes and that team is out. Unless they strike out, allow all team members to come to bat once and then switch teams at bat.

Remember that the hits will move any team members who are already on base. For example, if a student is on second base and the next teammate rolls a double and answers a question correctly, the student on second goes to home plate and scores a run for the team while the batter goes to second base.

Keep the game moving by having students roll quickly when they come to bat and "run" the bases for each correct answer. Keep track of strikes and runs for each team. Play for a set number of innings or as time allows, repeating questions if necessary.

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