

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.

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Lesson 71

In this lesson, the Midianites invaded Israel and stole their food and animals. There were so many Midianites that the Israelites could not drive them out. So they ran from their homes and hid.

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 and chose Gideon to lead them in battle against the enemy.

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Show the Lesson 71 Theme Poster. Gideon wasn't courageous or mighty when God found him; he was hiding from the enemy! But God promised to be with him and help him defeat the Midianites.

Gideon first gathered over 30,000 Israelites, but God kept making his army smaller and smaller until there were just 300 men.

Why did God do that? He didn't want the people to think they won by themselves without God's help.

Who remembers the strange things they took to the battle? Trumpets, empty jars, and torches.

One night, Gideon and his men surrounded the Midianite camp. They smashed their jars, raised their torches, and blew their trumpets. God caused the Midianites to panic and fight each other. Then the army scattered, and the Israelites were able to chase them down and defeat them. This was a victory that could only happen through God's power!

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Show the Lesson 72 Theme Poster. The next judge we learned about was Samson, who was a Nazirite set apart by God to help save the Israelites from the Philistines. God gave Samson supernatural strength. He was able to do many mighty things. For example, Samson tore a lion apart with his bare hands when it attacked him. He also killed 1,000 Philistines with the jawbone of a donkey!

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.

Samson loved Delilah, but she pestered him to tell her the secret of his strength because the Philistines offered to give her money. At first, Samson lied about what would make him weak, but he finally gave in and told Delilah that he was a Nazirite. She betrayed Samson and had his hair cut while he was asleep.

God left Samson, and he was captured, blinded, and put in prison. Later, when Samson was brought before a large crowd of Philistines, he prayed for strength one more time. God answered his prayer, and Samson pushed down the pillars of the building they were in, killing about 3,000 Philistines!

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Show the Lesson 73 Theme Poster. We also learned about Ruth who was from the country of Moab. 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 went back to? Bethlehem.

Back in Bethlehem, Naomi and Ruth 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 the Lesson 74 Theme Poster. In the next lesson, we were introduced to Samuel. Samuel's mother, Hannah, prayed for a son and promised to give him back to God to serve him. When Samuel was a young boy, Hannah took him to live at the tabernacle.

Who was the the priest Samuel helped at the tabernacle? Eli.

Eli was the high priest; it was his job to lead the Israelites in worshipping the Lord. But Eli's sons, Hophni and Phinehas, were wicked men.

God had a message of judgment for Eli and all Israel. He chose to give this message through Samuel, his next prophet. Samuel first heard God speaking to him at night while he was sleeping. He kept running to Eli's room because he thought Eli was calling him. After the third time, Eli figured out it was God calling, and he told Samuel what to say if he heard his name again. God

did call Samuel in a dream and gave him a serious message to deliver.

Even though he was afraid to tell Eli, Samuel was obedient and gave him the message from God. It was fulfilled when the Israelites lost a battle against the Philistines. About 30,000 soldiers were killed and the ark of the covenant was captured. Hophni and Phinehas also died in the battle. When Eli heard the news, he fell and died. Everything happened just as God had said.

Samuel continued to listen to God as he grew up. God helped him in all he did. Samuel became a prophet, a priest, and a judge.

Lesson 75

Samuel judged Israel faithfully throughout his life. But 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.

Even after Samuel's warnings of what a king would do, the people still insisted; they wanted a king just like the other nations around them.

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Show the 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 failed to trust and obey God. He offered a sacrifice himself instead of waiting for Samuel. Then when he was told to completely destroy the Amalekites, Saul let the king and the best animals live.

Who remembers one of the consequences of Saul's 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 harm-ful 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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We found out who that was in the next lesson. God told Samuel to go see Jesse in Bethlehem and anoint one of his sons as the next king of Israel.

How many sons did Jesse have? Eight.

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Show the Lesson 76 Theme Poster. Jesse's first seven sons passed before Samuel. The oldest son, Eliab, was tall and strong, and

Samuel thought he must be the one God wanted to be king. But God said it wasn't him.

What did God say he was looking at? The heart.

God doesn't look at the outward appearance; he looks at the heart—the part of a person that controls how he feels, what he thinks, what he wants, and the choices he makes.

After God rejected each of the seven sons, Jesse's youngest son was brought before Samuel. God told Samuel to anoint him.

Who was the youngest son? David.

Yes! God saw that David had a heart that loved him, so David would be the next king of Israel. But David wasn't king yet. He began to go back and forth from his home, where he cared for the sheep, and Saul's royal court, where he played his lyre for Saul and served as his armor-bearer.

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Then war broke out between the Israelites and the Philistines. David's three oldest 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 the Lesson 77 Theme Poster. David was upset that Goliath was mocking God, and he volunteered to fight. David came up against the well-armed 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. All it took was one stone from David's sling. It sank into Goliath's forehead, and the giant was defeated. Then the Israelites chased the Philistine army back to their cities.

Lesson 78

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Show the Lesson 78 Theme Poster. In this lesson, we saw a great friendship between David and Jonathan.

Who was Jonathan? King Saul's son. A prince of Israel.

Jonathan gave his robe, armor, sword, bow, and belt to David. He knew David was chosen to be the next king and had

accepted that fact. Both friends loved and trusted God. God used their friendship to protect David from Saul, who was growing more and more jealous of David's success. Because of his anger and jealousy, what did Saul do when David was playing the lyre for him? Threw his spear at him to kill him.

David had to run from Saul. But Jonathan spoke to his father and got him to promise not to harm David. However, when Saul got angry and jealous again, he threw another spear at David. So Jonathan and David came up with a plan to find out for sure if Saul really wanted to kill David or not. When David didn't come to a special meal, Saul got angry and threw a spear at Jonathan. That's when Jonathan knew he needed to warn David to run from his father.

But Saul's servants were everywhere. How did Jonathan warn David without anyone knowing? He went to the field and shot arrows. The things he said to the boy chasing the arrows were messages for David, who was hiding nearby.

The two friends said goodbye. Then Jonathan went back to the city while David ran for his life.

Lesson 79

David ran 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 all the priests and their families killed.

David fled to the Philistine city of Gath, which was a mistake since they recognized him there. He acted like a crazy man so the Philistine king wouldn't kill him but send him away instead. Eventually, David was joined by a group of men who stayed with him and helped 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 piece of Saul's robe. When Saul left, David came out of the cave and showed it to Saul in hopes that Saul would see that he didn't mean him any harm. Saul left, but it wasn't long before he began the chase again when he found out David and his men were in the wilderness.

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Show the Lesson 79 Theme Poster. One night, 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 do it. Instead, 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 to prove he had been close enough to kill Saul, but didn't. Saul understood that David had spared him again, and he left with his men.

David did what was right and showed mercy and forgiveness. It would have been tempting to kill Saul those times in the cave and in the camp. But David believed it was more important to be righteous and obedient to God rather than taking his own revenge.

Lesson 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 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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