

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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Show 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, bring back some fruit, and find out about the people and cities.

After 40 days, the spies brought back large clusters of grapes as well as figs and pomegranates from the land. They found plentiful water and trees. It was a good land! But the spies also saw giants living in the land and cities that were fortified with walls.

How many of the spies were frightened 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.

Yes. Only Joshua and Caleb encouraged the people to trust God and not to fear. But the people didn't listen to them. They wanted to return to Egypt, and they refused to enter the good land God promised them. For their rebellion, God said they would all wander in the wilderness for 40 years until those people who didn't believe and obey him died. But Joshua, Caleb, and the young people under age 20 would get to enter the land.

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Show Lesson 62 Theme Poster. During the years in the wilderness, some people became impatient and unhappy following God and Moses. Three men rebelled against God. Their names were Korah, Dathan, and Abiram. These men gathered other leaders to go with them and challenge Moses and Aaron. Two hundred and fifty leaders wanted to be priests, which was the job God gave only to Aaron and his sons.

How did God judge Korah, Dathan, and Abiram? What happened to them? An earthquake split the ground, and they and their families and belongings fell into the earth.

Before the earthquake, God was merciful and told Moses to warn the Israelites to move away from the three rebels. The people did move back, even some of Korah's sons who didn't join his rebellion, and they were spared. Then God sent fire to destroy the 250 men who were offering incense even though they weren't priests. God wanted his people to learn that rebellion is a serious sin.

Even after seeing the earthquake and fire from the Lord, the Israelites continued to complain against God and Moses. One time when they grumbled about food and water, God sent poisonous snakes into the camp. What did the people have to do to be saved from the snakebites? Look to the bronze serpent so they would not die.

The bronze serpent was a picture of Jesus, who would come to die on the cross and take the punishment for sin so we can have eternal life.

Lesson 63

The wilderness wanderings were almost over, and God led Moses and the Israelites around several countries to where they would enter the promised land. Two powerful Amorite kings attacked the Israelites.

What were the names of those two kings? One was a giant! Sihon and Og.

Sihon and Og were powerful kings and had many cities, but they were defeated by the Israelites because God gave them victory. Moses gave their land to the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh.

Balak, the king of Moab, was afraid that the Israelites would attack him next. Who did he hire to curse the Israelites for him? Balaam.

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Show the Lesson 63 Theme Poster. Balaam was a false prophet. When he rode his donkey to visit the king, the angel of the Lord blocked his way. How did Balaam's donkey save his life? She avoided the angel of the Lord three times on the road.

But Balaam didn't know what his donkey was doing, going off the road and then lying down, so he got angry and struck her. Then God caused the donkey to speak! Balaam still didn't understand what was happening until God opened his eyes to see the angel. Then he realized that God wasn't happy with him. Balaam offered to return home, but God told him to go to Balak. When Balak brought Balaam to curse the Israelites, Balaam blessed them three times instead of cursing them! God protected his people from Balak and made sure they received a blessing.

Lesson 64

Next, we learned that God chose Joshua to lead the Israelites after Moses' death. God let Moses see the promised land from a mountaintop before he died. The adults that rebelled and refused to enter the promised land had also died, except for Joshua and Caleb. Joshua was preparing to lead the new

generation of Israelites into the land of Canaan. He sent two spies who went into the city of Jericho and stayed at a woman's house.

What was the name of the woman? Rahab.

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Show the Lesson 64 Theme Poster. Rahab led a sinful life, but when she heard about the miracles God had done for the Israelites, she believed their God was the one true God. She chose to hide the spies on her roof when the king's men were searching for them. She asked the spies to spare her and her family when God gave them the city. They said they would if she didn't tell her people what they were planning.

What else did the spies tell her she had to do to protect her home and her family? Tie a scarlet cord in her window and bring her family into her house when the Israelites attacked.

Rahab agreed and let the spies climb out her window and down the city wall to escape. The spies reported to Joshua that all the people of the land were terrified of them. Joshua was ready to attack Jericho. There was only one problem—the flooded Jordan River was in between the Israelites' camp and the city!

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What did God do to get his people across the river into the promised land? God stopped up the waters so they could cross.

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Show the Lesson 65 Theme Poster. That's right! God blocked the river at another place north of the crossing. But what did the priests have to do before the waters parted? Step into the water.

When the priests stepped into the water, God stopped the waters. 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.

Remember that the ark of the covenant represented God's presence with the people. God was showing his people that he was with them and would help them. He also showed that he was with Joshua the same way he had been with Moses.

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

Joshua set up stones in the river, and he also had leaders from the 12 tribes of Israel collect a stone and bring it to their camp on the other side. Once everyone was safely across and the priests reached the shore, God caused the waters to return. Joshua set up the 12 memorial stones the leaders brought as a reminder of God's miracle. 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.

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Show the Lesson 66 Theme Poster. The first city that needed to be conquered was Jericho, which was protected by tall and sturdy walls. God gave the Israelites unusual directions for how to defeat this city. He told them to march around the city once every morning for six days.

What did God tell them to do on the seventh day? March seven times around the city and shout. Then God would topple the walls.

That's right. On the seventh day, the priests carried the ark of the covenant and blew trumpets as they marched with the fighting men around the city. They shouted, and God made the walls crumble so the men could run straight into the city and destroy it.

But who did they remember to save in the city? Rahab and her family.

God was faithful to his promise to save Rahab and to give Joshua and the Israelites victory.

Lesson 67

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Show the Lesson 67 Theme Poster. After Jericho, the Israelites attacked the city of Ai with a smaller force, but they were defeated! Some of their fighting men were even killed! The Israelites were terrified that God wasn't with them anymore. But God told Joshua that they'd lost because of one man's sin at Jericho. That man's name was Achan.

What was Achan's sin? He took a cloak, silver, and gold from Jericho that he was commanded not to.

God had commanded his people to completely destroy everything in the city. Only the precious metals were saved and brought to the priests as items devoted to God. Achan thought he could steal and hide the items in his tent, but God exposed Achan's sin in front of Joshua and all Israel. Achan and his family had to be punished before God could again bless Israel and fight for them.

God told Joshua to attack Ai again. This time they brought all the fighting men and set an ambush, and they were victorious.

The Israelites' next battle was against five Amorite kings. God cast hailstones down on the enemy, and they tried to flee.

What great miracle did Joshua ask God to do so the enemy couldn't escape? Make the sun stand still.

God answered Joshua's prayer and kept the sun up for about an extra day so that Joshua and his men could pursue the enemy. God fought for Israel and brought another great victory!

Lesson 68

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Show the Lesson 68 Theme Poster. In this lesson, we saw how God fulfilled his promise to give the Israelites the land of Canaan. God was with Joshua and the Israelites as they fought the people in the land and conquered more cities. Then Joshua divided the land for each of the tribes. Two and a half tribes received land on the east side of the Jordan River. The other nine and a half tribes received their inheritance on the west side of the Jordan.

Who remembers what large tribe divided in half and received land on the east and the west side of the Jordan? (Hint: it was one of Joseph's sons.) Manasseh.

Manasseh was such a large tribe that they split up and received land on both sides of the river. The tribe of Levi was the only one that didn't receive a portion of land because they were chosen to be God's ministers and priests.

Joshua told the tribes to go and take possession of their lands. They would need to drive out any remaining Canaanite or Amorite people living in their territory, but some tribes failed to do this.

Caleb, even when he was 85 years old, wasn't afraid to fight for his inheritance. He asked Joshua if he could have the land where giants were living. He believed that God would give him victory—and God did! God rewarded the faith of Caleb.

Lesson 69

When Joshua was old and the Israelites were enjoying their new land, he warned the people to continue to obey God and follow his commandments. He was worried that they would turn to the false gods of the people still living in the land, and that's exactly what happened. After Joshua and the leaders died, the Israelites worshipped the Baals and bowed down to them. The Baals were the false gods of the Canaanites and Amorites they failed to destroy from the land.

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Show the Lesson 69 Theme Poster. Their sin began a cycle that they repeated for about 300 years. Who will read the steps in this cycle? Choose students to read the steps from the poster.

Refer to the Time of the Judges on the Exodus to Malachi Timeline. The first judge was Othniel, Caleb's nephew. He saved the Israelites from the king of Mesopotamia after the Israelites cried out to God for help. The book of Judges gives the account of Othniel and other judges God raised up when the people repented and cried out to him for deliverance. God continued to be merciful and to forgive his people when they repented, but they continued to forsake him and worship false gods.

Today, we may not bow down to idols like they did back in the time of the judges, but we can still be guilty of idolatry, which is putting anything above our love for God. When we love the things in this world more than the Lord, we are disobeying God.

What are some examples of idolatry today? Allow discussion. Answers may include friends, good grades, sports, popularity, money, possessions, video games, etc.

These things are not bad. But we must be careful not to turn “good” things into “god” things—things that we worship more than God.

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We encourage you to play the following review game.

Materials

Review Questions

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 as necessary.

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