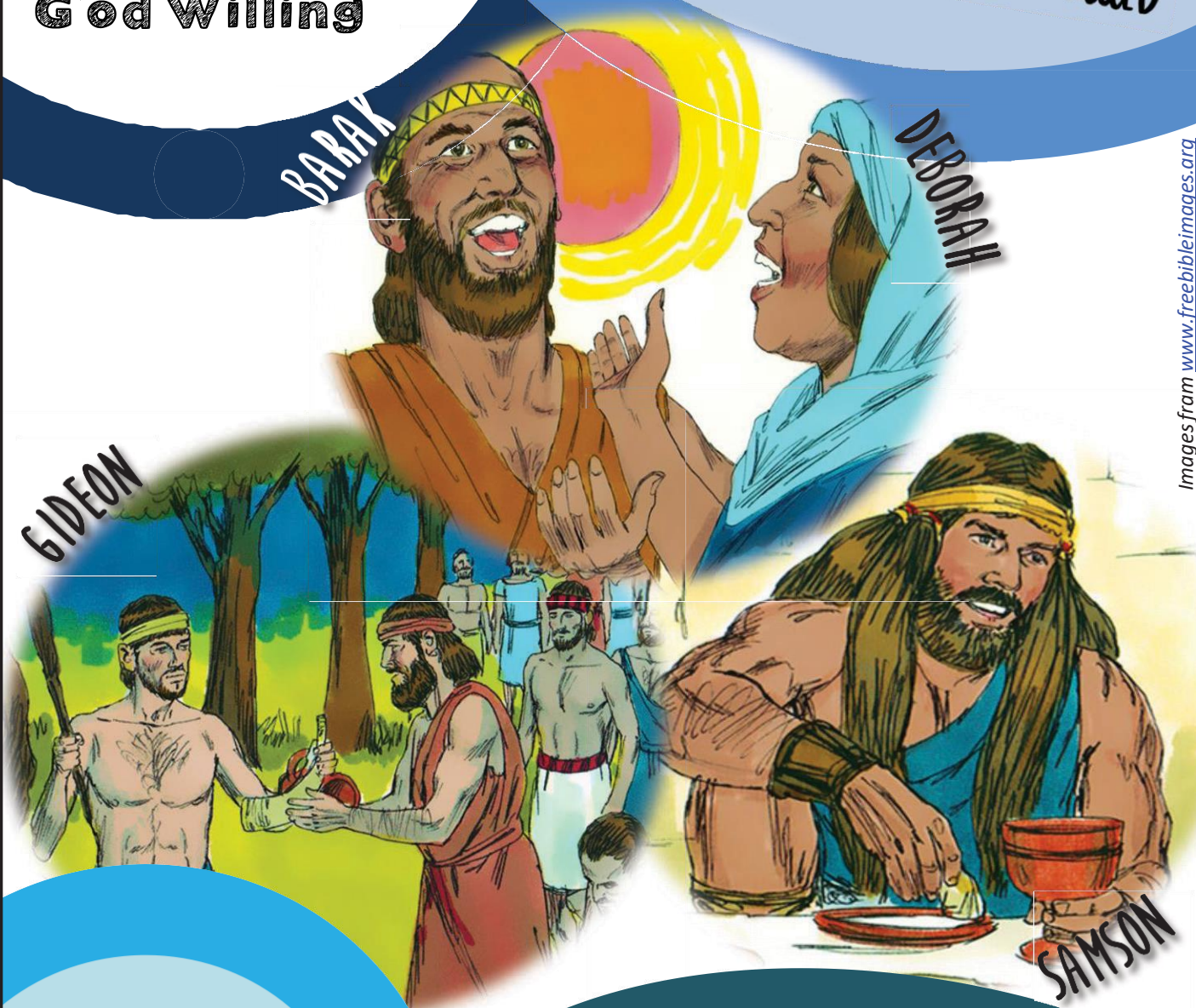


**2024**  
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**God Willing**

THE DAYS WHEN THE  
**JUDGES**  
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**GRADES**  
**4 TO 7**

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BRANTFORD JUNIOR CYC & LITTLE DISCIPLES GATHERING  
FEBRUARY 3, 2024 @9:30AM LOCATION: ANCASTER FAIRGROUNDS

**Dear Parent & Student,**

This year our study is on **The Judges**! Please note each **WORKBOOK** is assigned by grade. Enjoy the study and work on the booklet as much as possible prior to arrival! The books will be marked according to each child's ability, some sections may be labeled for higher grade levels only, do what is appropriate for your child's ability. Bonus points will be awarded for finishing the **EXTRA CREDIT** activity for the appropriate grade level. We will also be learning a **MEMORY VERSE** for camp, as well as some **SONGS**. Visit our website **www.brantfordjuniorcyc.com** to hopefully find everything you need, or email us at **registration@brantfordjuniorcyc.com** if you have any questions!

**Registration cost:**

\$30/person, \$90 family, \$20 /teen helper. If the cost is at all prohibitive, please pay what you are able to or consider there to be no requirement for payment. There will also be a freewill offering during the gathering to help the cost of the gathering. Registration can be taken as CAD or USD Cash or Cheque, or CAD e-transfer to **brantfordfinance@gmail.com** but must be earmarked/commented "Ancaster".

Please Note: **ADVANCE REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED.**

Please register by January 1, 2024.

You can find the workbooks online and place them in the appropriately colored duotang for each grade.

**Pre-K-JK-SK:** Red      **Grades 1-3:** Yellow      **Grades 4-7:** Blue

Don't forget to bring your Bible and workbook to the gathering! Please also remember to bring snowsuits, mitts, hats, snow boots, and warm clothing to enjoy the outdoors! Also bring any small sleds or shovels, frisbees, balls or anything else that would be fun for the afternoon. Weather permitting, there may be huge snow piles that allow for some degree of sledding and digging...We will have to see.

Be sure to read and follow the Basic Rules below! Look forward to seeing you at Camp, or sooner if our Lord returns before then!

**BASIC RULES:**

1. **LISTEN & OBEY!** Be mindful and respectful to your teacher(s) and follow their instructions. Pay attention to all adults supervising both indoor and outdoor activities.
2. **BE SAFETY CONSCIOUS!** Stay within the limits of our activities while in outdoor play. Volunteer safety monitors will be at each activity (in yellow vests).
3. **Parents are RESPONSIBLE for their own children. If not supervising your children yourself, for their safety, please be sure they are appropriately monitored during all free time. There may be traffic on site to be mindful of.**
4. **BE HELPFUL!** Help younger children as we are all attending this location for the first time, this will be a learning experience.
5. Place coats/boots in appropriate location upon entering the main building.
6. Place left over food/plates/garbage in garbage bags/containers.
7. **HAVE FUN!** Have a 'fruitful' and 'fun-filled' day!

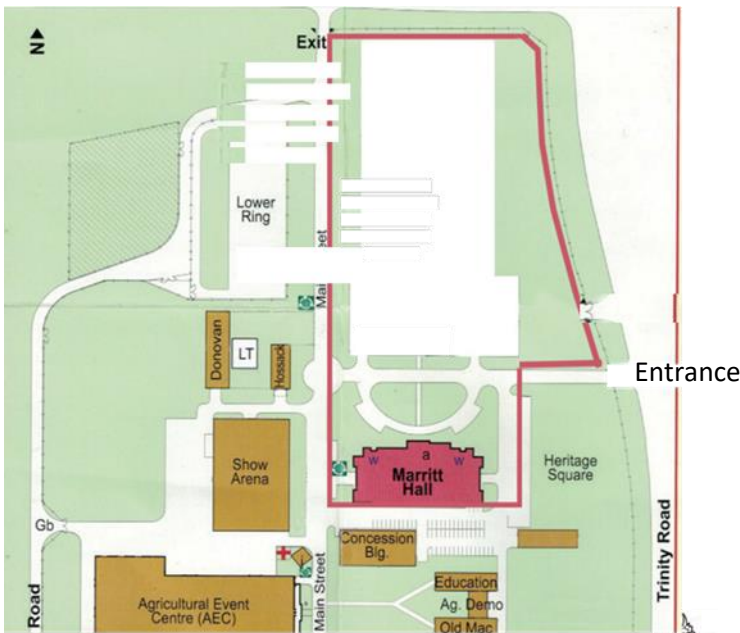
**Note. ... Volunteers are needed for 'safety monitors' as additional watchful eyes will be a great help! We are the **ONLY** group in the Marritt Hall but there maybe other people at the fairgrounds renting other buildings the same weekend.**

# Things to Know Before You Come

We are very privileged to have access to such an outstanding facility, and the continuation of behavior reflecting our biblical principles can help ensure we can continue to use it in future years!

Take a few minutes to study the maps and make yourself familiar with the site map, building & activity locations for the safety and enjoyment of everyone! Please be aware that we may not be the only group using the fairgrounds, as such there may be traffic, as well as other people to be aware of.

We have rented Marritt Hall and have access to the parking lot and green space in and around the red box. Crossing guards will be posted at the road, but parents are responsible for their children.





Please practice the songs as they will be sung by the group and the end of the day

## SONG - **Make Me Strong**

There's a world full of darkness all around me,  
And the servants of sin all around me.  
But this foe that I fight cannot harm me,  
For I know that I fight in God's army.

### CHORUS

For I fight not with spear, or with sword,  
For the battle belongs to the LORD!  
So with the LORD by my side, I'll defeat the enemy,  
As my captain and guide, he will set His people free,  
Father make me strong!  
Go before and win this war!  
In this world of dark,  
Father light the way!

For the LORD will not leave or forsake us,  
And the victors of faith He will make us.  
So we press on with Yahweh beside us,  
Til we gain back the land, He will guide us.

### CHORUS

Check [www.brantfordjuniorcyc.com](http://www.brantfordjuniorcyc.com) for a copy of the song

## MEMORY VERSE

Those in Grades 4-7 will be reciting...

1 Cor 1:27 "But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty"

## EXTRA CREDIT

All extra credit is completely optional for bonus marks.

**The extra credit for grades 4-5 is to write a paragraph explaining the memory verse. Think of two examples of God doing this in the Bible (think of specific people/events) and be sure to note the verses where you find them in your paragraph.**

**The extra credit for grades 6-7 listed as "BONUS" on pages 17 + 36.**

# INTRODUCTION

Israel's leader was dead. Joshua had been faithful to the end, bringing the children of Israel into the Promised Land. He led their armies as they began to conquer the inheritance just as God had commanded them to do:

<sup>16</sup> "But of the cities of these peoples which the LORD your God gives you *as* an inheritance, you shall let nothing that breathes remain alive, <sup>17</sup> but you shall utterly destroy them: the Hittite and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite, just as the LORD your God has commanded you, <sup>18</sup> lest they teach you to do according to all their abominations which they have done for their gods, and you sin against the LORD your God. – Deuteronomy 20:16-18

1. When the children of Israel entered the Promised Land what was allowed to remain alive? \_\_\_\_\_
2. Why did God command them to utterly [completely!] destroy these people? \_\_\_\_\_

Under Joshua, the children of Israel had begun this enormous task of completely destroying the Canaanites out of the land. They watched God crumble the walls of Jericho! They saw the sun stand still so that they could defeat a huge army! Although their parents in the wilderness had died because they were afraid of the giants in the land, the children of Israel under Joshua saw that they could conquer ANY GIANT – ANY ARMY with God on their side! But now Joshua was gone. There was still land to take, and enemies to drive out. God was still on their side, if they obeyed Him. But they did not.



## THEY DID NOT DRIVE OUT

**Read Judges 1:19-36.** Underline with a red pencil each time you see the phrases "could not drive out," "did not drive out," or "neither did... drive out."

Now count how many times the phrase "could not/did not drive out" occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

In the chart below, read the verses listed and decide whether each tribe was able to drive out the inhabitants of that land. Check the correct box.

Tribe	Verses	Sort of	No
Judah (and Simeon)	1:2-20	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Benjamin	1:21	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Joseph (look for the city of <i>Bethel</i> on the map instead of a tribe)	1:22-26	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Manasseh (west of Jordan)	1:27-28	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Tribe	Verses	Sort of	No
Ephraim	1:29	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Zebulun	1:30	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Asher	1:31-32	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Naphtali	1:33	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Dan	1:34-36	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Find each of the tribes mentioned in Judges on the map.

If the tribe was partially successful, shade the tribe's area with an orange pencil.

If the tribe was unsuccessful, shade that tribe's area with a red pencil.

*(Note that Reuben, Gad, and the eastern half of Manasseh are not on the list from Judges 1. These tribes settled east of the Jordan River.)*

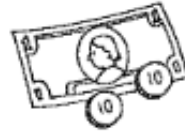


“I said, ‘I will never break My covenant with you, and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land, but you shall break down their altars.’”

Write the word for each picture.  
Use the number code to fill in the letters.



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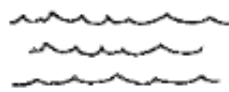
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5 2 16 20 4 8 6 7 ?

And I have also said, ‘I will not drive them out before you; they will become traps for you, and their gods will become snares to you.’”



# SIN

God knew that if the children of Israel did not completely destroy the inhabitants of the land, they would learn the wicked ways of the inhabitants and worship their idols. And that was exactly what happened.

Baal and Ashtaroath were the idols of the Canaanites. **Read Judges 2:11-13** and notice what happened because the Israelites did not drive the Canaanites out of the land. Notice the contrast between the way the Israelites behaved towards God and the way they acted towards the idols!

How they acted towards God	How they acted towards the idols
v. 11 did _____ in the sight of the LORD	v. 11 _____ the Baals
v. 12 they _____ the LORD God of their fathers	v. 12 _____ other gods
v. 12 _____ the LORD to anger	v. 12 _____ themselves unto them
v. 13 _____ the LORD	v. 13 _____ Baal and Ashtaroath

**Look up and read Psalm 106:34-38 (these verses describe the times of the judges).**



1. What did the children of Israel learn from mingling (or mixing) with the unbelievers?

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2. Israel became like the nations that they did not destroy. What did they sacrifice to the idols?

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## think about it...

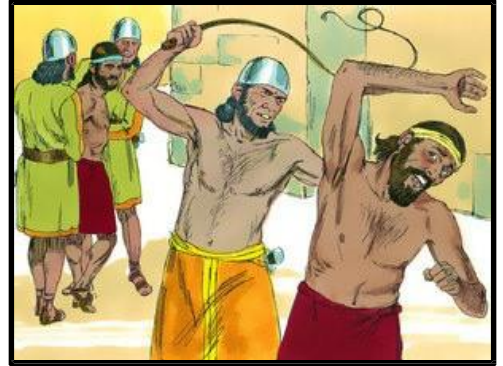
The children of Israel learned terrible things when they mixed with the unbelievers of the land. **1 Corinthians 15:33** says, "Do not be deceived: "Evil company corrupts good habits." What does God say will happen if we hang out with "evil company"?

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# SUFFERING

Read Judges 2:14-15.

1. How did God feel towards Israel because of their idol worship?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. What was the consequence from God for becoming like the heathen and worshipping their idols?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



think about it...

Can you think of a time when someone close to you (a parent, grandparent, aunt or uncle) has warned you not to do something and what would happen if you did? Were they right? Did you listen to their counsel? What happened? Describe below what a situation like this might look like (either the example you have been thinking of or an imaginary situation). **Grade 6/7 please provide a verse to support the right way of handling the situation.**

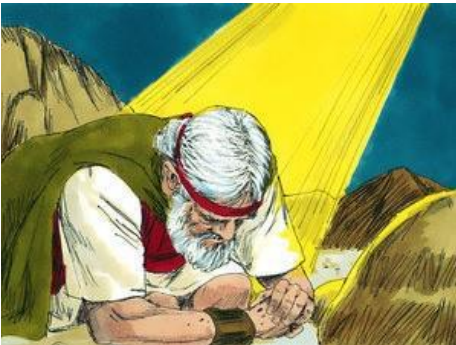
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# SEEKING

Although God allowed the Israelites to suffer the consequences of turning to idolatry, He is also a very merciful God. Read the verses below and answer the following questions.



...for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed them and harassed them. – Judges 2:18b

Nevertheless He regarded their affliction, When He heard their cry; And for their sake He remembered His covenant, And relented according to the multitude of His mercies.– Psalm 106:44-45.

1. Even though God was very angry at the Israelites when they worshipped idols, what were the Israelites doing that made Him “repent” [or change His mind] from His anger?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Seek ye the LORD while he may be found, call ye upon him while he is near: Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the LORD, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. – Isaiah 55:6-7

## think about it...

What do you think you can do to seek God? Please write your answer in a full sentence.

**Grade 6/7 please answer in the form of a short paragraph.**

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But seek ye first  
the kingdom of God,  
and his righteousness; and  
all these things shall be  
added unto  
you. Matt. 6:33

## SALVATION

And when the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge – Judges 2:18a

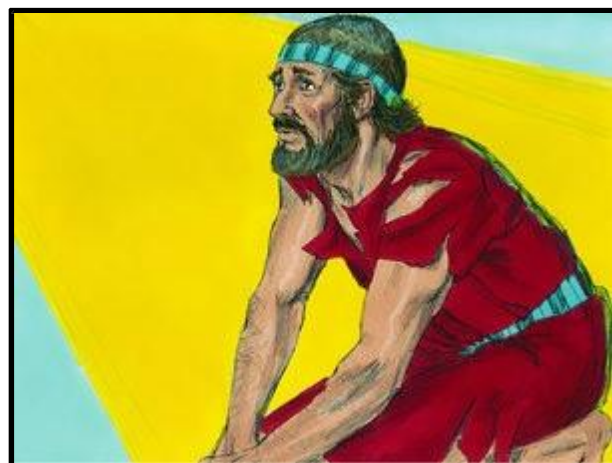
1. God heard the cry of the children of Israel when their enemies oppressed them. Who did God “raise up” to answer their cry?

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2. Who was with each of the judges?

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God wanted to be very clear that it was not the JUDGE of Israel who had the wisdom or the strength or might to save Israel, it was GOD who was their true Deliverer.



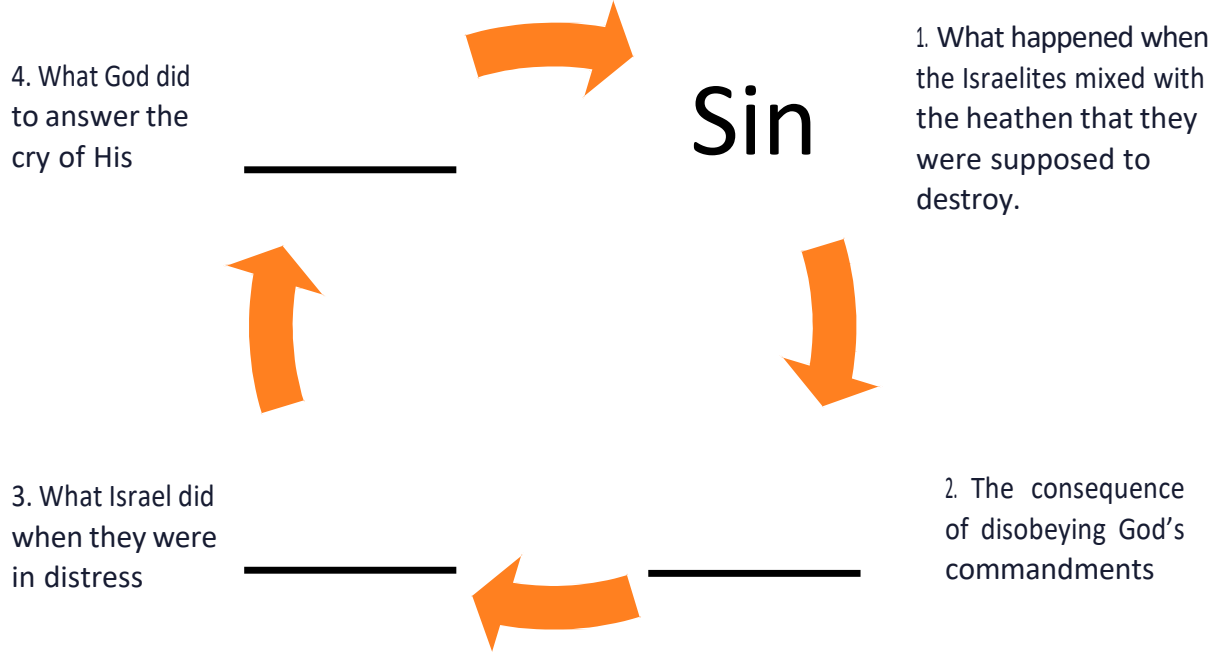
## God's strength is made perfect in weakness

Draw a line to match the judge or deliverer with his “weakness”:

- |          |   |
|----------|---|
| Ehud     | had no strength when his hair was cut (Jdg. 16:17-20) |
| Barak    | kicked out of his family's house (Jdg. 11:2)          |
| Samson   | was afraid to fight on his own (Jdg. 4:8)             |
| Gideon   | the left-handed judge (Jdg. 3:15)                     |
| Jephthah | had an army of only 300 men (Jdg. 7:7)                |

## Review!

Label the parts of the cycle that we have seen occurring in Judges.



**This terrible cycle occurs six times in the book of Judges!**

### BIBLE MARKING FOR GRADE 6/7!

It is worth noting the six cycles of sin in Judges. In each passage below, look for the phrases that show each of the four parts of the cycle. Underline the phrase and mark in your margin SIN, SUFFERING, SEEKING, or SALVATION.

The first cycle is in Judges 3:7-9. Next to 3:7 in your margin write SIN. Next to v8 mark SUFFERING. Next to v9 mark SEEKING, and also next to v9 mark SALVATION.

Find and mark the second cycle in Judges 3:12-15.

Find and mark the third cycle in Judges 4:1-9.

Find and mark the fourth cycle in Judges 6:1-2, 6, 11-14

Find and mark the fifth cycle in Judges 10:6-7, 10; 11:32

Find and mark the sixth cycle in Judges 13:1, 5 (Note "seeking" is not described in the sixth cycle.)

# Deborah and Barak



## Read Judges chapter 4.

Each section of the chapter below has a space to write in a “Heading” to summarize that section. Choose a heading from this box that summarizes each section and write it where it says “Heading.”

### Headings

- Deborah gives Barak God’s command to fight against Sisera
- Sin, suffering, seeking
- The land had rest
- Deborah, judge of Israel
- Jael kills Sisera
- Barak’s army fights Sisera’s army

### Coloring

As you read, look for and color the following information (check the box after you have colored it):

- Color in light brown any words to do with time.
- Color the references to Jabin and Sisera in red.
- Color Deborah, Barak, or Jael in blue each time you see one.
- Color place words in green.

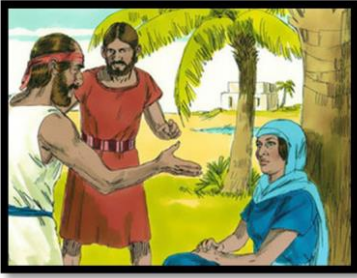
## Judges 4



Section One Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

1 When Ehud was dead, the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD. <sup>2</sup> So the LORD sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor. The

commander of his army was Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth Hagoyim. <sup>3</sup> And the children of Israel cried out to the LORD; for Jabin had nine hundred chariots of iron, and for twenty years he had harshly oppressed the children of Israel.



## Section Two Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup> Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, was judging Israel at that

time. <sup>5</sup> And she would sit under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the mountains of Ephraim. And the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.

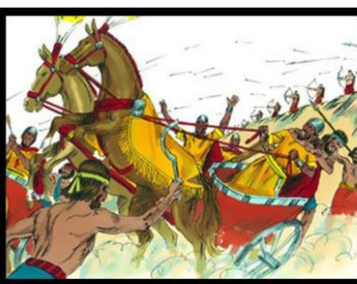


## Section Three Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, “Has not the LORD God of Israel commanded, ‘Go and deploy troops at Mount Tabor; take with you ten thousand men of the sons of Naphtali and of the sons of Zebulun; <sup>7</sup> and against you I will deploy Sisera, the commander of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and

<sup>6</sup> Then she sent and called for Barak the son of Abinoam from

his multitude at the River Kishon; and I will deliver him into your hand?’” <sup>8</sup> And Barak said to her, “If you will go with me, then I will go; but if you will not go with me, I will not go!” <sup>9</sup> So she said, “I will surely go with you; nevertheless there will be no glory for you in the journey you are taking, for the LORD will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman.” Then Deborah arose and went with Barak to Kedesh.



## Section Four Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

up with ten thousand men under his command, and Deborah went up with him. <sup>11</sup> Now Heber the Kenite, of the children of Hobab the father-in-law of Moses, had separated himself from the Kenites and pitched his tent near the terebinth tree at Zaanaim, which *is* beside Kedesh. <sup>12</sup> And they reported to Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam had gone up to Mount Tabor. <sup>13</sup> So Sisera gathered together all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of

<sup>10</sup> And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali to Kedesh; he went

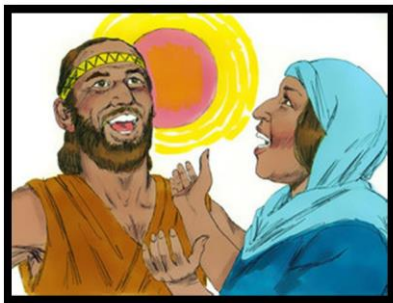
iron, and all the people who *were* with him, from Harosheth Hagoyim to the River Kishon. <sup>14</sup> Then Deborah said to Barak, “Up! For this *is* the day in which the LORD has delivered Sisera into your hand. Has not the LORD gone out before you?” So Barak went down from Mount Tabor with ten thousand men following him. <sup>15</sup> And the LORD routed Sisera and all *his* chariots and all *his* army with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from *his* chariot and fled away on foot. <sup>16</sup> But Barak pursued the chariots and the army as far as Harosheth Hagoyim, and all the army of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; not a man was left.



## Section Five Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>17</sup> However, Sisera had fled away on foot to the tent of Jael, the wife of Heber the Kenite; for *there was* peace between Jabin king of Hazor and the house of Heber the Kenite. <sup>18</sup> And Jael went out to meet Sisera, and said to him, “Turn aside, my lord, turn aside to me; do not fear.” And when he had turned aside with her into the tent, she covered him with a blanket. <sup>19</sup> Then he said to her, “Please give me a little water to drink, for I am thirsty.” So she opened a jug of milk, gave him a drink, and covered him. <sup>20</sup> And he said to her,

“Stand at the door of the tent, and if any man comes and inquires of you, and says, ‘Is there any man here?’ you shall say, ‘No.’ ” <sup>21</sup> Then Jael, Heber’s wife, took a tent peg and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly to him and drove the peg into his temple, and it went down into the ground; for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died. <sup>22</sup> And then, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said to him, “Come, I will show you the man whom you seek.” And when he went into her *tent*, there lay Sisera, dead with the peg in his temple.



## Section Six Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

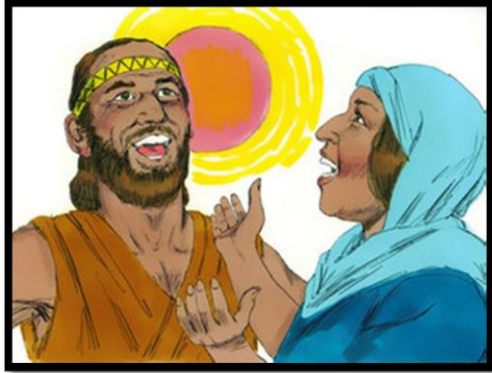
<sup>23</sup> So on that day God subdued Jabin king of Canaan in the presence of the children of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> And the hand of the children of

Israel grew stronger and stronger against Jabin king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

# Order the Pictures

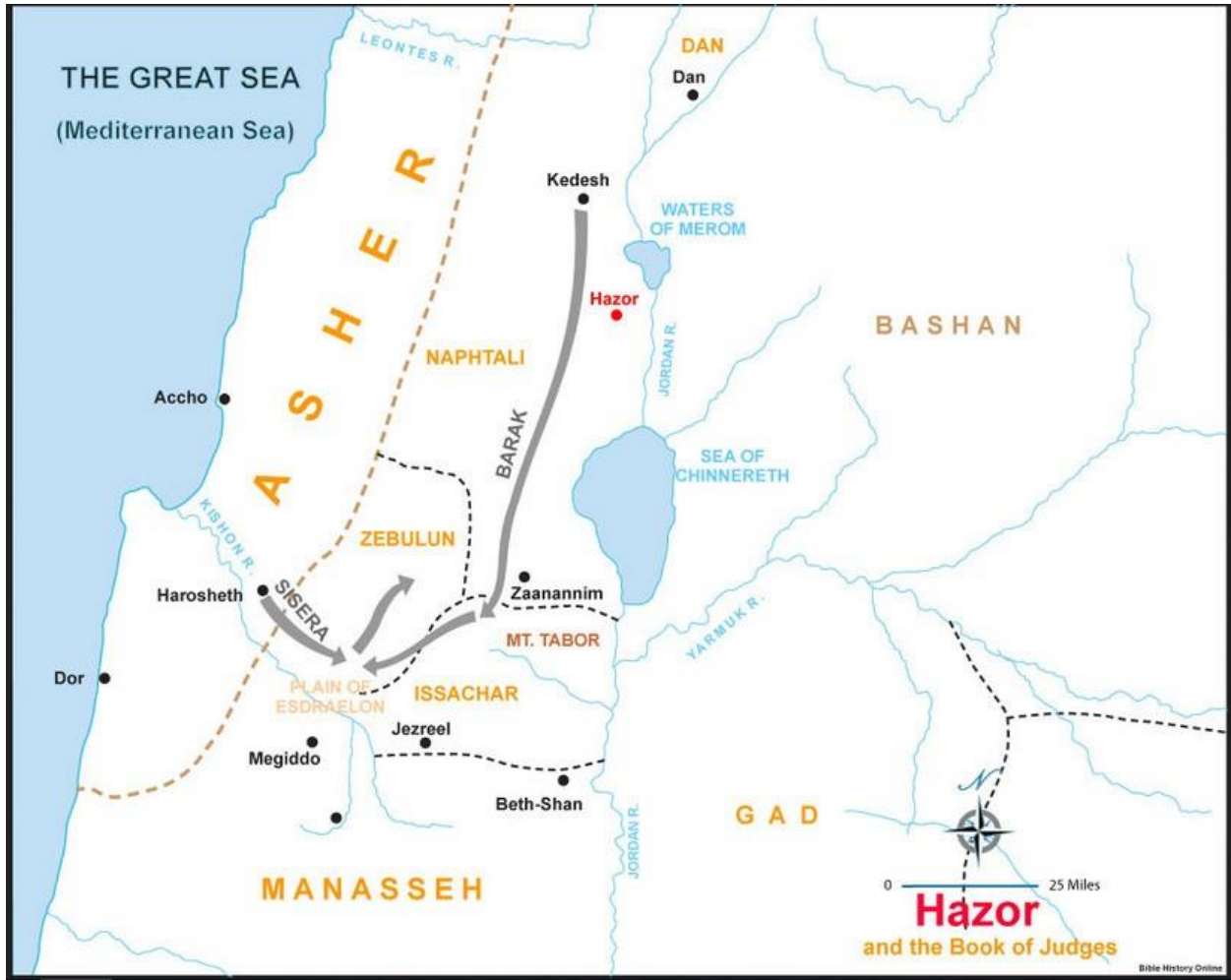
Write a number beside each picture to show the order of the story.





# Where did it happen?

1. Draw an angry face on the map at the place that Jabin reigned. (v2)
2. Draw a worried face on the map at the place that Barak comes from. (v6)
3. Draw a triangle on the map for the mountain that Barak was to go towards (v6)
4. Circle the two tribes that Barak was told to take 10,000 men from (v6)
5. Draw a "V" for victory by the place that Barak pursued the host of Sisera to. (v16)
6. Draw a nail next to the plain that Heber and Jael lived in. (v11)





# What do you know about King Jabin (Judges 4)?



King of Canaan who reigned in (v2)

1 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ subdued him before the children of Israel (v23).

6

His captain's name was (v2)

2 \_\_\_\_\_

(Judg. 5:6) His oppression was so harsh that the children of Israel were afraid to travel on the \_\_\_\_\_

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Look up in your concordance what Canaan means (Strong's number 3667)

3 \_\_\_\_\_

*The Hebrew Strong's numbers are in the back of the concordance and NOT italicized.*

God \_\_\_\_\_ Israel into his hand (v2).

4

Paul (and we) are "\_\_\_\_\_ to sin" (Romans 7:14)

4A

## think about it...

1. Jabin represents the result of sin in our lives. Sin might seem appealing at

first, just as it was appealing at first for the children of Israel to serve the gods of the nations around them. But as a result Jabin came to oppress and \_\_\_\_\_ them (the meaning of the name "Canaan"). Do you sometimes feel "humiliated" (embarrassed) by a sin that you fight? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sin doesn't always start off oppressive. Perhaps you do something just once that you know is not right (such as acting disrespectfully to your parents, telling a lie, or being unkind to a sibling). But that one time makes it easier to do it again... and again. Before you know it that sin is a habit and it is RULING over you! Can you think of examples of sin that might have start off very small, but before long has control – it is just happens automatically without even thinking about it (and without even thinking about making a better choice)? In the box draw a terrifying man like King Jabin and put a nametag on him with an example of a sin-habit that you think is like King Jabin!

### BIBLE MARK!

- Underline "Canaan" in verse 2. Next to this in your margin write the meaning of

its name (see above answer).

- Underline "God sold Israel into his hand" in verse 2. Next to this in your margin write: "We are sold to sin – Romans 7:14."

# What do you know about Deborah (Judges 4)?

1 She was a \_\_\_\_\_ (v4)

2 Name means \_\_\_\_\_ (look up in your Concordance Strong's number 1682).

3 Wife of \_\_\_\_\_ (v4).

4 She judged \_\_\_\_\_ (v4).

5 She dwelt under the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (v5).

6 Went with \_\_\_\_\_ to battle (v9).

7 Called a \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_ (Judg. 5:7)

Other prophetesses in the Bible include: \_\_\_\_\_ (Ex. 15:20) and \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Kings 22:14). **1A**

## think about it...

### BIBLE MARK!

- Underline "Deborah" in verse 4. Next to this in your margin write the meaning of her name (see above answer).
- Underline "prophetess" in verse 4. Next to this in your margin write: "See other examples of prophetesses – Ex. 15:20 and 2 Kings 22:14".

1. Deborah was a prophetess. Whose words did Deborah speak? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What did Deborah do to support and encourage Barak's faith when he did not feel courageous enough to go against Sisera? Judges 4:9

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Sometimes we can be encouraging or supportive to a friend by 'going with' them when they are choosing to do the right thing, but finding it hard. Can you think of something that you can do "with" a friend so that you can encourage them to do the right thing by doing it together?

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_


4. Sometimes we can be supportive to a friend by saying something encouraging to them. Whose words should we speak if we want to encourage a friend to grow in faith?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Think of a friend or an aunt or uncle who you might like to send a note to encourage them like Deborah encouraged Barak. Write a note to them on a separate piece of paper – be sure to include God's words to encourage them (you can do this by finding a verse to include in the note). Have your parent sign below when you have sent this.

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

The Israelites cried to the Lord for help.  
 In answer to their cries, God sent Deborah the prophetess with a message for Barak the Israelite.  
 What message did Deborah bring from the Lord?



Shade in all the boxes at the given coordinates and read the message that remains.

1: A, B, D, E      2: A, C, D, E      3: B, C, D, E  
 4: A, C, D, E      5: A, B, D, E      6: A, B, C, E

	A	B	C	D	E
1	"The Lord warns you, Deborah:	"The Lord warns you, Barak:	"The Lord commands you, Barak:	"The Lord commands us, Barak:	"The Lord is for you, Barak:
2	Attack Sisera's army post.	Gather 10,000 men and lead the way to	Gather 2,000 men and follow behind to	Hide yourself and also all the women and children	Gather 10,000 men and women and lead the way to
3	Mount Tabor. I, the Lord, will lure Sisera	Approach Sisera's camp and wait for my signal	Mount Zion and array the men by 100s.	Mount Tabor. You will entice Sisera to advance on you.	Mount Ebal. I, the Lord, will lure the king of Canaan
4	The men shall attack by 100s and shall win.	the commander of the enemy's army,	Sisera's army and chariots will be no match for you.	The women and children must remain hidden 3 days.	On Mount Zion I will send lightning to strike Sisera.
5	Sisera won't bring his chariots to the battle.	By the might of your hand he will fall in battle.	with his chariots and his troops to the Kishon River	with his chariots and servants to Jerusalem	When it is safe, you may come out of hiding.
6	and give him and his lands into your hands."	You will become king over Canaan and Israel."	You will take Sisera and his army into captivity."	and give him into your hands."	There will be peace and prosperity for 40 years."

# What do you know about Barak (Judges 4)?

In Psa 144:6-7 David talks about \_\_\_\_\_ as a symbol of one of God's weapons against the Enemy. **1a**

His father's name was: \_\_\_\_\_ (v6) **2**

His name means: \_\_\_\_\_  
Look up in a concordance  
Strong's # 1300 **1**

He wanted \_\_\_\_\_ to go  
With him to battle (v8-9) **3**

Turned to flight the army through  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Heb 11:32-34) **8**

Had an army of \_\_\_\_\_  
Thousand men (v10) **4**

Led \_\_\_\_\_ captive  
(Judges 5:12) **7**

He pursued the chariots  
and army as far as \_\_\_\_\_ (v16) **5**



Barak obeyed God's command to the children of Israel when they entered the land to \_\_\_\_\_ the inhabitants of the land. **6a**  
(Deut 20:16-18)

\_\_\_\_\_ was left of the  
army of Sisera (v16) **6**

## BIBLE MARK!

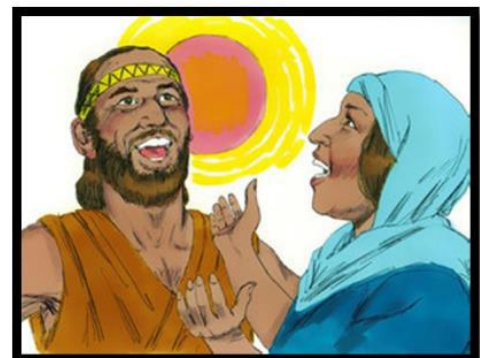
- Underline "Barak" in verse 6 and write the meaning of his name (see above answer).
- Underline what was left of Sisera's army in verse 16 and write in your margin: "Barak fulfilled the command that the children of Israel had not (Deut 20:16-18)"

## think about it...

- Did Barak start off full of faith? (Judges 4:8)?  
\_\_\_\_\_
- In the end, did Barak fight the battle by faith (Heb 11:32-34)?  
\_\_\_\_\_

1. Who helped and encouraged Barak's faith to grow so that he could fight Sisera's army and win by BY FAITH?

2. Barak turning to Deborah for encouragement is a good example of the importance of having good friends in the truth that we turn to. Can you think of a friend that encourages YOU to do the right thing? Write down their name:



# What do you know about Jael (Judges 4)?

She is called in the song of Deborah and Barak “ \_\_\_\_\_ above women” (Judges 5:24). **8**

Her husband was \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ (v17). **1**

Sisera fell and died at her \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 5:27) **7**

Drove a tent peg through Sisera’s \_\_\_\_\_ (v21) **6**

Killed Sisera with a \_\_\_\_\_ and a \_\_\_\_\_ (v21). **5**

Sisera asked her for water, but she gave him \_\_\_\_\_ (v19). **4**

There was peace with Heber and \_\_\_\_\_ king of \_\_\_\_\_ ! (v17) **3**

The Kenites were faithful Gentiles who dwelt among what tribe? \_\_\_\_\_ (Judges 1:16). **1A**

Heber had \_\_\_\_\_ himself from his faithful relatives (v11). **2**



## think about it...



1. Was Jael married to a husband who was faithful to God?  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Do you think Heber would have been pleased that his wife had killed the commander of his friend’s army?  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. God needs to have first place in our lives. That means, at times we must choose to stand up for God even when those closest to us are not.  
\_\_\_\_\_

### BIBLE MARK!

- Underline “severed himself from the Kenites” in v11. Next to it in the margin write, “Heber left his faithful relatives who lived with Judah – see Judges 1:16.”

Can you describe an example when you (or someone you know) should choose right even though it means doing something different than a close friend or family member? **Grade 6/7 please also find a Bible reference that supports making God THE most important in your life.**

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Something important happened!

Find the compass pointing to the correct direction and write the word below.

12 circular compasses with directions (N, NE, E, SE, S, SW, W, NW, NNW, NNE, WNW, WSW, SSW, SSE) and a word in the center. An arrow points to a direction on each compass:

- Compass 1: Word "day", arrow points to SSW.
- Compass 2: Word "Jabin", arrow points to N.
- Compass 3: Word "Israelites", arrow points to SSE.
- Compass 4: Word "the", arrow points to NNW.
- Compass 5: Word "Canaanite", arrow points to SW.
- Compass 6: Word "the", arrow points to NNE.
- Compass 7: Word "subdued", arrow points to NE.
- Compass 8: Word "that", arrow points to S.
- Compass 9: Word "God", arrow points to SSE.
- Compass 10: Word "On", arrow points to E.
- Compass 11: Word "before", arrow points to NNW.
- Compass 12: Word "king", arrow points to W.

\_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ SSW \_\_\_\_\_ SSE

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\_\_\_\_\_ SW \_\_\_\_\_ W \_\_\_\_\_ NW

\_\_\_\_\_ NNE \_\_\_\_\_ SE

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## The Hidden Parable

There is a hidden parable in the story of Deborah and Barak!

We are going to look at some of the clues to find the hidden parable.

**Grade 6/7 Please fill the corresponding reference into the third box. A couple boxes are filled in for you.**

Jabin, the king of Canaan's name means "intelligent."	This intelligent creature was called "more subtil (ie wiser) than any beast of the field" _____	
The children of Israel disobeyed God, and followed after the sins of the Canaanites.	_____ and _____ also disobeyed God and followed the reasoning of the serpent.	
As a result of their sin, the children of Israel were SOLD into the hand of evil Jabin.	Paul says he was sold under _____ (and we are too, as a result of Adam and Eve's sin). Romans 7:14	Romans 7:14
Canaan means: _ _____ (check your workbook notes or your Bible margin marking).	_____ and _____ were "humiliated" or afraid and ashamed because they had listened to the _____ and sinned	
Barak was the man God raised up to lead Jabin's C _____ C _____ (Jdg. 5:12)	_ _____ was the Deliverer that God raised up to take captive sin and death (Rom. 7:24-25, Eph.4:7-8)	Rom. 7:24-25, Eph. 4:8
Jael killed the captain of the enemy army by hammering a tent peg into his _____	God promised that the seed of the woman would bruise the _____ of the seed of the serpent.	

# God Calls Gideon

Read Judges 6:1-28.

## Headings

Each section of the chapter below has a space to write in a "Heading" to summarize that section. Choose a heading from this box that summarizes each section and write it where it says "Heading."

- An angel appears to Gideon. God wants Gideon to fight against Midianites
- Gideon builds an altar to God
- Sin and Suffering
- Gideon requests a sign and provides a present to the angel
- Gideon destroys the altar to Baal.
- God sends a prophet to rebuke Israel for their disobedience

## Coloring

As you read, look for and color the following information (check the box after you have colored it):

- Color how long Israel had been delivered to the Midianites with a light brown pencil.
- Color the references to sin, evil, idols and enemies in red.
- Color the words of God, and His prophet, and His angel in blue.
- Color place words in green.

Bible mark!

- Next to "sold them into the hand of Jabin" in Judges 4:2 write "We are sold under sin. Rom. 7:14."
- Next to "lead thy captivity captive" in Judges 5:12 write "Christ led captivity captive Eph. 4:7-8."

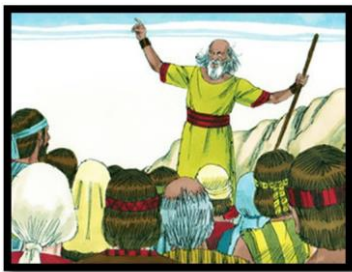
## Judges 6:1-28



Section One Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

LORD delivered them into the hand of Midian for seven years, <sup>2</sup> and the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel. Because of the Midianites, the children of Israel made for themselves the dens, the caves, and the strongholds which *are* in the mountains. <sup>3</sup> So it was, whenever Israel had sown, Midianites would come up; also Amalekites and the people of the East

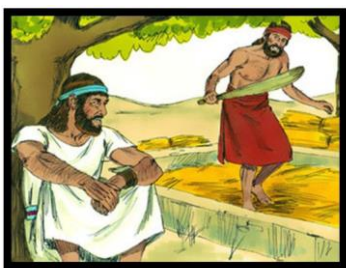
would come up against them. <sup>4</sup> Then they would encamp against them and destroy the produce of the earth as far as Gaza, and leave no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor donkey. <sup>5</sup> For they would come up with their livestock and their tents, coming in as numerous as locusts; both they and their camels were without number; and they would enter the land to destroy it. <sup>6</sup> So Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites, and the children of Israel cried out to the LORD.



## Section Two Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

Israel cried out to the LORD because of the Midianites, <sup>8</sup> that the LORD sent a prophet to the children of Israel, who said to them, “Thus says the LORD God of Israel: ‘I brought you up from Egypt and brought you out of the house of bondage; <sup>9</sup> and I

delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians and out of the hand of all who oppressed you, and drove them out before you and gave you their land. <sup>10</sup> Also I said to you, “I *am* the LORD your God; do not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell.” But you have not obeyed My voice.’ ”



## Section Three Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>11</sup> Now the Angel of the LORD came and sat under the terebinth tree which *was* in Ophrah, which *belonged* to Joash the Abiezrite, while his son Gideon threshed wheat in the winepress, in order to hide *it* from the Midianites. <sup>12</sup> And the Angel of the LORD appeared to him, and said to him, “The LORD *is* with you, you mighty man of valor!” <sup>13</sup> Gideon said to Him, “O my lord, if the LORD is with us, why then has all this happened to us? And where *are* all His miracles which our fathers told us about, saying, ‘Did not the LORD

bring us up from Egypt?’ But now the LORD has forsaken us and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites.” <sup>14</sup> Then the LORD turned to him and said, “Go in this might of yours, and you shall save Israel from the hand of the Midianites. Have I not sent you?” <sup>15</sup> So he said to Him, “O my Lord, how can I save Israel? Indeed my clan *is* the weakest in Manasseh, and I *am* the least in my father’s house.” <sup>16</sup> And the LORD said to him, “Surely I will be with you, and you shall defeat the Midianites as one man.”



## Section Four Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>17</sup> Then he said to Him, “If now I have found favor in Your sight, then show me a sign that it is You who talk with me. <sup>18</sup> Do not depart from here, I pray, until I come to You and bring out my offering and set *it* before You.” And He said, “I will wait until you come back.” <sup>19</sup> So Gideon went in and prepared a young goat, and unleavened bread from an ephah of flour. The meat he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot; and he brought *them* out to Him under the terebinth tree and presented *them*. <sup>20</sup> The Angel of the LORD said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread and lay *them* on this rock, and pour out the broth.” And he did so. <sup>21</sup> Then the Angel of the LORD put out the end of the staff that *was* in His hand, and touched the meat and the unleavened bread; and fire rose out of the rock and consumed the meat and the unleavened bread. And the Angel of the LORD departed out of his sight.

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## Section Five Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

LORD. So Gideon said, "Alas, O Lord GOD! For I have seen the Angel of the LORD face to face."

<sup>22</sup> Now Gideon perceived that He was the Angel of the LORD. <sup>23</sup> Then the LORD said to him, "Peace *be* with you; do not fear, you shall not die." <sup>24</sup> So Gideon built an altar there to the LORD, and called it The-LORD-*is*-Peace. To this day it *is* still in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.



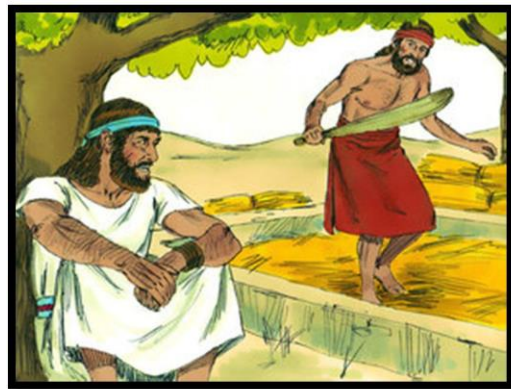
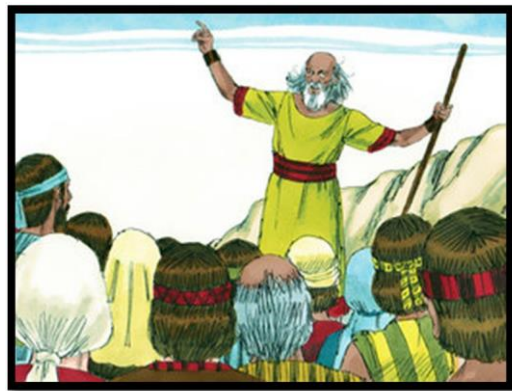
## Section Six Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>25</sup> Now it came to pass the same night that the LORD said to him, "Take your father's young bull, the second bull of seven years old, and tear down the altar of Baal that your father has, and cut down the wooden image that *is* beside it; <sup>26</sup> and build an altar to the LORD your God on top of this rock in the proper arrangement, and take the second bull and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood

of the image which you shall cut down." <sup>27</sup> So Gideon took ten men from among his servants and did as the LORD had said to him. But because he feared his father's household and the men of the city too much to do *it* by day, he did *it* by night. <sup>28</sup> And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, there was the altar of Baal, torn down; and the wooden image that *was* beside it was cut down, and the second bull was being offered on the altar *which had been* built.

# Order the Pictures

Write a number beside each picture to show the order of the story.



# What do you know about the prophet's message (Judges 6)?

God sent the prophet because the children of Israel \_\_\_\_\_  
 unto the LORD because of the \_\_\_\_\_ (v7). **1**

Had the children of Israel obeyed (v10)?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ **4**

God had commanded the children of Israel not to \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (v10) **3**



List all the things that the prophet said God had done for them (v8-9):

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**2**

## think about it...

1. Israel was in trouble again! The Midianites were oppressing them and they cried out to God for help. But before God sends help to fight the Midianite enemy, He sent a \_\_\_\_\_.

2. The prophet gave a list of the amazing things God had done for the children of Israel. God also has done many things for us. Can you make a list of all the things God has done for you that you are thankful for?

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3. Say a prayer of thanksgiving on your own or with your dad or mom. Include some of the things that you wrote down on your list. Have your parent sign here when you have done this. \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature

4. Even after everything God had done for Israel, they still disobeyed His command. When you look at the list that you wrote above and prayed about, will you make the choice to obey or disobey His commands?

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# What do you know about God calling Gideon (Jdg. 6)?

The name of Gideon's father was \_\_\_\_\_ (v11) **1**

An angel came and sat under an \_\_\_\_\_ (v11) **2**

What was Gideon doing when the angel came?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (v11) **2a**

What Gideon thought of himself: my clan is \_\_\_\_\_ and I am \_\_\_\_\_ (v15) **3**

The angel told Gideon that God was sending him to save Israel from \_\_\_\_\_ (v14) **4a**



It didn't matter to God that Gideon was "least". The important thing was that \_\_\_\_\_ was going to be with Gideon (v16). **4**

Before Gideon was to fight the Midianites, God wanted Gideon to throw down the \_\_\_\_\_, and cut down the \_\_\_\_\_ (v25). **5**

Because he was afraid, Gideon tore down Baal's altar and grove at \_\_\_\_\_ (v27) **7**

How many men did he take with him to help him? \_\_\_\_\_ (v27) **6**

Did Gideon do as God told him? \_\_\_\_\_ (v27) **5a**

## think about it...

God wanted to send Gideon to save Israel from the Midianites, but there was a problem! Gideon's family still had an altar to Baal!!

1. What was the first thing God wanted Gideon to get rid of before he did anything else?

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Serving Baal and other idols instead of God had been Israel's problem from the time that Joshua died. God, and God alone, is worthy of worshipping and serving. We do not have idols of wood and stone around anymore, but we still are surrounded by things that can take us away from the worship of God.

2. What do you think an idol in your life could be (this could be anything that you might want to do MORE than praying, or reading God's word, or obeying Him)?

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3. Be like Gideon and tear your idol down! What do you think you can do to get rid of your idol so that you can worship God and serve Him alone? This is something you can talk about with your parents to get ideas, if you need to!

Gideon asked the angel to give him a sign to show that God was really giving him this message, and to wait until he could bring an offering to the angel.



Find the underlined words in the puzzle.



“Gideon put meat in a basket and its broth in a pot; he brought them out and offered them to the angel under the oak.”

The angel of God said to him, “Take the meat and the unleavened bread, place them on this rock, and pour out the broth.” And Gideon did so. With the tip of the staff that was in his hand, the angel of the Lord touched the meat and the unleavened bread. Fire flared from the rock, consuming the meat and the bread. And the angel of the Lord disappeared.”

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# Gideon and the Midianites

## Read Judges 7:1-22.

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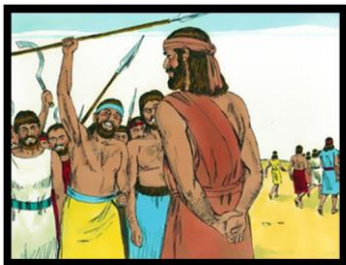
- Gideon and Phurah spy out the camp of the Midianites
- Gideon overhears the Midianite soldier's dream
- Twenty-two thousand fearful men are sent home
- Gideon and his men attack the Midianites
- All the men who bowed to drink water are sent home
- Gideon instructs the 300 men

### Coloring

As you read, look for and color the following information (check the box after you have colored it):

- Color in light brown each of the numbers listed (how many men Gideon started with, how many men went home, how many men Gideon had remaining).
- Color in red how many people were in the enemy army (note: the actual number is not given, but you will find a description of the quantity).
- Color the words of God in blue.
- Color place words in green.

## Judges 7:1-22



Section One Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

1 Then Jerubbaal (that is, Gideon) and all the people who were with him rose early and encamped beside the well of Harod, so that the camp of the Midianites was on the north side of them by the hill of Moreh in the valley. 2 And the Lord said to Gideon, "The people who are with you are too many for Me to

give the Midianites into their hands, lest Israel claim glory for itself against Me, saying, 'My own hand has saved me.' 3 Now therefore, proclaim in the hearing of the people, saying, 'Whoever is fearful and afraid, let him turn and depart at once from Mount Gilead.' " And twenty-two thousand of the people returned, and ten thousand remained.



## Section Two Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

water, and I will test them for you there. Then it will be, *that* of whom I say to you, 'This one shall go with you,' the same shall go with you; and of whomever I say to you, 'This one shall not go with you,' the same shall not go." <sup>5</sup> So he brought the people down to the water. And the LORD said to Gideon, "Everyone who laps from the water with his tongue, as a dog laps, you shall set apart by himself; likewise everyone who gets

<sup>4</sup> But the LORD said to Gideon, "The people are still *too* many; bring them down to the

down on his knees to drink." <sup>6</sup> And the number of those who lapped, *putting* their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people got down on their knees to drink water. <sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said to Gideon, "By the three hundred men who lapped I will save you, and deliver the Midianites into your hand. Let all the *other* people go, every man to his place." <sup>8</sup> So the people took provisions and their trumpets in their hands. And he sent away all *the rest* of Israel, every man to his tent, and retained those three hundred men. Now the camp of Midian was below him in the valley.

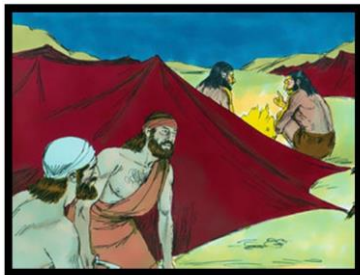


## Section Three Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

the camp, for I have delivered it into your hand. <sup>10</sup> But if you are afraid to go down, go down to the camp with Purah your servant, <sup>11</sup> and you shall hear what they say; and afterward your hands shall be strengthened

<sup>9</sup> It happened on the same night that the LORD said to him, "Arise, go down against

to go down against the camp." Then he went down with Purah his servant to the outpost of the armed men who *were* in the camp. <sup>12</sup> Now the Midianites and Amalekites, all the people of the East, were lying in the valley as numerous as locusts; and their camels *were* without number, as the sand by the seashore in multitude.

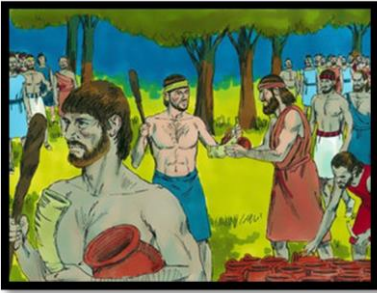


## Section Four Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

his companion. He said, "I have had a dream: To my surprise, a loaf of barley bread tumbled into the camp of Midian; it came to a tent and struck it so that it fell and overturned, and the tent collapsed." <sup>14</sup> Then his companion answered and said, "This is nothing else

<sup>13</sup> And when Gideon had come, there was a man telling a dream to

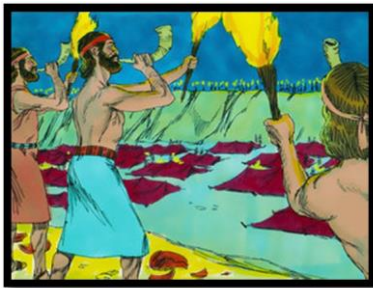
but the sword of Gideon the son of Joash, a man of Israel! Into his hand God has delivered Midian and the whole camp." <sup>15</sup> And so it was, when Gideon heard the telling of the dream and its interpretation, that he worshiped. He returned to the camp of Israel, and said, "Arise, for the Lord has delivered the camp of Midian into your hand."



## Section Five Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>16</sup> Then he divided the three hundred men *into* three companies, and he put a trumpet into every man's hand, with empty pitchers, and torches inside the pitchers. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them,

"Look at me and do likewise; watch, and when I come to the edge of the camp you shall do as I do: <sup>18</sup> When I blow the trumpet, I and all who *are* with me, then you also blow the trumpets on every side of the whole camp, and say, '*The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!*' "



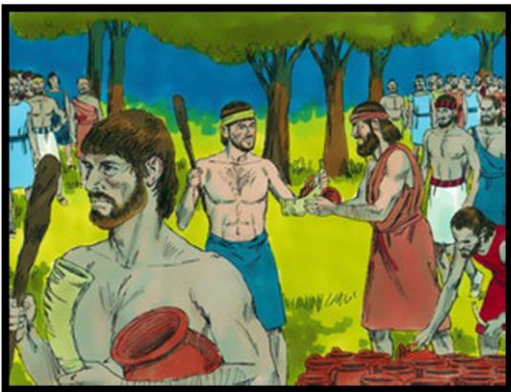
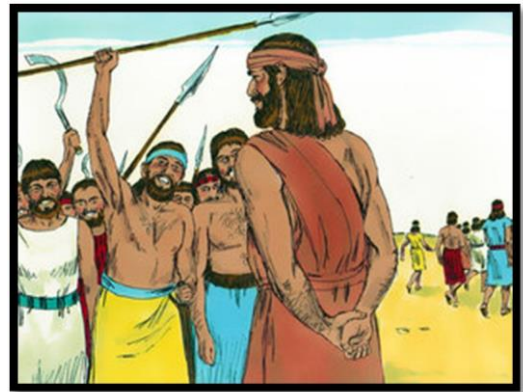
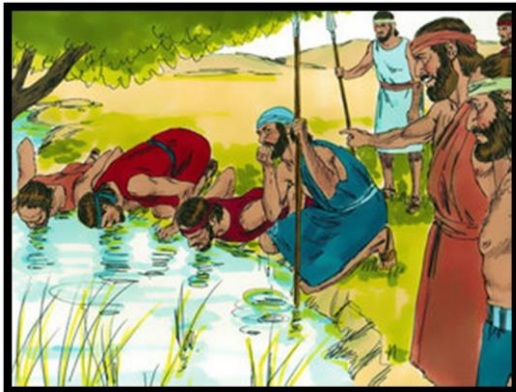
## Section Six Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>19</sup> So Gideon and the hundred men who *were* with him came to the outpost of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just as they had posted the watch; and they blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers that *were* in their hands. <sup>20</sup> Then the three companies blew the trumpets and broke the pitchers—they held the torches in their left hands

and the trumpets in their right hands for blowing—and they cried, "The sword of the LORD and of Gideon!" <sup>21</sup> And every man stood in his place all around the camp; and the whole army ran and cried out and fled. <sup>22</sup> When the three hundred blew the trumpets, the LORD set every man's sword against his companion throughout the whole camp; and the army fled to Beth Acacia, toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel Meholah, by Tabbath.

## Order the Pictures

Write a number beside each picture to show the order of the story.





During that night the Lord said to Gideon,  
 "Go down to the Midianite camp. Listen to what the  
 Midianites are saying." What happened next?

Solve the math problems and fill in the blanks.

- |               |               |               |           |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|-----------|
| 1) force      | 7) Gideon     | 13) Midianite | 17) God   |
| 2) tumbling   | 8) saying     | 14) bread     | 18) sword |
| 3) barley     | 9) responded  | 15) dream     | 19) hands |
| 4) struck     | 10) collapsed | 16) Israelite |           |
| 5) overturned | 11) nothing   |               |           |
| 6) friend     | 12) tent      |               |           |



\_\_\_\_\_ arrived just  
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as a \_\_\_\_\_ man was telling a  
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# What do you know about Gideon's army (Judges 7)?

Gideon and his men pitched by the well of Harod. What does "Harod" mean?  
 \_\_\_\_\_ (look up in a concordance Strongs # 5878)

1

After the fearful left, Gideon had  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 men. (v3)

2

After Gideon sent home the men that bowed to drink, he had \_\_\_\_\_ men (v7).

3

Gideon divided the men into three \_\_\_\_\_ (v16).

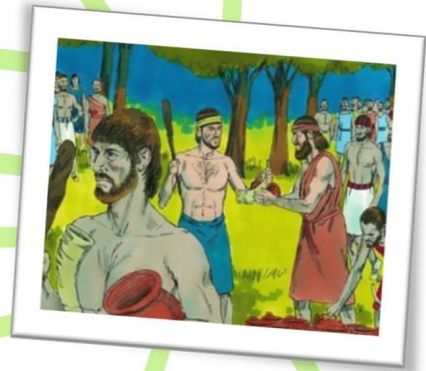
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Gideon gave each man a  
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 empty  
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 and  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (v16).

5

In their left hand each man held a  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 and in their right hand they held a  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (v20)

6



The LORD set every enemy sword against his  
 \_\_\_\_\_  
 (v 22)

8

When Gideon gave the signal, the men \_\_\_\_\_ the trumpets, \_\_\_\_\_ the  
 pitchers and shouted, "The sword of \_\_\_\_\_ and of \_\_\_\_\_!" (v19-20)

7

## BIBLE MARK!

- Underline "Harod" in verse 1, and write the meaning of the name next to it.

## think about it...

- Gideon only had 32,000 men... which might sound like a lot, but it definitely wasn't compared to the enemy army! But then God had him send 22,000 away, and another 9,700 away. Gideon was left with only how many men?

1. What did God say He wanted the Israelites to remember by having such a teeny army (Judges 7:2)?

2. Were the 300 men holding any weapons when they surrounded the enemy?

3. Who "set every man's sword against his fellow" so that the enemy killed each other?

4. Just like the Israelites, we must give all glory to God! Look up Philippians 4:13 and write the verse out.

# The Birth of Samson

## Read Judges chapter 13.

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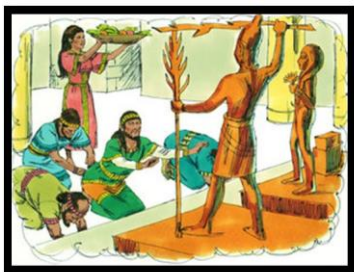
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- Color all the instructions of the angel in blue.
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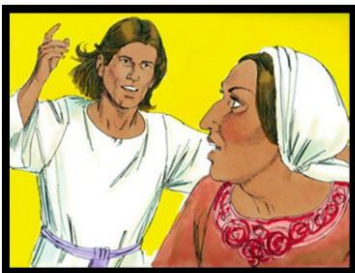
- Manoah’s wife tells Manoah the angel’s message
- Sin, suffering
- Manoah offers a sacrifice
- Angel repeats the message to Manoah
- Angel promises a son to Manoah’s wife
- Samson is born

## Judges 13



Section One Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>1</sup>Again the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years.



Section Two Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>2</sup> Now there was a certain man from Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren and had no children. <sup>3</sup> And the Angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, “Indeed now, you are barren and have borne no children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. <sup>4</sup> Now therefore, please be careful not to drink wine or similar drink, and not to eat anything unclean. <sup>5</sup> For behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. And no razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb; and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.”





### Section Three Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

came to me, and His countenance *was* like the countenance of the Angel of God, very awesome; but I did not ask Him where He *was* from, and He did not tell me His name. <sup>7</sup> And He said to me, ‘Behold, you

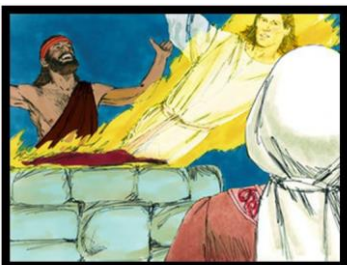
shall conceive and bear a son. Now drink no wine or *similar* drink, nor eat anything unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.’ ” <sup>8</sup> Then Manoah prayed to the LORD, and said, “O my Lord, please let the Man of God whom You sent come to us again and teach us what we shall do for the child who will be born.”



### Section Four Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

Angel of God came to the woman again as she was sitting in the field; but Manoah her husband *was* not with her. <sup>10</sup> Then the woman ran in haste and told her husband, and said to him, “Look, the Man who came to me the *other* day has just now appeared to me!” <sup>11</sup> So Manoah arose and followed his wife. When he came to the Man, he

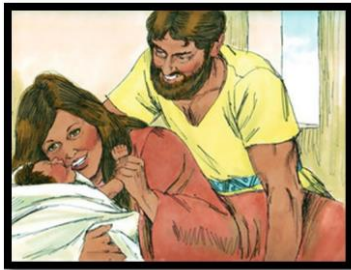
said to Him, “Are You the Man who spoke to this woman?” And He said, “I *am*.” <sup>12</sup> Manoah said, “Now let Your words come *to pass*! What will be the boy’s rule of life, and his work?” <sup>13</sup> So the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, “Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. <sup>14</sup> She may not eat anything that comes from the vine, nor may she drink wine or *similar* drink, nor eat anything unclean. All that I commanded her let her observe.”



### Section Five Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>15</sup> Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, “Please let us detain You, and we will prepare a young goat for You.” <sup>16</sup> And the Angel of the LORD said to Manoah, “Though you detain Me, I will not eat your food. But if you offer a burnt offering, you must offer it to the LORD.” (For Manoah did not know He *was* the Angel of the LORD.) <sup>17</sup> Then Manoah said to the Angel of the LORD, “What *is* Your name, that when Your words come *to pass* we may honor You?” <sup>18</sup> And the Angel of the LORD said to him, “Why do you ask My name, seeing it *is* wonderful?” <sup>19</sup> So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it

upon the rock to the LORD. And He did a wondrous thing while Manoah and his wife looked on— <sup>20</sup> it happened as the flame went up toward heaven from the altar—the Angel of the LORD ascended in the flame of the altar! When Manoah and his wife saw *this*, they fell on their faces to the ground. <sup>21</sup> When the Angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and his wife, then Manoah knew that He *was* the Angel of the LORD. <sup>22</sup> And Manoah said to his wife, “We shall surely die, because we have seen God!” <sup>23</sup> But his wife said to him, “If the LORD had desired to kill us, He would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering from our hands, nor would He have shown us all these *things*, nor would He have told us *such things* as these at this time.”



## Section Six Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

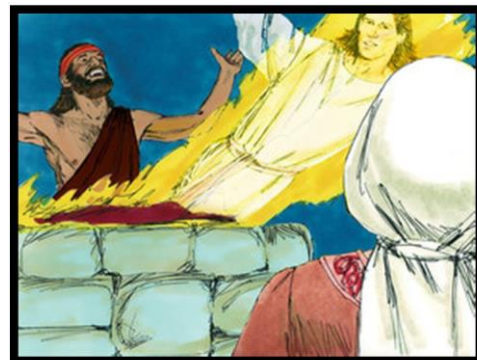
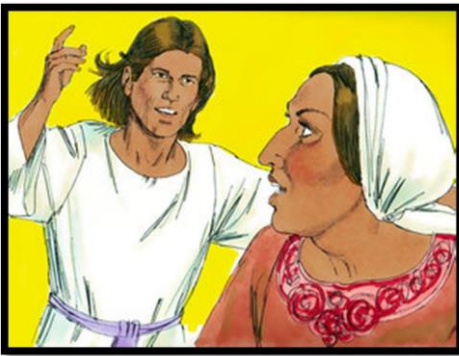
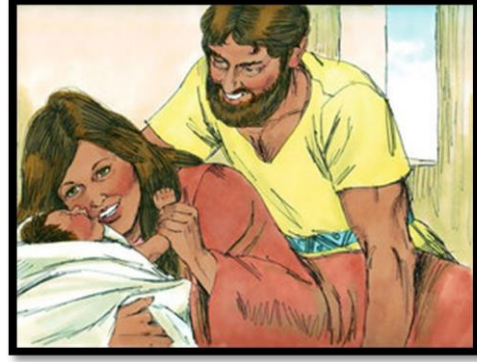
<sup>24</sup> So the woman bore a son and called his name

him. <sup>25</sup> And the Spirit of the LORD began to move upon him at Mahaneh Dan between Zorah and Eshtaol.

Samson; and the child grew, and the LORD blessed

# Order the Pictures

Write a number beside each picture to show the order of the story.



# What do you know about the instructions from the angel to Manoah's wife (Judges 13)?

1 The angel appeared to \_\_\_\_\_ wife (v2-3)

2 The woman could not have any \_\_\_\_\_ (v2)

3 The exciting news that the angel told to Manoah's wife was that she would \_\_\_\_\_ (v3)

4 The angel told the woman not to drink \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_ or eat \_\_\_\_\_ (v4)

5 No \_\_\_\_\_ was to come on her son's head (v5)

6 Her son was to be a \_\_\_\_\_ (v5)

7 Like the angel promised Manoah's wife had a son, and named him \_\_\_\_\_ (v24).

7A "Samson" means \_\_\_\_\_ (look up in your Concordance Strong's number 8123)

6A "Nazarite" means "s \_\_\_\_\_" ie "c \_\_\_\_\_" (look up in your Concordance Strong's number 5139).

Bible mark!  
 - Underline "Nazarite" in verse 5, and write the meaning of the name next to it.  
 - Underline "Samson" in verse 24, and write the meaning of his name next to it.

## The Nazarite Vow

The angel told Manoah's wife that her son was to be a Nazarite. What is a "Nazarite"? Under the law of Moses, a Nazarite was a man or a woman who took a special vow to set themselves apart to be devoted and holy to God in ways that were similar to the High Priest. In this chart, let's compare what a Nazarite was to do with what a High Priest was to do! Fill in the left hand column with the similarities between what the Nazarite and the High Priest was to do.




Similarities	The Nazarite	The High Priest
Holy or separated to God...	Num. 6:2,8	Lev. 21:6 (holy) Ex. 28:36
	Num. 6:3	Lev. 10:9
	Num. 6:5	Lev. 21:5
	Num. 6:6-7	Lev. 21:11 (only High Priest)












Then what happened?







Add and subtract letters. Then fill in the blanks below.

1.  - all +  - bd +  - imble = \_\_\_\_\_

2.  - at +  - mp +  - arn = \_\_\_\_\_

3.  - w +  - ap +  - nake +  - sap  
+  - cadle = \_\_\_\_\_

4.  - oat +  - gil +  - appl +   
- agon = \_\_\_\_\_

5.  - oat +  - izard +  - kittn +   
- sciors +  - pn +  - og = \_\_\_\_\_

The woman gave (1)\_\_\_\_\_ to a (2)\_\_\_\_\_  
named (3)\_\_\_\_\_. He (4)\_\_\_\_\_ and  
the Lord (5)\_\_\_\_\_ him.

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## think about it...

1. The Nazarite was supposed to be someone special to God like the High Priest. Who is our High Priest (Hebrews 4:14)?

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2. Who should we try to follow or imitate (1 Peter 2:21-22)?

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The first instruction for the Nazarite and the High Priest was to be holy or “set apart” for God. Let’s think about what being “set apart” means!

Can you think of and draw something in the box that you have “set apart” from the others (maybe a favorite toy, or particular outfit or nice dishes that you only use on a special occasion)?

Just like that toy, or outfit or dish that is different from the rest and particularly special to you, God wanted the Nazarite - and wants all His people - to be different from the rest and particularly special to Him. Let’s look at HOW God’s people (both the Nazarite and us!) are supposed to be different and special!

But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation [conduct];  
Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy. *1 Peter 1: 15-16*

## How the Nazarite was different:

The Nazarite was to separate himself from wine or alcohol. Proverbs 31:4 tells us that getting drunk on wine causes one to forget God’s law, but God wants His special people to have His Word in their minds day and night! God wants His holy people to get rid of anything that will keep them from remembering His Word.

1. Can you think of anything that might keep you from thinking about God’s Word that you can try to get rid of?

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The Nazarite was not to shave his head. Just like the High Priest wore the words “Holiness to the LORD” on his forehead as a reminder that his mind was to be “set apart” for God (Exodus 28:36). The Nazarite’s hair was a reminder of the same thing. We should also keep our minds holy for God, by filling them with God’s Word.

2. Read Joshua 1:8, and write down two or three things you can do to help you think about God’s Word more.

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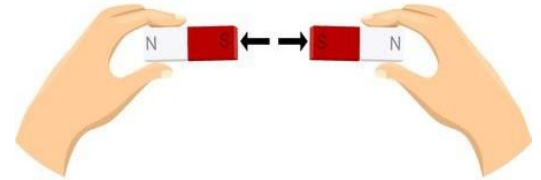
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The Nazarite (and the High Priest) was not to go near any dead thing. Death is the sad result of sin, and God wants us to know that we must stay as far away from sin as possible.

Try this experiment so you can see how God wants you to stay far away from sin. Ask your mom or dad for two magnets. Write “me” on one, and “sin” on the other one. Put the magnets together, and feel how easily they are “attracted” to each other! Now turn one of the magnets over, and feel the two magnets “repelling” each other.

THAT’S exactly what God wanted the Nazarite to learn by not going near anything connected with sin – push it as far away as possible!

The children of Israel mingled with the nations around them. God wanted Samson to be different - a Nazarite to remind the Israelites that they were supposed to be separate from the sin of those nations.



We will see that although Samson was supposed to be a Nazarite, he did not follow the LESSONS of the Nazarite very well at all!

# The Death of Samson

**Read Judges chapter 16:4-31.**

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Coloring

As you read, look for and color the following information (check the box after you have colored it):

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- Color all the references to Delilah in red.
- Color all the references the LORD or God in blue.
- Color place words in green.

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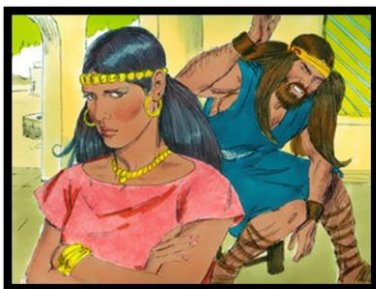
- Blinded Samson brought to the Philistine temple
- Samson lies to Delilah
- Samson dies with the Philistines
- Delilah offered money from the Philistines
- Samson tells Delilah the secret and is captured

## Judges 16:4-31



Section One Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>4</sup> Afterward it happened that he loved a woman in the Valley of Sorek, whose name was Delilah. <sup>5</sup> And the lords of the Philistines came up to her and said to her, "Entice him, and find out where his great strength *lies*, and by what *means* we may overpower him, that we may bind him to afflict him; and every one of us will give you eleven hundred *pieces* of silver."



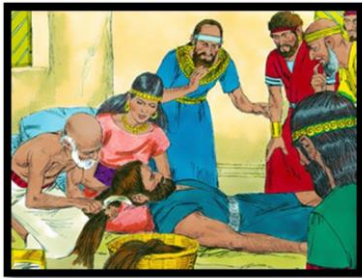
Section Two Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>6</sup> So Delilah said to Samson, "Please tell me where your great strength *lies*, and with what you may be bound to afflict you." <sup>7</sup> And Samson said to her, "If they bind me with seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, then I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man." <sup>8</sup> So the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven fresh bowstrings, not yet dried, and she bound him with them. <sup>9</sup> Now *men were* lying in wait, staying with her in the room. And she said to him, "The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!" But he broke the bowstrings as a strand of yarn breaks when it touches fire. So the secret of his strength was not known. <sup>10</sup> Then Delilah said to Samson, "Look, you have mocked me and told me lies. Now, please tell me what you may be bound with." <sup>11</sup> So he said to her, "If they bind me securely with new ropes that have never been used, then I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man."



<sup>12</sup> Therefore Delilah took new ropes and bound him with them, and said to him, “The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!” And *men were* lying in wait, staying in the room. But he broke them off his arms like a thread.

<sup>13</sup> Delilah said to Samson, “Until now you have mocked me and told me lies. Tell me what you may be bound with.” And he said to her, “If you weave the seven locks of my head into the web of the loom”—

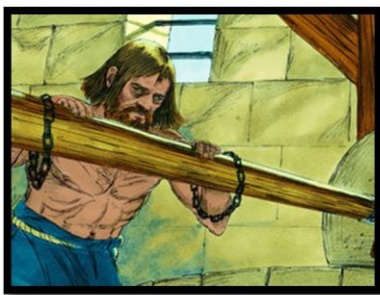


<sup>16</sup> And it came to pass, when she pestered him daily with her words and pressed him, so that his soul was vexed to death, <sup>17</sup> that he told her all his heart, and said to her, “No razor has ever come upon my head, for I *have been* a Nazirite to God from my mother’s womb. If I am shaven, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak, and be like any *other* man.” <sup>18</sup> When Delilah saw that he had told her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords of the Philistines, saying, “Come up once more, for he has told me all his heart.” So the lords of the Philistines came up to her and brought the

<sup>14</sup> So she wove *it* tightly with the batten of the loom, and said to him, “The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!” But he awoke from his sleep, and pulled out the batten and the web from the loom. <sup>15</sup> Then she said to him, “How can you say, ‘I love you,’ when your heart *is* not with me? You have mocked me these three times, and have not told me where your great strength *lies.*”

### Section Three Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

money in their hand. <sup>19</sup> Then she lulled him to sleep on her knees, and called for a man and had him shave off the seven locks of his head. Then she began to torment him, and his strength left him. <sup>20</sup> And she said, “The Philistines *are* upon you, Samson!” So he awoke from his sleep, and said, “I will go out as before, at other times, and shake myself free!” But he did not know that the LORD had departed from him. <sup>21</sup> Then the Philistines took him and put out his eyes, and brought him down to Gaza. They bound him with bronze fetters, and he became a grinder in the prison.



### Section Four Heading: \_\_\_\_\_

<sup>22</sup> However, the hair of his head began to grow again after it had been shaven. <sup>23</sup> Now the lords of the Philistines gathered together to offer a great sacrifice to Dagon their god, and to rejoice. And they said: “Our god has delivered into our hands Samson our enemy!” <sup>24</sup> When the people saw him, they praised their god; for they said: “Our god has delivered into our hands our enemy, The destroyer of our land, And the one who multiplied our dead.” <sup>25</sup> So it happened, when

their hearts were merry, that they said, “Call for Samson, that he may perform for us.” So they called for Samson from the prison, and he performed for them. And they stationed him between the pillars. <sup>26</sup> Then Samson said to the lad who held him by the hand, “Let me feel the pillars which support the temple, so that I can lean on them.” <sup>27</sup> Now the temple was full of men and women. All the lords of the Philistines *were* there—about three thousand men and women on the roof watching while Samson

performed. <sup>28</sup> Then Samson called to the LORD, saying, “O Lord GOD, remember me, I pray! Strengthen me, I pray, just this once, O God, that I may with one *blow* take vengeance on the

Philistines for my two eyes!” <sup>29</sup> And Samson took hold of the two middle pillars which supported the temple, and he braced himself against them, one on his right and the other on his left.



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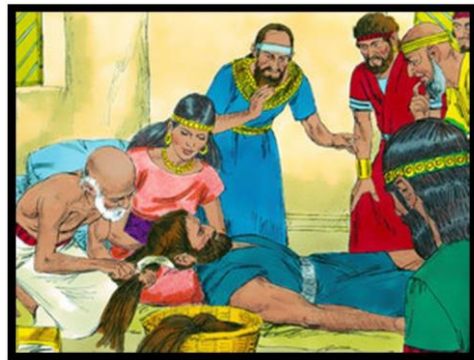
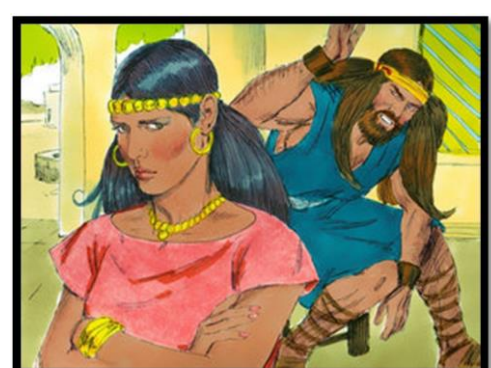
pushed with *all his* might, and the temple fell on the lords and all the people who *were* in it. So the dead

<sup>30</sup> Then Samson said, “Let me die with \_\_\_\_\_ the Philistines!” And he

that he killed at his death were more than he had killed in his life. <sup>31</sup> And his brothers and all his father’s household came down and took him, and brought *him* up and buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol in the tomb of his father Manoah. He had judged Israel twenty years.

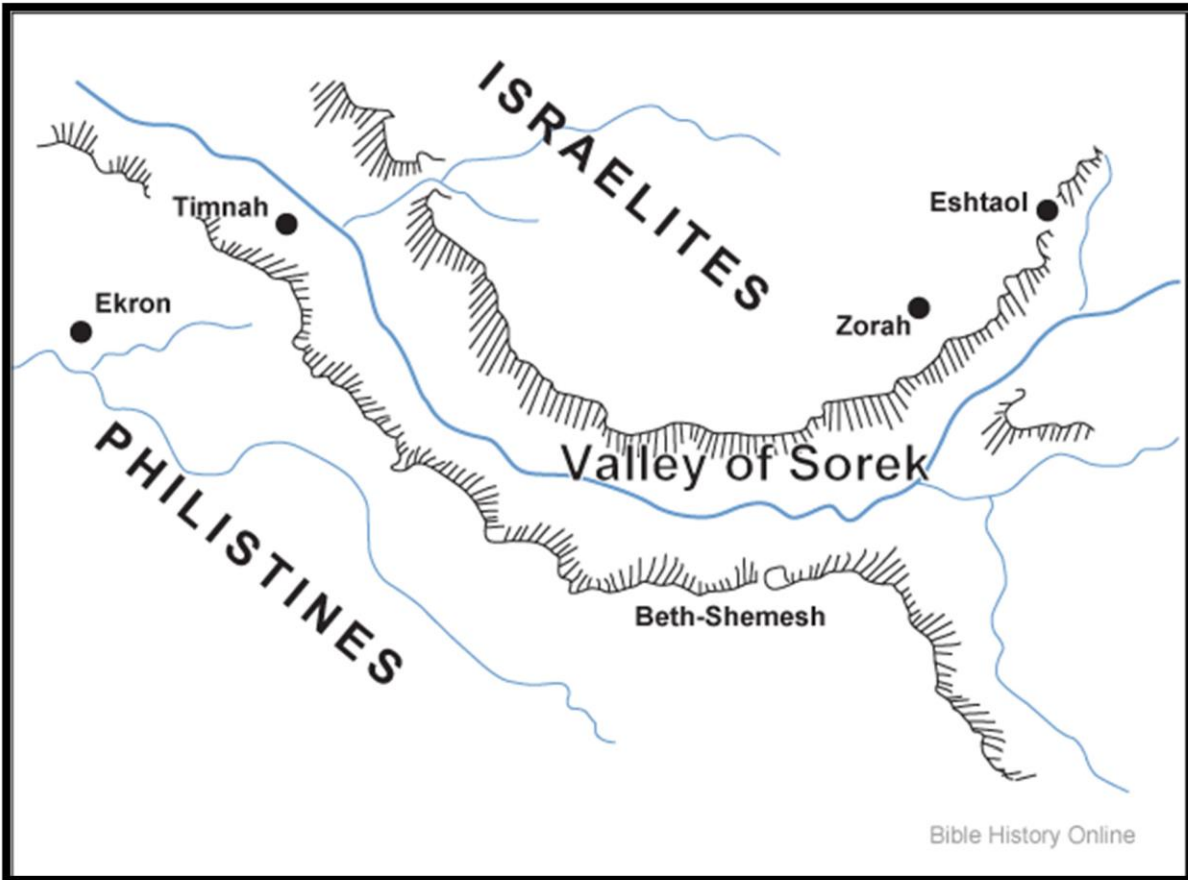
# Order the Pictures

Write a number beside each picture to show the order of the story.



## Where did it happen (Judges 16)?

1. Find the place that Delilah was from and draw an evil Delilah face (v4).
2. After Samson was taken captive of the Philistines, they took him to Gaza. Gaza is not on the map (it is much further south and west.) Draw an arrow pointing to the bottom left corner and write "Gaza" next to it.
3. When Samson died his family buried him between Zorah and Eshtaol. (You may remember that Samson's parents were from Zorah!) Draw an "X" between Zorah and Eshtaol where Samson was buried.



# What do you know about Delilah (Judges 16)?

Samson loved a woman named Delilah from the valley of \_\_\_\_\_ (v4)

1

“Sorek” means \_\_\_\_\_ (look up the root word – Strong’s number 8321).

2

The Philistines offered her \_\_\_\_\_ pieces of silver to betray the secret of Samson’s strength (v5).

3

When Delilah asked Samson the first time, what did he tell her would take away his strength (v7)?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

8

When Delilah asked Samson the second time, what did he tell her would take away his strength (v11)?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4



After asking daily, Samson finally told Delilah that he was a \_\_\_\_\_, and if he was \_\_\_\_\_, then his strength would go from him (v17).

7

When Delilah asked Samson the third time, what did he tell her would take away his strength (v13)?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5

Delilah called for a man who shaved his hair. Then she began to \_\_\_\_\_ him (v19).

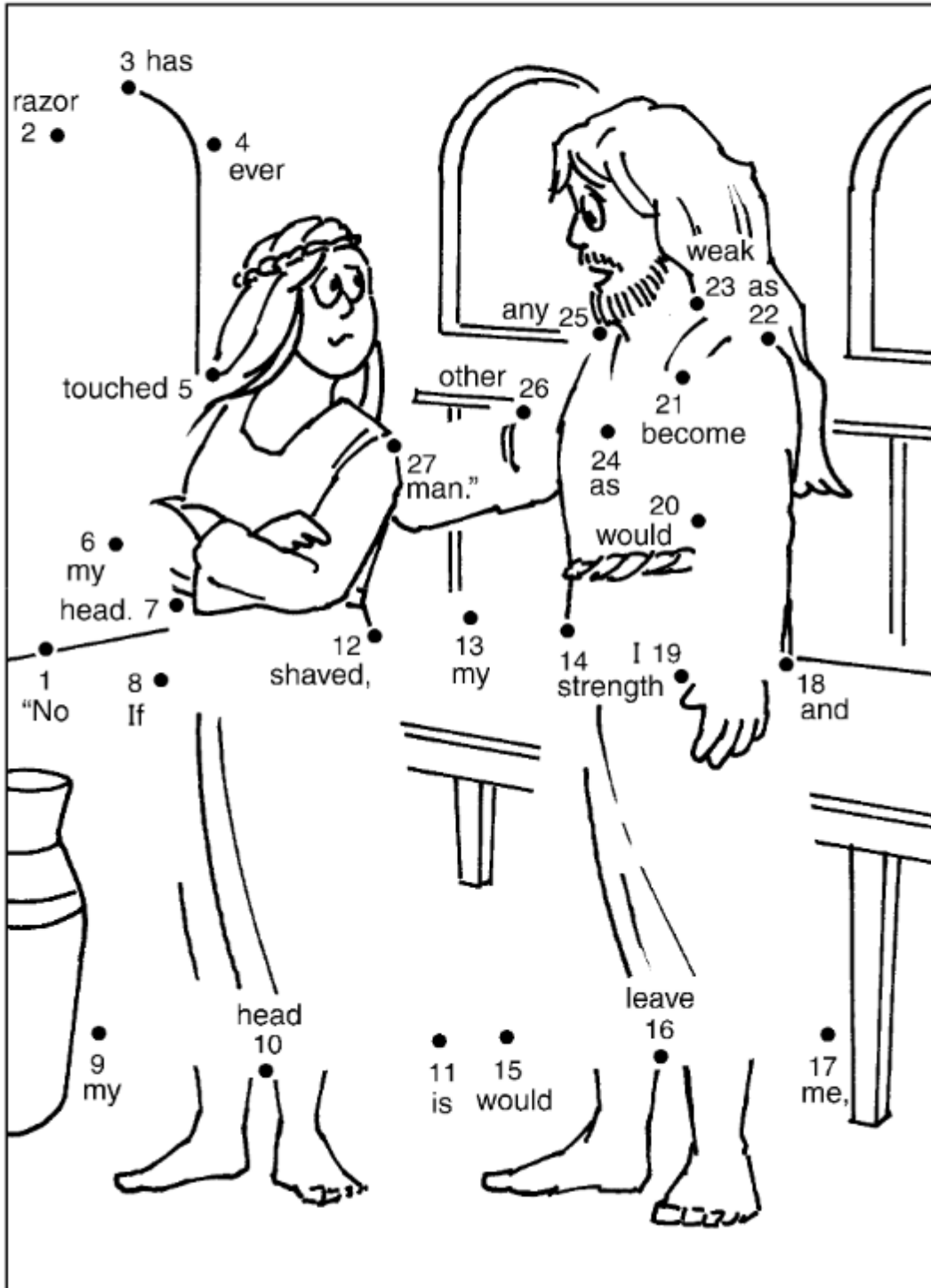
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Bible mark!

- Underline “Sorek” in verse 4, and write what you found out it means.

# What did Samson say would make him weak?

Connect the dots and read the words along the way.



## Think about it...

Samson was a Nazarite. He was supposed to be “set apart” for God, and yet first he married a Philistine woman, then loved a Philistine harlot, and in this chapter he loves Delilah from the Valley of Sorek (which means “the choicest wine”).

1. Has he been following the lessons of a true Nazarite - keeping “separate” from sin?

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James 4:4 says, “Know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.” Samson has mingled with the “world” – the nations around, just like the nation of Israel had done. The consequence of Israel forming friendships and becoming like the nations around them was suffering.

2. What was the consequence of Samson forming friendships with

women from the nations around? \_\_\_\_\_

Delilah agreed to betray Samson for money, and then kept asking for the secret of Samson’s strength. She accused him of not loving her, because he would not tell the secret of his strength. When he finally did, she cut his hair and began to “afflict” him.

3. Samson loved Delilah, but did Delilah love Samson? \_\_\_\_\_

Like Delilah, “the world” (and its way of sin) is a bad friend. We might feel attracted to it like a magnet, but it does not love us and has nothing to offer but DEATH.

4. Who DOES love us, and want us to be “set apart” as a special treasure for Him? \_\_\_\_\_

5. Write out John 15:13.

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# What do you know about Samson in Prison (Judges 16)?

The Philistines took Samson, and put out his \_\_\_\_\_ (v21)

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They bound him in \_\_\_\_\_

(v21)

2

He \_\_\_\_\_ in the prison house (v21)

3

While in the prison house Samson's \_\_\_\_\_

began to grow (v22)

10

The Philistine lords gathered to sacrifice and praise \_\_\_\_\_ their idol for delivering Samson into their hand (v23)

4

The Philistines brought \_\_\_\_\_ out of the prison house so they could mock him (v27).

9

The house was full of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ and all the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Philistines. (v27).

5

Samson prayed for God to \_\_\_\_\_ him, so that he could be avenged for his two \_\_\_\_\_ (v28).

8

Samson slew more Philistines in his death than he did in his \_\_\_\_\_ (v30).

7

Samson took hold of the middle pillars, and the house fell upon the \_\_\_\_\_ and all the \_\_\_\_\_ (v30).

6







## Think about it...

Samson had an “eye” problem. Over and over again he “saw” the beautiful women of the Philistines and chose them instead of being separate for God. The lust of the eyes has been a problem from the very beginning.

1. What did Eve “see” that was “pleasant to the eyes” in Genesis 3:6?

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2. What do you think the “lust of the eyes” might be for you? Is it something that you see at a store, so you want it? Is it something that you see advertised? Is it something someone else has that you want?

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3. What happened to Samson’s eyes because of his lustfulness? \_\_\_\_\_

After Samson’s hair was cut, he was totally weak. He needed to learn that his strength came from God and not himself!

4. Hebrews 11:1 says, “Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not \_\_\_\_\_.” Although Samson was actually blind, now his “eye of faith” could “see” more clearly.

The Philistines brought Samson out to mock him and treat him cruelly. As Samson leaned on the pillars of the Philistine temple, he prayed to God one last time. “Strengthen me, I pray thee, only this once, O God,” he said.

5. Does Samson recognize now where his strength came from in faith?

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And what more shall I say?

For the time would fail me to tell  
of Gideon and Barak and

Samson... who THROUGH FAITH  
subdued kingdoms, worked  
righteousness, out of weakness  
were made strong...

Hebrews 11:32-34

*Samson slew more Philistines at his death than he slew in his life. Just as the angel promised to Samson’s mother, he began the deliverance from the hand of the Philistines.*

*Samson did not live to see the full deliverance from the Philistines, but he died in faith of the Kingdom – the time of rest and peace and full deliverance from sin.*

## In conclusion...

The period of the judges was an incredibly DARK time for the children of Israel.

Israel had sinned against God and mingled with the nations that they were supposed to destroy. They served false gods, and brought upon themselves terrible s\_\_\_\_\_ at the hand of the people that they had mingled with. However, when the children of Israel chose to s \_\_\_\_\_ God, He mercifully provided s \_\_\_\_\_ from their enemies.

God raised up judges to deliver Israel from their enemies. The judges were not brave and strong men with huge armies. God wanted the judges and Israel to have f \_\_\_\_\_ in God, who was their true deliverer.

Like D \_\_\_\_\_, we can help and encourage our friends in the fight against sin.

Like J \_\_\_\_\_, we need to stand up against sin even when we must do it alone.

Like G \_\_\_\_\_, we must remember that everything good we do is for God's glory.

Like S \_\_\_\_\_, we must learn to be "set apart" and holy to God.

In this dark time, the faith of these men and women stood out brightly.

One dark night, Gideon's men cracked the \_\_\_\_\_ so that the burning light could shine out in the darkness as they cried, "The sword of Yahweh and Gideon" frightening the Midianites to destroy themselves.

Samson, whose name means \_\_\_\_\_, shone God's power best after his eyes were put out and he saw that it was only with God's strength that he could fight against the Philistines.

We also live in a very dark time, but like Gideon and Samson, Deborah and Barak, YOU can be the light shining God's word to those around you. Go, and be God's light for others!



**"Thus let all  
Your enemies perish,  
O LORD:  
but let those that love Him  
be like the sun when  
it comes out in full strength."**

– song of Deborah +  
Barak Judges 5:31

