

The Story at Home

Timeless Truth: God helps those who turn to him. I can depend on God.

Bible Verse: " [Sampson said] Lord and King, show me that you still have concern for me. God, please make me strong just one more time." Judges 16:8

Key Passages: Judges 16:1-31

Resources: *The Story for Children* Ch. 8: "A Few Good Men.. And Women"



Grade 1

Kindergarten

Go to godtube.com and search for Bob Smiley's video on spanking. It's only a minute and a half long. When you're done watching the videos as a family, discuss these questions about discipline.

How is God judging the Israelites like a parent disciplining a child?

What was God's purpose in the judges?

Did God's judgment seem harsh or loving?

Was it both?

Why did God's children disobey so frequently?

What can your family learn from this chapter of The Story? Write down one thing your family will do differently after studying the judges.

Why did God have to raise up judges such as Deborah and Samson?

How does this show God's love?

How does God show his love to us today?

God gave Samson great strength. What are some gifts God has given you?

How can you use these gifts to help others follow God?

Break your family into two teams. Gather masking tape, a package of 100 straws, and several eggs. Work in teams to create a casing that will protect an egg when it's dropped. Each team can only use tape and straws. When you've finished your designs, go outside and see which egg protector works best. You may need to get a ladder or chair to stand on as the eggs are dropped on a hard surface. The losing team has to clean up the mess.

Explain that the Israelites followed God as long as Joshua and the elders lived (Judges 2:7). God's people were like the egg surrounded by the protective casing of God's commands. The casing protects the egg. Without protection, the egg breaks. Chapter 8 of The Story shows what happened to the Israelites after they strayed from God's commands by worshipping idols and following the world's customs instead of God's. God judged his people and they had to suffer the consequences of their actions.

Could the egg survive the fall without the protection of the straw casing?

How does God's Word protect us?

Why is it important to know and follow God's commands?

What happens to us when we decide to get outside the protection of God's commands?



The Story at Home