



Unit Overview

Judges and Ruth

Kingdom Perspective

God's kingdom isn't an earthly kingdom, yet God began to reveal the truth about Himself and His kingdom through a people and a nation He established and blessed. As the Israelites settled in the land God enabled them to conquer, He continued to reveal Himself. This involved dispensing both blessing and discipline, all for His people's benefit. During this time, the Lord also was orchestrating events relating to the future arrival of His Son, Jesus, who would become His ultimate avenue of revelation about both Himself and His kingdom.



This unit highlights events in the period of Israel's history spanning from the end of the Israelites' initial conquest of Canaan to the leadership of Samuel and the monarchy that would be established with Saul and, even more importantly, David. God's story continued to unfold as His people settled in Canaan. In the Book of Judges we see that as Israel obeyed Him, He blessed His people; then, taking His blessings for granted, they strayed, prompting divine discipline and calls to repentance. In the Book of Ruth we see God's bestowing His immediate blessing on His followers (a foreigner among them), as well as His setting the world stage for all people to be blessed through Christ, since Boaz and Ruth would become Jesus' ancestors.

Lesson 1: "God Helped Deborah Lead the People" (Judges 4:1-5:5)
Bible Truth: I will praise God because He is my Helper.

Lesson 2: "God Helped Gideon to be Courageous" (Judges 6-7)
Bible Truth: God will give me courage when I am afraid.

Lesson 3: "God Gave Strength to Samson" (Judges 13-14)
Bible Truth: God helps me to be strong to do His work.

Lesson 4: "God Helped Ruth and Naomi" (Ruth 1-4)
Bible Truth: God has plans to care for you.

Making the Most of the "Joshua" Unit from God's Unfolding Story for Older Preschoolers

The lesson plans and related resources for the above lessons can be purchased and downloaded from ChurchCurriculum.com. In addition, there are a number of other helpful articles and resources on SundaySchoolZone.com that can help you be an effective teacher and make the most of this unit. Below is a list of helpful articles you can link to or download in "Getting Started with God's Unfolding Story."

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Parents Connect
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Why Are We Using Yahweh to Refer to God?
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Preschoolers are Incredible People!
Where Is this Going?