



JOURNAL PAGE

1. What does this story teach me about God or the gospel?
2. What does this story teach me about myself?
3. Are there any commands in this story to obey? How are they for God's glory and my good?
4. Are there any promises in this story to remember? How do they help me trust and love God?
5. How does this story help me to live on mission better?



Unit 8 • Session 1

## THE FIRST JUDGES

Judges 3

### WHAT IS REPENTANCE?

**REPENTANCE IS TURNING AWAY FROM SIN AND TURNING TO JESUS.**

The Israelites began to do what was evil in the Lord's sight. They worshiped the gods of the people who lived near them, and God was angry with their sin. So, God sent a foreign king to capture the people as a consequence.

The Israelites cried out to the Lord to save them. God raised up Othniel (AHTH nih el) to save them. Othniel defeated this foreign king in battle. God's people turned away from sin and had peace for 40 years.

After Othniel's death, the people went back to worshiping other gods and doing evil in the Lord's sight. So, God sent King Eglon to defeat His people as a consequence for their sin. Then the Israelites cried out for God to save them from slavery. So, God raised up another judge—Ehud—who would save the people.

Ehud used his sword to defeat the king, and then Ehud secretly escaped. After Ehud escaped, he sounded the ram's horn and all of Israel met him. Ehud said, "The LORD has handed over your enemies, the Moabites."

Later, God raised up a third judge named Shamgar. He delivered Israel from their enemies, the Philistines.

**Christ Connection:** God brought consequences to His people for their sins, but He also raised up judges to save them from their enemies. We also have consequences for our sins, but God sent Jesus to save us from our sins once and for all.

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SCAN THE QR CODE FOR RESOURCES TO USE AT HOME!



**Hidden Objects** | God's people worshiped the gods of the people who lived near them. Find and circle the 10 idols hidden in the picture.



**Cycle of Sin** | Use the Bible references and word bank to help you fill in the missing words.

### Word Bank

- ISRAEL WAS CONQUERED
- ISRAEL WAS DELIVERED
- ISRAEL CRIED OUT TO GOD
- ISRAEL SINNED
- GOD SENT A JUDGE

