

## A Cycle of Sin

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Hi Tweens,

### Opening Prayer

*"Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner, and I ask for Your forgiveness. I believe You died for my sins and rose from the dead. I turn from my sins and invite You to come into my heart and life. I want to trust and follow You as my Lord and Savior". In Jesus Name. Amen!*

The story in this week's lesson "**A Cycle of Sin**" is from the book of Judges. The book of Judges highlights the consequences of sin and our need for a Savior. The judges were temporary deliverers rescuing the Israelites from their enemies. Jesus is the sinless deliverer who, through His life, death on the cross and resurrection, has defeated our enemy, Satan. **Enjoy this week's story!**

**WELCOME BACK DAVID, ANDY, AND STEVE FROM YOUR MISSION TRIP TO GHANA.**

**Bible Passage: Judges 2:6-19; 3:7-31**

- "We are studying a new book of the Bible today. Our story will be from the book of Judges." Is the book of Judges in the Old or New Testament?" (Old) "What genre is Judges a part of?" (history)

**Memory Verse: Romans 3:23 NIV**

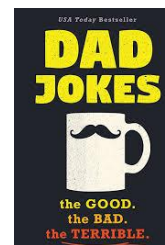
*for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*

**Bible Verse: Psalm 5:4 NIV**

*For you are not a God who is pleased with wickedness;  
with you, evil people are not welcome.*

**Text Truth: Sin has broken our world and our relationship with God.**

**Bible Skills Spotlight:** Establish the discipline of daily Bible reading.



**Q:** What is the **scariest** plant in the forest?

**A:** Bamboo



**Here are 3 facts about the Book of Judges:**

- Fact 1: Judges means "rulers", "Delivers," or "Saviors."
- Fact 2: Following the death of Joshua, Israel fell into a 350-year Dark Age.
- Fact 3: Judges is a book about sin and its consequences. (**A Cycle of Sin**)

# A Cycle of Sin

- After Joshua died, a new generation of Israelites started to worship idols or false gods. They didn't remember what Joshua told them."
- "The Israelites found themselves in a cycle of sin. They would worship God, then forget God. God would punish them for their sin and then deliver them when they repented. Then the Israelites forgot God and worshiped false idols again, and the cycle continued."

## ENJOY THIS WEEK'S STORY!

*Previously, Joshua had sent the people to live in their homes throughout the promised land. Throughout Joshua's lifetime and during the lifetime of the Israelite leaders who lived longer than Joshua, the people worshiped the LORD. They had seen the great works the LORD had done for Israel. But Joshua died. And a new generation of Israelites grew up. They had not seen the great works of the LORD.*

*The Israelites sinned. They forgot God.*



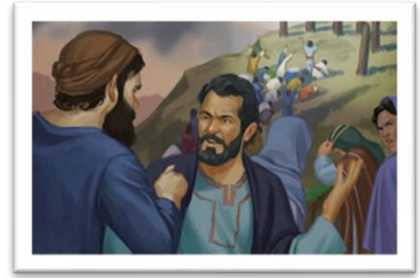
*Instead of worshiping and loving God, they worshiped and loved false idols that their neighbors worshiped. God was upset. So, God allowed the king of Aram to capture the*

*Israelites. The Israelites served the king for eight years.*

*The Israelites prayed to God and asked Him for help. They were sorry for their sin and the trouble it caused them. God chose Othniel, the son of Caleb's youngest brother, to be a deliverer or judge. God helped Othniel defeat the king of Aram, and Israel had peace for 40 years.*

*Then, the Israelites sinned. They forgot God again.*

*They worshiped false idols again. This time, God let the king of Moab*



*have power over the Israelites. For 18 years, the people served Eglon, the king of Moab.*

*The Israelites prayed to God and asked for help. God chose Ehud, a left-handed man from the tribe of Benjamin to be the new deliverer or judge. Ehud created a plan. The Israelites had to send money to Eglon. Ehud hid a sword under his clothes and took the money to the king, Eglon. Ehud told Eglon that he had a secret message for him. The king made the other people leave the room. Then Ehud walked closer to Eglon. "I have a message from God for you." Eglon stood up and Ehud grabbed his hidden sword and killed Eglon. Ehud escaped and led the Israelites to defeat the Moabites in a battle. Israel had peace for 80 years.*

*Once again, Israel needed a deliverer. This time God chose a man named Shamgar to deliver the Israelites from the Philistines.*

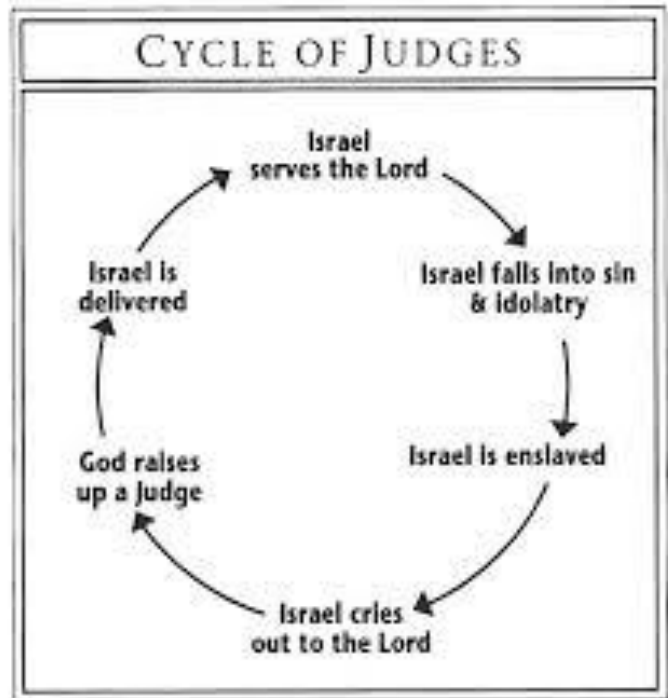
*Sin has broken our world and our relationship with God. Over and over the Israelites chose to sin and break their covenant relationship with God. And sin always has consequences.*

**OPEN YOUR BIBLE TO THE BOOK OF JUDGES, CHAPTER 2**

**READ JUDGES 2:8-13**

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- “What a mess the Israelites found themselves in. What is the name of a man that God choose to be a judge and help the Israelites?” (*Othniel, Ehud, or Shamgar*)
- “Why do you think the Israelites kept sinning?”
- “The Bible says that the new generation of Israelites had not seen the great works of God. This might have caused them to forget that sin always has a consequence. God choose Shamgar to help deliver the Israelites from the Philistines and remind the Israelites to stop sinning.”
- Remember our Text Truth: **Sin has broken our world and our relationship with God.**



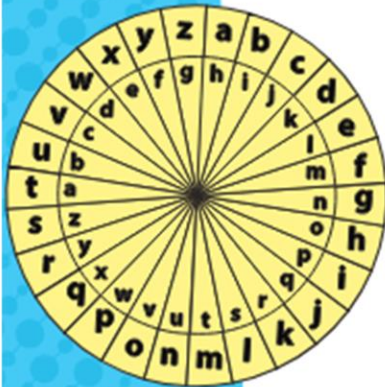
If you have any prayer requests, please send them to [cameronfamily10@gmail.com](mailto:cameronfamily10@gmail.com). Remember to LAUGH, have a blessed week, watch, or come to church Sunday morning, call a friend, enjoy the summer **IT IS ALMOST OVER**, and remember

**GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE.**

*The Tween Teachers*



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## GOOD NEWS CIPHER

While sin has broken our relationship with God, we also have the good news of the gospel. Find the letter shown on the outside wheel of the cipher to discover what the correct letter should be. Write the correct letter in the blank to reveal a message of good news from **1 PETER 3:18**.

c x l n l i t b w  
m a x i k b v x y h k  
h n k l b g

## THE CYCLE OF SIN

The book of Judges records a cycle that the Israelites experienced multiple times. Number the events in the cycle in the correct order. The first one is labeled.

- God sent a judge to deliver the people from their enemy.
- 1  Israel turned away from God and worshiped false idols.
- The people had peace.
- The people asked God for help.
- God allowed another nation to oppress Israel.