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BIBLE STORYLINE

Why Did God Use Judges?

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Slide: Welcome

(Start kid's countdown once all classes are present.)

Hey kids! Welcome to Kid's Church. I'm so glad you could be here today.

Slide: Series Intro

Leader Tip: Call 8-10 kids up to the front and have them line up. Have each of them say their name. Then, see if you (the leader) can remember all of their names. If you can't, have the group help you. Ask the kids how it felt if you couldn't remember their name? Then, have the kids sit down.

Before we get into our lesson I have a question for you guys! Have you ever felt forgotten? Maybe your friends forgot your birthday or the neighbor you've played with many times didn't remember your name. How does it feel when that happens? (allow kids to answer). Right, it feels terrible. (If you did the leader tip, talk to the kids about how it felt when the leader didn't remember your name.)

Well, in today's lesson we are going to take a look at something really important that the Israelites forgot about! It was bigger than your friends forgetting your birthday.

We'll learn more about that in a few minutes, but first let's stand and sing a song!

Song

Live It Out

Good job! I think God loves hearing all your voices praising him! Now let's say our Big Idea together.

Slide: Big Idea

All together: God sent judges to save the Israelites. **(Repeat)**

Video

Play lesson video.

Slide: Recap

So, what did we learn from the video today? Let's review...

- What happened after Joshua died? (the Israelites started to forget about what God had done for them)
- Why did God send the judges? (To save the Israelites from their attackers)
- True or False: Even when we mess up, God is willing to rescue us. (T)

We are going to mess up A LOT in our lives. Thanks to something called sin, there's no way any of us can live perfect lives. Can anyone tell me what sin is? (allow kids to answer). Right! Sin is when we go our own way instead of God's way. And it's something we all do from time to time. For example, we disobey our parents, we're mean to our siblings, and perhaps we lie. Lucky for us, God is right there willing to save us when we mess up. In fact, he sent his son Jesus to die on the cross so that those mistakes won't keep us away from God. God loves us and wants us to be able to have a relationship with him. So he rescues us when we mess up and helps put us back on the right path.

That reminds me of our memory verse. Let's all stand and say it together.

Slide: Memory Verse

"The the Lord (point up) raised up judges (raise hands up) to rescue the Israelites from their attackers (punch palm)." Judges 2:16 (Repeat)

This verse describes how God rescued the Israelites from their mistakes. He used judges to save the people back then. Once the Israelites landed in the Promised Land, they forgot about God and they started being influenced by some bad people who lived around them. So, God had to get their attention. Here's how it would go. The Israelites would rebel and make bad choices. God would send attackers, the Israelites would remember God and beg for his help, God would send a judge to help lead them to victory. For a time, the Israelites would worship and thank God for all he had done. But, then the cycle would start again. The Israelites would forget God, God would send attackers, the Israelites would cry out and God would send a judge to save them.

This went on for a really long time, but not once did God abandon his people! No matter what he was willing to rescue them once they remembered him and asked for help. This is true for us, too. When we forget about God, he won't give up on us either. He will rescue us.

Now, let's all stand and sing one last song together.

Song

Sing Sing

Okay, let's all say the Big Idea together one last time!

Slide: Big Idea

God sent judges to save the Israelites. (Repeat)

Slide: Let's Pray

Pray and release the kids to small group.