



THE GOSPEL PROJECT PRESCHOOL UNIT 9.1 THE FIRST JUDGES

Date: Sunday January 11, 2026 **Teachers:** Dana H (lead), Peter V

BIBLE PASSAGE: Judges 3:7-31 **KEY PASSAGE:** Isaiah 33:22

Props: from home: ** at centre: (treasure pic folder, cut out J's and tape around the room)

Review Rules:

One Mouth speaking at a time (Teacher points to mouths/kids point to their mouths)

Two Hands kept to myself (kids wiggle hands and keep them to themselves)

Two Feet kept to myself (kids cross legs)

Speak Kind Words like our God 3 in One

INTRO BIBLE STORY: "Find the treasure" materials: (treasure pic in folder)

God's people didn't have to do anything like avoid ships & sharks, they just needed to obey God and trust him and enjoy the land God had given them! Could they do this? No! Their hearts were hard and they needed God to give them new hearts.

ACTIVITY: "Everyday heros" materials: (use the pic of heroes in folder)

These people help people with different things they need. Point to each one and ask the kids if they know what they do to help people. In our Bible stories for the next few weeks, God's people found themselves in need over and over again. God didn't send a car or truck. He sent people to help. These people were called judges.

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God's people did not always obey Him.

God sent judges to help His people.

God sent Jesus to be our Judge and our deliverer.

KEY PASSAGE VERSE:

*"For the LORD is our **judge**; the LORD is our **lawgiver**; the LORD is our **king**; he will **save** us. Isaiah 33:22*

Sing to the tune of "Do you know the muffin man?":

"Do you know *the judges, the judges, the judges?

Do you know *the judges?

*They helped God's people out!"

The Israelites forgot about the one true God. God allowed their enemies to attack them, and God's people needed help. Even though they had disobeyed Him, God sent judges to help His people. The judges helped the Israelites obey God again. We sin and disobey God like the Israelites did, but God sent us the best help of all—His very own Son. Jesus changes our hearts and saves us from sin forever.

ACTIVITY: "Come to Me" materials:

Invite children to spread out in the room. When you call children's names, they will come to you. Call each one.

God called the judges so they could help His people. Later God sent Jesus to rescue us King, and give his life, so we could have a new life with God, and we can have his Holy Spirit and be ruled by His Holy Spirit.

ACTIVITY: “Search for J’s” materials: (before class make letter J’s hidden around the room and tape around)
Make large letter j’s cut out and hide letters around the room. Invite preschoolers to search for letters.

J is the first letter of the word judges. After the Israelites forgot about the one true God, the judges helped God’s people obey God again. But the judges could not change the people’s hearts and make them love God. J is also the first letter of Jesus’ name. God sent Jesus to change His people’s hearts and save them from sin forever.

PRAY: *Jesus, only you can change our hearts. Amen*

COLOURING SHEET /SNACK/CRAFT/ PLAYDOUGH:

PRAYER: *Jesus, you are the only one worthy of our worship!*